

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on February 19, 2019 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Chris Maestes, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill Fire Dept.
Hal Hollingsworth, McGill Fire Dept.
Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief
Raymond Maestes
Rudy Herndon
Jeff Williams
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Sadie Goff
Sadie McVicars
Sheriff Deputy J. Erickson

Council Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Hal Hollingsworth led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any comments from the audience.

Rudy Herndon, IOOF Hall, addressed the Council thanking them for the welcome to McGill letter. He reported that he has been working with an architect regarding the restoration of the IOOF Hall. The architect, will work, in turn, with the Building Department. As reported previously, the down stairs of the building will be turned into a coffee and beer. The upstairs will be restored and used for rental for parties. He has been successful in obtaining insurance for the building, and they are presently working on the plumbing. The architect will attempt to restore the brick front of building. They will try to keep the historic appearance of the building as much as possible. They are trying to locate historic pictures of the building so they can match as best as possible.

Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill Fire Department, addressed the Council by providing the Council with a copy of a draft Interlocal Agreement for Fire/EMS Services between White Pine County and the City of Ely. The draft agreement proposes to have White Pine County pay the City of Ely \$275,000.00 for services. The agreement would be a 5 year agreement, remove the rural fire department so they would be on their own, and remove the 6 firefighters stationed at Fire Station #1. She has contacted her personal homeowners insurance company and learned that if this agreement is approved, it would remove the rural fire stations, and her insurance provider would no longer cover her home.

Council Member Rivera questioned why McGill Town Council had not been informed of this proposed action. Noting, that it appears to him that this matter is political driven. He would also like to know what the IOS rating is for McGill.

Jennifer Hollingsworth answered that the ISO rating for McGill is currently 9, before the WP Fire District was created the ISO rating was 5. Jen Hollingsworth explained that this matter is being scheduled on the Commission agenda for discussion next Wednesday. White Pine County has mutual aid agreements with adjoining counties and adjoining states. This agreement would block all those mutual aid agreements.

The secretary reported that, before the WP Fire District was formed, McGill held the responsibility to maintain their Fire/EMS Department per NRS. Heating for the station located on Ave K and Main used to cost \$17,000 per year,

McGill has purchased (or financed) all the equipment (firetrucks and ambulances). If McGill had to absorb those costs again, the budget would have to be amended and many projects would have to be cut back.

It was the consensus of the Town Council that Council Chairman McVicars and Council Member Maestes would attend the next BOCC meeting to express the concerns of McGill regarding the Interlocal Agreement for Fire/EMS Services.

ESTABLISHING A NEW LINE ITEM WITHIN THE MCGILL TOWN BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT COSTS IN CONVERTING STREET LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTING:

The Council referred to their discussion during their budget workshop regarding developing a 3 year plan in converting all street lights in McGill to LED lights. (180 lights divided by 3 years = 60 lights to be converted each year) estimated project cost at \$350.00 per light plus labor = \$21,000.00 plus labor.

The secretary stated, if this project is going to be spread over a 3 year period, she would like to see the Town Council request a separate line item in the budget. This would be easier to track all the expenses.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to send a Memo to the WPC Finance Director stating that the McGill Town Council would like to have a separate line item set up to accommodate the Street Light Project to be converted to LED lighting.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

SELECTION OF AREAS WITHIN MCGILL TOWN TO BEGIN CONVERTING STREET LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTING:

Council Member Rivera reported that he had spoken with Mt. Wheeler Power and explained McGill's plan was to convert all their lighting to LED lighting. Mt. Wheeler Power provided him with a spreadsheet (copies provided to each Council Member). Mt. Wheeler Power explained to him that they did have a lending program for up to \$20,000. In light of the lending program and remaining funds in the McGill Fund Balance, he would suggest that McGill NOT convert 1/3 of the lights to LED. He would prefer to convert all 180 street lights in McGill to LED all in one year.

Jeff Williams, JW Electric, addressed the Council explaining that he has obtained a cost estimate from his lighting supplier. He can purchase 60 lights for \$320.00, rather than the \$350.00 cost he provided in the previous meeting. His labor costs would be \$105.00 for each converted light, which would include the bucket truck use. If the Town Council opted to change all 180 street lights to LED in one year, he could check with his supplier to see if he could obtain even a better price.

The project was calculated at \$105.00 labor + \$320.00 light fixtures = \$425.00. \$425.00 X 180 lights to be converted = \$76,500.00 total cost for the project.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to select all areas within McGill Town to begin converting street lights to LED lighting, project cost to be \$76,500.00. Her motion includes to augment McGill's Fund Balance in the amount of \$76,500.00, funds to be placed in the separate line item. If there should not be sufficient funds in McGill's Fund Balance, then seek guidance from the White Pine County Finance Director in seeking a loan in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

FINAL APPROVAL OF FY 2019/2020 MCGILL TOWN TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to accept the amended McGill Town Tentative budget for FY 2019/2020 with the new line item for LED lighting in the amount of \$76,500.00.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CONSIDERATION TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STREET LIGHTS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET IN MCGILL:

Council Member Rivera noted that McGill has not received a cost estimate for insurance coverage for the street lights yet. However, he still has a problem with McGill not receiving full payment for all the street lights that had been hit by passing motorists on Main Street. He would like correspondence sent to the District Attorney inquiring why McGill has not received full payment.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to the DA.

STATUS REPORT ON MEETING WITH WHITE PINE COUNTY SHERIFF REGARDING PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL STOP/YIELD AND SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS IN MCGILL:

Council Member Maestes reported that she had received a telephone message from Sheriff Henriod regarding scheduling a meeting to work on the placement of additional stop/yield and school zone signs. She has not gotten back to him yet, and she needs to set the meeting on Fridays, so Council Member Rivera can attend.

The Council directed their secretary to carry this matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated January 16, 2019 and the Special Budget Workshop minutes dated February 5, 2019.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received or sent since the previous meeting was listed as follows:

1. Letter to WPC Sheriff Henriod regarding additional stop, yield, and speed zone signs in McGill.
2. List of street lights to be repaired.
3. Letters to vendors updating names for authorization to charge.
4. Letter to Rudy Herndon welcoming his to McGill's business community.
5. McGill-Ruth agendas.
6. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$489.81 from Suburban Propane.
7. E-Mail from Public Works Director accepting payment for P-10 truck.
8. Secretary monthly report.
9. Comments regarding LED lighting from WP Chamber.
10. Invitation from WP Chamber to attend February miser.
11. Letter of appreciation to Ed Dubrutz.
12. Letter to Calvary Church authorizing use of McGill Center.
13. McGill Neighborhood Watch Tip-of-the-Month.
14. E-mail from WPC Finance Director stating she would be unavailable to attend McGill's meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record for payment:

Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 14.77
(cleaning supplies)	
Let's Print	\$112.00
(McGill Town Council Envelopes)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	
White Pine County Clerk's Office	\$ 5.00
(color copies)	
IonoWeb	\$540.00
(4 quarters of Web Page maintenance)	
Battle Born Media-Ely LLC	\$ 13.00
(name plate for Council Member)	
Bath Lumber	\$ 8.09
(padlocks for storage cabinet)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 2.79
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the bills as read.
Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported

- ✓ There are a lot of unlicensed vehicles parked on Avenue F.
- ✓ Second Street between Avenue H and I, there are 2 fifth wheel trailers parked side by side.
- ✓ #36 First Street there are 2 axels laying in the sidewalk.
- ✓ South Sixth Street there is a parked horse trailer that is blocking traffic.
- ✓ #13 Avenue E near the Yield sign, there are branches stacked up and a trailer blocking the road.
- ✓ Top of Avenue A, a person is parking his car in the street.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman McVicar reported that he and Council Member Angelopoulos met with Basin Engineering to discuss the SNPLMA grant for the McGill Ball Park. They will change the bleacher to metal seats, but the majority of the renovations will be to keep the park as it was. For the next phase of the grant, he would like correspondence sent to Mt. Wheeler Power to have them test the power poles at the Ball Park to see if they are in proper condition for the lighting at the Park, or if the poles should be replaced. This will determine how much to apply for the next phase of the grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 58% into their budget year, with 46% of the revenues coming in. Presently McGill is 44% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief, Ricky Garcia, reported that the 1945 Red Cross ambulance has been delivered to Fire Station Number One. There have been 2 fire calls within the town of McGill and several ambulance calls.

Volunteer Fireperson Jennifer Hollingsworth explained that 15 volunteer firemen responded to the page for the fire call on Avenue C. She was proud to announce that they had a 3 minute response time. There were 22 volunteer firemen who responded to the fire on Avenue A.

Volunteer Fireperson Jennifer Hollingsworth directed the Council and audience to White Pine Fire Station #1, noting they have upgraded their website. There is even a place on their website to make an appointment to have someone assess your home.

The Council explained that McGill budgeted \$1,500 for restoration costs, but the funds would not be available until the next budget beginning July 1st.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that she had turned in 14 lights last month, but only half of them have been fixed so far. There may be a need to order supplies before they can be repaired.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that the sign on Avenue J in front of the Legion Hall (Fire Hall) is faded. There has been a truck parking there and they are blocking parking for the firemen.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported there were 7 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. Mike Borvansky stated to her that he would be stepping down as the Captain for the McGill Neighborhood Watch, and will be turning all papers to her at the next meeting.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare a letter of appreciation to Mike Borovansky for his dedication and service to the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that Easter is rapidly approaching. They have his new clothing, but are presently looking for the Easter Bunny.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

It was reported that the McGill Club is presently in the process of being sold; however, it will take time for the licensing to be transferred over.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA will be helping the Easter Bunny with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a planning meeting held on Thursday night at 7:00 P.M.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that the Women's Auxiliary will attend the Easter planning meeting to offer their assistance.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

It was reported that the custodian for the Community/Senior Center had visited the construction of the Kinnear Library building; however, the workers were not aware that there was a planned cleaning closet. The custodian had reported to the town secretary that he needed sufficient space to store his tools, cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, and mop bucket.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

The secretary requested permission to deliver some of the McGill 100 Year History Books and some of the walking tour of McGill maps that had been drawn by students at the McGill Grade School. Permission was given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments.

Jennifer Hollingsworth reported that Soft Ball and Little League has been combined. When she lived across the street from the Ball Park, she used to allow players to use her bathroom. Now that she has moved, there will be a need for porta potties at the Ball Park.

The Town Council indicated that they could order the porta potties and have the bill go to the Town Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.