

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 16, 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
Ernie Rivera, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Richard Howe, WPC Commissioner
Tim Regan, WPC Fire Chief
Raymond Maestes
Rudy Herndon
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Sadie Goff
Sadie McVicars
Danielle Jenson
Steven Dexter
Luke Shady, WPC Deputy Sheriff

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

Commissioner Howe led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the audience.

Richard Howe, WPC Commissioners, addressed the Council explaining that he is the new McGill Town Council Liaison.

Commissioner Howe reported that the BOCC appointed Chris Maestes to the McGill Town Council. This is an important time of the year. Every Board and Town Council needs to work on their budgets. They held a big meeting in the Town of Baker recently to discuss various issues. They talked about back yard chickens and the need to revise the County Code. The need to revise the County Codes is an ongoing process, so if any board has concerns, they need to bring them to the BOCC to be addressed. The White Pine County Commission is committed to serving all of their communities. McGill, Ruth, and Lund receive their funding from the State, but the BOCC sets their budget according to the Council's requests. He is also liaison to the Aquatics Center, which includes the McGill Swimming Pool. They are looking at obtaining a trampoline, this will be a platform where people will be able to dive. They are also looking at a kiddie area.

Council Member Rivera noted that the platform for the older diving board had been moved closer to the outlet.

Commissioner Howe noted that it is not the location of the diving board/platform; it is more an issue with insurance. The Aquatics Director will be attending a McGill Town Council meeting in March and again in May, before the pool opens, to listen to any concerns the Town Council may have. They may have to clean the pool area more often in coming years because of the problem of algae that grows because of the warm springs. The BOCC voted on the priorities of the SNPLMA grant applications. The McGill Railroad Depot was list at #2 on the priority list.

Rudy Herndon introduced himself to the Town Council. Explaining that he is the new owner of the IOOF Hall. It is his intention to open the building as a coffee shop. They are looking at restoration of the building. He has a home in McGill and he loves living in McGill. There was a leak in the roof at the back of the building, and there is some damage to the flooring on the upper level, but it can be restored. He plans on renovating the up stairs, then rent it out for weddings and/or parties. His plan is to restore the entire building back to its original glory.

Council Chairman McVicars noted that there is a lot of history in that building, and all the other buildings in McGill.

Tim Regan, WPC Fire Chief, addressed the Council reporting, that following the previous McGill meeting, they checked out the water drain. He also met with the Public Works Director, Bill Calderwood, and they are presently working up a plan so the McGill Fire Station will have a restroom, shower, etc. McGill is not the only Fire Station that does not have restrooms and showers. They all agree that restrooms and showers are a necessity for all the emergency services buildings. It is their goal to have this project done by 2020.

WPC Fire Chief Regan reported that the Road Department has not delivered McGill's Old Red Cross Ambulance yet, but they are very excited about restoring this old vehicle.

WPC Fire Chief Regan reported that they had responded to an emergency call in McGill. A young boy had gotten his finger stuck in the picnic table at the Avenue K Park. They were able to free his finger and the boy is doing fine; however, unfortunately, the table was not so lucky.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON:
ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS EACH COUNCIL MEMBER WILL REPRESENT:

The McGill Town Council listed their lineup as follows:

Andy McVicars – Chairman

Roxane Ballandby – Vice-Chairperson

Assignment of Departments as follows:

Chairman McVicars – McGill Parks

Vice-Chairperson Ballandby – Street Lights

Council Member Angelopoulos – Youth Activities

Council Member Maestes – McGill Neighborhood Watch Liaison

Council Member Rivera – Streets and Street Signs

Business Rep. Stacy Laird – Business District

McGill Secretary Manchester – McGill finances, scheduling agenda items

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to accept the McGill Town Council lineup as listed above.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM WPC CLERK FOR ANNUAL SELF-EVALUATION FROM THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL:

It was recalled that the McGill Town Council self evaluation had been prepared last month; however, the Council wanted time to study and make changes if necessary.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council self evaluation as written.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Council Member Maestes abstained from voting due to not being a Council Person at the time of the activities.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

Council Member Rivera stated that he would like to see more communication between the County and the Town Council regarding the McGill Swimming Pool.

Commissioner Howe assured the Council, again, that the Aquatics Director had planned on attending a McGill meeting in March and again in May before the pool opened.

PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL STOP/YIELD AND SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS IN MCGILL:

It was recalled that this has been an ongoing project that has been worked on by some of McGill residents. Deputy Sheriff Rivera had been at a previous meeting and he had carried back some of the concerns expressed about obtaining additional stop/yield signs. He has assured the Town Council that he would gather input from other officers.

Raymond Maestes had provided the Council with a map of McGill showing some of his suggested additional stop, yield, and school zone signs.

Sheriff Deputy Shady reported that the Sheriff's Office was looking at obtaining some additional permanent speed flashing signs with the hopes of drivers slowing down.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to schedule an informal meeting with the Sheriff and two (2) McGill Town Council members to study/review the drafted map and come up with some additional stop/yield/school zone signs for McGill.

It was further the consensus of the Town Council to select Council Member Rivera and Council Member Maestes to sit on the sub committee to meet with the Sheriff.

Carry the matter on the next agenda in the event of the need for further direction from the Town Council.

PURCHASE OF A SECOND LAWN MOWER FOR THE MCGILL PARKS:

It was noted that this matter has carried on the agenda for several meetings.

Council Member Rivera suggested removing the item from the agenda, stating that WPC had assured the Council that they would loan a mower in the event McGill's mower should break down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motion to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated December 18, 2018.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

Council Member Maestes abstained from voting due to not being a Council Member at the time.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Notice soliciting volunteers for the McGill Volunteer Fire/EMT Department.
2. Deposit in the amount of \$20.00 for rental of the Center.
3. Deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for rental of the Center.
4. Memo requesting to transfer 1945 Red Cross Ambulance to Fire Station for restoration.
5. Memo to Sheriff Henriod regarding blocking of emergency access on Fifth Street.
6. Memo to WPC Public Works Director requesting to purchase P-10 pick up truck.
7. Letter to JW Electric request itemized billing.
8. Letter to WPC Clerk regarding sale of County land.
9. Letter to Tim Regan, WPC Fire Chief.
10. Letter to Carl Gregory, Emergency Mgt. Director.
11. Letter to VeteransInitiative.org regarding sale of County land.
12. Letter to Animal Control Officer
13. Letter to WPC Clerk regarding recommendation for appointment.
14. Memo to WPC Finance Director requesting date for Budget Workshop& response.
15. Itemized billing from JW Electric.
16. E-mail from Commissioner Stork thanking the McGill Town Council
17. E-mail from WPC Clerk requesting additional information before the BOCC makes their appointments.
18. List of Liaison appointments
19. Letter to Let's Print and authorization to charge.
20. Neighborhood Watch report.
21. Copies of Official Oaths of Office for 2 Council Members.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly service contract)	
WPC Road Department	\$1,177.00
(1999 Ford F-250 truck)	
WPC Maintenance Dept.	\$ 32.16
(Padlocks)	
JW Electric	\$ 845.00
(repair of street lights)	
Cynthia Angelopoulos	\$ 19.36
(reimbursement for food basket turkey)	
Bradleys Bestway Market	\$ 2.19
(Neighborhood Watch Refreshments)	

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher in the amount of \$19.36.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

Council Member Rivera noted that it has been several years since the McGill Town Council had advertised for an electric company with a bucket truck to maintain the street lights. He would like to invite JW Electric to a meeting in the future to discuss some of the street lights with him.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the letter for the Chairman to sign.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

No nuisances reported.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Rivera stated that he plans on meeting with the Animal Control Officer in the near future to discuss some of the problem areas in McGill.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that McGill had received a SNPLMA grant award in the amount of almost One Million Dollars for the restoration of the McGill Ball Park. Basin Engineering is presently working on the plans and the cost estimates for the project. The grant is for restoration; however, there will be somethings that will have to change because of new compliance laws.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she has already schooled the new Council Member on how to read the numerical McGill budget. Presently McGill is 50% into their budget year, with 37% of their revenues coming in. McGill is presently 39% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Report received during public comment.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby listed some of the lights as follows:

- ✓ Light beside Frosty Stand – goes on and off
- ✓ Across from Frosty Stand – goes on and off
- ✓ #2 Avenue J – goes on and off
- ✓ #2 Avenue K – goes on and off
- ✓ Fourth & Avenue K light is out – no fixtures
- ✓ Avenue K beside the bank building – light not working
- ✓ Third and Avenue K – light not working
- ✓ Avenue B & Second Street – goes on and off
- ✓ Avenue G & Third Street – goes on and off
- ✓ First & Avenue I – goes on and off
- ✓ Avenue A going up by Railroad Tracks – is out
- ✓ Light by the old Widows apartments – light is out

The Council requested that the secretary prepare a letter of thanks to the members of the Great Basin Service Club for stringing the Christmas lights in McGill.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report at this time.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there was 7 persons at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They lost one member, but picked up 2 new members. Deputy Peterson was not in attendance, but the Neighborhood Watch did some early planning for the next Bicycle Rodeo, noting they will be checking with the Chamber to ensure they do not schedule at the same time as other activities.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that their next project will be to prepare for the arrival of the Easter Bunny.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Stacy Laird reported the Cultural Center/Kinnear Library held a mother/daughter program and they had a very good turnout. Their next project is to schedule "Games Day" later in the month.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Nothing to report at this time.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

The secretary reported that she, and a few others, stopped in at the Kinnear Library Building while the County Maintenance was there. The Maintenance crew was installing the plumbing. After the plumbing was completed they explained that were going to continue installing sheetrock. They also assured everyone that there was an outdoor outlet so the volunteer library could hold outdoor movie night.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Council Chairman McVicars noted that the McGill Drug Store Museum is still being manned by several volunteers. Noting there is a lot of history in that building.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments from the audience.

Sadie McVicars inquired about the Old Railroad Depot building.

It was explained that several years ago the Railroad Museum had obtained a grant to renovate the building. The outside is complete, but they still need to upgrade the tracks and the inside of the building.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or questions to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

NOTE:

Below is a copy of the McGill Town Council Self Evaluation for 2018.

Nichole Baldwin, WPC Clerk
801 Clark Street
Ely, Nevada 89301

The Honorable Clerk Baldwin,

In response to your correspondence requesting an annual evaluation for 2018 calendar year, the Council will attempt to fill you in on all of their accomplishments, disappointments, and goals. The McGill Town Council conducted 12 public meetings, 1 public budget workshop, and 1 special meeting where the Town Council welcomed the Commemorative Air Force so they could place an office in McGill at the Old Safety Industry Building. The third Tuesday of every month is still the Town Council's meeting date. Of the 12 regular meetings, only 7 times was there a board member absent, most reasons were illness, or business that had taken them out of town. Public participation ranged from 5 in the audience to 18 persons.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/GOALS/DISAPPOINTMENTS:

1. Accomplishment. McGill remains extremely fortunate to have many volunteer organizations, such as McGill Revitalization Association, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer EMT's, McGill Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, McGill Grade School, and the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center. These volunteer organizations devote thousands of personal hours toward the betterment of this community. They gather to organize parades; prepare for the arrival of the Easter Bunny; Needy Family Food Drive; Christmas "Pick-a-Pole" decorations where people pick a street light pole and decorate it; make themselves available to assist Santa Clause; volunteer library where they offer books, internet service, one on one reading lessons for the young people, story hour, etc.; and McGill's annual Labor Day festivities which include a picnic, firework, street dance, etc. McGill Town Council highly regards their volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours toward the betterment of the community.
2. Accomplishment/Goal. Way back in the late 1970's when Kennecott donated the Kinnear Library Building to be used by McGill residents, the McGill Town Council had set their goal of someday moving their town office and meeting chambers to the Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located on Main Street. In the 1980's McGill Town Council borrowed \$12,000 in an attempt to renovate the building, but that was only a drop in the bucket to what was needed to bring this building up to be used as the McGill Town Hall. As

previously reported, McGill Town Council was going to borrow more money to accomplish the renovations to the building, but during a budget workshop 3 years ago the Finance Director (Elizabeth Francis) guided us into setting aside funds to finance the project. Then White Pine County Maintenance stepped forward to offer their services in making the proposed renovations. This has saved the McGill Town Council thousands of dollars in labor costs. Once again, our volunteers stepped forward to offer their services to help carry, hammer, fetch, etc. County Maintenance has been working inside the building as time permitted, and the building is now beginning to look like we had envisioned it. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of all parties and 40 plus years ago, McGill Town Council's dream of returning to the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building is getting closer to being a reality.

3. Accomplishment. McGill parks are always a never ending project for the Council. The new parks employee has done an astonishing job for his first year on the job. He performed so well, that the Council gave him a salary increase, with the promise of another salary increase if he agreed to return next season.
4. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill Town Council will be working on phase 2 of the SNPLMA grant for the renovations of the McGill Ball Park. Two years ago we learned that the SNPLMA grant had been awarded at the State level and awaiting the Federal level approval, but there was no construction last summer. It is hopeful, that the project will happen this summer. The Ball Park is a huge project where bleachers need to be rebuilt, cover over the bleachers re-done, baseball diamonds, sprinkling system, scoreboard, overhead lighting, etc. The end result will be a historic ball park (where Babe Ruth once played and where JV Walker struck him out) that can once again be the center of activity in the community.
5. Accomplishment. McGill Town Council has continued to enjoy the status of maintaining a very successful Neighborhood Watch Program in the State of Nevada. The WPC Sheriff has supported this project, and with the Sheriff's guidance, it is hoped the program will continue to be one of the best, and longest running programs in the State.
6. Disappointment/Goal. McGill's Main Street is a very heavily traveled highway. There have been numerous vehicle accidents along what we call Main Street (US 93). In short, if a person parks their car on Main Street, it will not take long before it gets hit. Last year we had 5 street light hit by passing vehicles. This year McGill only had one house get hit by a passing motorist. The cost is about \$6,000 to replace each antique street light pole. Correspondence has been sent inquiring why the insurance companies have not reimbursed all the costs, but we have not received a response yet.
7. Disappointment/Goal. The abatement process for the Old Standard Market Building has continued to be a problem. McGill Town Council first reported this building under the abatement of dangerous building code 29 years ago. The owners of the building continue to stall, and the building continues to crumble. Part of the roof has slid off to the street below, thousands of pigeons continue to live and raise their young as they fly through the holes in the roof, the bricks continue to crumble, and when the wind blows the building can be seen swaying. It is only a matter of time before this building is either hit by a vehicle traveling through town, or falls over. Either way, it is going to be an insurance company nightmare.
8. Accomplishment. This past year the McGill Town Council had taken on the project of beautifying their down town business district. So far, volunteers have painted the Post Office and the Old McGill Sheriff's Office Building. Next year, who knows what these volunteers will tackle.
9. Accomplishment. McGill is looking forward to having a few new business within their boundaries. As reported last year, the Veterans Initiative was successful in purchasing the Old Safety Industries Building through Tax Title sale. They are still looking at setting up a machine shop and training veterans to work on their government contracts. The Veterans Initiative has made great strides in clearing out the building, establishing college classes, but they still have a ways to go before they will be in full operation. More recently the Veterans Initiative brought the Commemorative Air Force to McGill. A special Town Council meeting was held and the Town Council welcomed the CAF, and now they will be setting up an office in the Old Safety Industries Building. So far, in the last 2 years, there has been 1) VeteransInitiative.org and 2) Commemorative Air Force locating here, who knows who will be number 3). As with anyone looking to locate in this area, McGill Town Council will welcome them with open arms.
10. McGill has enjoyed a volunteer community garden this year. The Kinnear Library/Cultural Center spearheaded the project and many residents enjoyed home grown vegetables.
11. McGill has also enjoyed a volunteer community food drive. Volunteers from the McGill Grade School, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, McGill Revitalization Association, and several residents volunteered to collect food, the Town Council purchased turkeys to place in the food baskets for the needy.
12. Sadly, McGill Town Council lost one of their members this past year. Council Chairman Dubrutz chose to step down. Mr. Ed will be very much missed. As you know, it takes time to train any new board member. McGill has posted notices around town seeking a replacement, and we have already noticed that the County Clerk has been advertising. It is hoped that there will be a very qualified applicant who will step forward.
13. Continued/ongoing accomplishments. McGill continues to enjoy the assistance and guidance they receive from the many County Offices and Departments.
 - (a) Road Department continues to provide McGill with excellent services. If a street sign needs replacing, or if a problem occurs on one of the streets, they are on it as soon as we report it. There has not been any unusual weather causing problems this past year, but if there was, we are confident the County Road Department would hop right on it. The Public Works Director has attended a few of McGill meetings this year and he has been very helpful in providing guidance. Presently he is working on helping McGill sell their old parks pick-up truck, and he has come up with a few suggestions for purchasing a new/used truck. He is also providing assistance in the placement of additional Stop/Yield/School signs.
 - (b) Maintenance Department continues to work on the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building and responds to any requested repairs when we ask.
 - (c) Parks Department continues to provide assistance to our parks seasonal employee. We continue to maintain the interlocal agreement where we maintain the parks, and they continue to winterize our sprinkling systems. County Maintenance has also been very helpful in training our new parks employee.
 - (d) The new Aquatic Director has attended several McGill meetings seeking guidance on improvements to the McGill Swimming Pool. Her efforts in keeping the Town Council informed is very much appreciated.
 - (e) Sheriff's Office continues to provide excellent service. The Town Council looks forward to the same working relationship with them.
 - (f) McGill Neighborhood Watch continues to be supported by the Sheriff's Office, and is one of the longest running Neighborhood Watch programs in the State.
 - (g) Finance Department continues to provide excellent service. Bills are paid in a timely manner, budget is maintained, payroll is processed expertly, all the staff is ready to provide assistance when needed.
 - (h) Treasurer's Office continues to handle all of our deposits for rental and sales of McGill's 100 Years of History book.

- (i) The Assessor's Office has also been very helpful. Presently the Assessor and the County Clerk are working on some land sales in and around McGill.
- (j) Recorder's Office continues to allow McGill to utilize their office as a mail drop off and collection of mail and packages.
- (k) Human Resource continues to be extremely helpful with employment matters.
- (l) District Attorney's Office has been very prompt in responding to any request for guidance.
- (m) Clerk's Office remains very helpful in providing the Council with guidance. This coming year, the Clerk's Office will be helping McGill find a suitable Town Council Member to fill our recently vacated seat.

All in all, the year 2018 was a good year for McGill. There have been disappointments and there have been accomplishments; but as the Governing Body for the Town of McGill, the Town Council will continue representing their residents to the best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy McVicars, Chairman

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member

Vacant Seat

Ernie Rivera, Member