

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 19, 2021 at the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Raymond Maestes
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization Association
Tabatha Hamilton, WPC Grants
Mathew Seal
WPC Deputy Wolf

Council Chairperson Ballandby called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Member Angelopoulos led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the audience.

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, addressed the Council explaining that she had been approached by the McGill Grade School inquiring if they could decorate the street lights poles for Valentines Day.

The secretary explained that she had also been contacted by the McGill Grade School. In addition to requesting to decorate the street light poles for Valentines Day, they also discussed if there were any projects they could work on for the McGill Town Council. She explained to them that, in the past, McGill Grade School had prepared a walking tour map of McGill and the Council passes those map out to this day. Also, it was the McGill Grade School who held a contest to create a LOGO for the McGill Town Council, and it was a Fifth Grade student who developed the 3 smokestack likeness that appears on the McGill Town Council letterhead. When she spoke with the Grade School staff, they all came up with some sample topics, such as: attending Town Council meetings and prepare written notes of the meeting, assisting the volunteer library with inventorying their books, carving some plaques to be placed near trees that the Council planted in memory of special persons, work with the Volunteer Fire Department in developing their own LOGO, etc.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence listing some of the suggested projects for the McGill Grade School to work on.

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org, addressed the Council explaining that the Veterans Initiative received their 501 C-19 non profit status several years ago. The American Legion just recently received their 501 C-19. The Veterans Initiative began their organization back in 1978 and they have helped Vets come home and join society. They have put their lives on the line keeping this Nation safe. Veterans Initiative will be turning the Old Safety Industries building into a machine shop and will be providing Vets with finding employment. Right now the Veterans Initiative is subcontracting some of their work out to other plants, but eventually McGill V.I.T.A.L. will be operational. This past weekend he was visited by several Vets. They came to see this community and decide if McGill is where they wish to make their home. It is hoped that this community will welcome them to this community.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND ASSIGNMENTS TO DEPARTMENTS:

Council Member Maestes motioned to select Joshua Miller to serve as the McGill Town Council Chairman.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Council Member Maestes motioned to select Cynthia Angelopoulos to serve as the McGill Town Council Vice-Chairperson.

Council Member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NOTE: Traditionally the Gavel is passed to the New Chairman at this time; however, It was the consensus of the McGill Town Council to allow Council Member Ballandby to serve as Chairperson for the duration of this meeting, Joshua Miller will take over as Chairman at the conclusion of this meeting.

It was the consensus of the McGill Town Council to assign the following Council Members to the following departments:

Parks – Chris Maestes

Street Lights – Joshua Miller

Streets/Street Signs – Boxane Ballandby

Neighborhood Watch – Danielle Jensen

Youth Activities – Cynthia Angelopoulos

Business Representative – Stacy Laird

Fire/EMT – Joshua Miller

SETTING DATE AND TIME TO SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY2021/2022:

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the annual Budget Workshop for February 16, 2021 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. The February regular meeting will immediately follow the Budget Workshop at 7:00 P.M.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR MCGILL BALLPARK CDBG SLUM/BLIGHT PROJECT:

Tabatha Hamilton, WPC Grants Writer, addressed the Council reporting what she has accomplished in preparing the next CDBG grant application. She is working with Basin Engineering for cost estimates for the remaining bleachers, finish ADA accessibility, build additional BBQs and picnic areas, and remove the 2 piles of dirt/sod, then make the ice skating rink. So far, the planned work is \$107,000 plus engineering fees. To lower some costs, the Public Works Director suggested pulling all the bleachers out and put in portable bleachers that will have ADA accessibility. He also suggested removing the dirt and debris from the bleacher area. Once that is accomplished, then they hope there will be enough funds for the ice skating rink. She has spoken with the granting agency and they are acceptable with the proposed project. She contacted JCR Construction for a cost estimate, but she has not received their estimate in time for this meeting. They are not looking at removing the hill, just changing the contour. The only dirt they will be removing is the pile of dirt and sod at the southwest corner. They also will replace the gates and parts of the damaged fencing. When they work on the ice skating rink, they want that old dirt removed, then they will utilize the existing dirt for the rink.

Both Council Member Ballandby and Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos noted they are not in favor of changing the bleachers and getting away from the historical appearance of the McGill Ball Park. If they stick to the historical appearance, they understand there may not be sufficient funds, and they do not oppose stretching the project out into phases.

Council Member Ballandby noted that the Council needs to look at this again before making a final decision.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

LISTING OF PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE SNPLMA GRANT PROJECT IN MCGILL:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that she would like to see Phase III for the McGill Ball Park. She has put together a short list of some of the remaining items that need to be addressed in Phase III, as follows: Bleachers, hand rails, stairs, re-dirt areas under bleachers, work on infield, fix the dugouts, backstops, lighting the entire park (poles and overhead lights), parking lot, parking lot lighting, fencing, gates, drainage, run off from above the park, announcers box with new power, and new sprinkling system with relocated control shed.

Tabatha Hamilton explained that they were looking at public scoping, by asking residents what they would want.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF SELF EVALUATION CORRESPONDENCE TO WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

It was noted for the record that the Town Council had already studied the draft self-evaluation and would like the document mailed as drafted (self-evaluation is attached to these minutes).

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to execute and deliver McGill Town Council's self-evaluation to the WPC Board of County Commissioners.
Council Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the agenda.

REPAIR OF FLAGPOLE LOCATED AT VETERANS/FOUNTAIN PARK:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she spoke with Mt. Wheeler Power and they do not have a bucket truck that reaches 80 feet. A company by the name of NNE has a bucket truck that will reach that high. NNE will only be in McGill this week and McGill does not have any of the parts to hang the new flag to the old pole.

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org, addressed the Council explaining that it is very important to use polyester rope, and the parts must be titanium. They will need to manufacture some of the needed parts. The flag (with double stitching along the sides) has been donated by an anonymous donor. The Veterans Initiative.org will assess the flagpole and what parts that will be needed, and they will work with the local mines to hang the flag. He noted that there will be no cost to the McGill Town Council to hang the US Flag

John Fitzgerald reported that the 3 buildings situated directly above the flagpole were recently donated to the Railroad by Mrs. Allen. There is a person placing a train display in one of those buildings. That person is part of the Veterans Initiative.

PUBLIC ART IDEAS – POTENTIAL MURALS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that Kyle Horvath, Tourism and Rec Board, contacted her about the proposed murals. They are still considering having a mural painted on one of McGill's buildings, and she had hoped that Mr. Horvath would have attended this meeting to discuss this matter further.

The Council asked the secretary to contact the owner of the McGill Post Office Building to see if the Council could use the side of his building for a painted mural.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve McGill Town Council minutes dated December 15, 2020.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Member Ballandby abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Council Member Jensen abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by majority vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Bath Lumber \$224.99

(Christmas Tree)

OPI \$ 32.96

(copy machine)

WPC Road Dept. \$ 60.79

(gasoline)

Bradleys Bestway Market \$ 24.26

(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that #32 Avenue A has a lot of trash in the yard. There are also several piles of bagged trash piled up in that yard.

The Deputy in attendance assured the Council that he would follow up on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was mailed or received since the previous meeting:

1. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power regarding 80 foot bucket truck.
2. Donation from Fiore Gold (auto transfer) in the amount of \$1,000.
3. Letter to NDOT requesting signs and speed signs.
4. Memo to WPC Road Department requesting gasoline charges.
5. Memo to WPC Road Department requesting service of P-10 Parks truck.
6. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.
7. Christmas greetings from Basin Engineering.
8. Draft self evaluation to BOCC.
9. Secretary monthly report.
10. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water agenda.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Nothing new to report.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman Miller reported that he had spoken with the Parks Manager and learned that he does not have the keys to P-10 (McGill truck). He also learned that 2 weed wackers, chain saw and some tools are missing. He would like a memo to go out to the County Maintenance to inquire if the part time parks worker turned the keys into the County Maintenance at the end of his employment.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill has received an installment of funds from the State. Revenues for the Town of McGill is now at \$58,394.15. Presently McGill is 50% into their budget year.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was reported that JW Electric was experiencing a problem in receiving the 60 LED street lights they had ordered for the McGill Phase II LED project. The secretary will follow up on this matter.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that the stop sign at the top of Avenue B and 1st Street has been vandalized. Also the Yield sign at the top of Avenue A has been spray painted.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the Memo to the Road Dept.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there were only 6 persons at the Neighborhood Watch meeting, they worked on clarifying the route for the proposed ATV Route. This is by the request of the Deputy District Attorney, he had indicated the route could not go through any alley.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing new reported.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new reported.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Nothing new reported.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Nothing new reported.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Nothing new reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the audience.

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further questions or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

January 19, 2021

White Pine County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Nichole Baldwin, WPC Clerk
801 Clark Street
Ely, Nevada 89301

The Honorable BOCC,

In response to your correspondence requesting an annual evaluation for the 2020 calendar year, the Council will attempt to fill you in on all of their accomplishments, goals, and their disappointments. The McGill Town Council conducted 11 public meetings, 1 public budget workshop, and 1 special meeting where the Town Council met to discuss needed equipment for the maintenance of the McGill Ball Park. The third Tuesday of every month is still the Town Council's meeting date as it has been for over 70 years. The McGill Town Council has been faced with difficulties in having a full quorum present, of the 11 regular meetings, only 4 times was there a full board present, most reasons were illness, or other commitments. Public participation ranged from 3 in the audience to 17 persons.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/GOALS/DISAPPOINTMENTS:

1. Accomplishment. McGill remains extremely fortunate to have many volunteer organizations, such as McGill Revitalization Association, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer EMT's, McGill Neighborhood Watch, 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; gather groceries for the needy families; 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, free 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 and fireworks. McGill Town Council highly regards their volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours toward this betterment of the community. The Virus may have put a wrinkle in some activities, but McGillites will spring back, as they usually do.
2. Accomplishment/Goal. As previously reported, several years ago McGill annexed land surrounding the town. The land that was annexed used to be part of McGill years ago, but when Kennecott deeded the town over to the County, they left a lot of areas out. Now that McGill's footprint is back to what it used to be, our boundaries range from the Club 50 to half way to the Duck Creek turnoff. The area south of McGill is ready for any developer. Plat map was filed years ago and is on file in the County Recorder's Office. That Plat map shows roads, lots, blocks, and house numbers. All the highway frontage is zoned commercial. Someday who knows what will happen.
3. Disappointment. McGill's Main Street is US 93. Speeding traffic is relentless. There is no let up in the speeding cars and semis going through McGill night and day. We get all the LV and the Reno traffic. The only thing that slows down the speeders is when they hit a car, hit a street light, hit a home, or more recently pull the pin and drop a burning trailer in front of a business and catch it on fire, but McGill sprang back as we always do. Deer cross US 93 every evening to access the warm springs toward the north end of town, the poor critters cannot run fast enough to avoid the speeding traffic, as evidenced by the carcasses piling up at the north end of town. McGill needs a camera taking pictures of speeders, then mail citations out. The number of vehicles speeding through our narrow Main Street would pay for the investment the first week.
4. Accomplishment. McGill has been working on the LED street light project. Last year we replaced 1/3 (60 lights) with LED; this year we are working on the next 60 lights to be replaced; next year we will complete the project and all lights in McGill will be LED.
5. Accomplishment. During the summer of 2020, the McGill Town Council held a "THANK YOU FOR DOING BUSINESS IN MCGILL". The Council walked to each business, gifted them with balloons, and thanked them for hanging in there serving our community during these tough times.
6. Accomplishment. 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. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of County Maintenance, Town Council, and volunteers, McGill Town Council's dream of returning to the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building became a reality this year.
7. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill parks are a never ending project. Grants are needed to upgrade all the Parks in the McGill Circle Parks. Several years ago, McGill hired the services of Basin Engineering and we now have a McGill Parks Master Plan. Phase 2 of

the SNPLMA grant gave McGill a beautiful Ball Park where Babe Ruth once played, but there is still work to be done. We'll have to wait to see what Phase 3 brings us.

8. Accomplishment. McGill Town Council has continued to enjoy the status of maintaining a very successful longest running Neighborhood Watch Program in Nevada.
9. Accomplishment. The McGill Volunteer Fire Department was a little slow in accepting changes to the County Fire Department, but they're coming along. New volunteers are signing up and attending training, more are signing up for EMT training, as well. We have a new female Fire Chief at the McGill Volunteer Fire Department, which we believe is a first for White Pine County. Upgrades to the McGill Fire Station are just about complete. Once finished, the Volunteer Firemen will have a place to clean up after responding to a call. They will have showers, toilet facilities, and eye washing station.
10. Disappointment. 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 act 34 years ago. The owners of the building continue to stall, and the building continues to crumble. Most of the roof is gone, 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 it just falls over.
11. Accomplishment. As previously reported, The Veterans Initiative.org is still looking at setting up a machine shop and training center in McGill for veterans to work on their government contracts.
12. 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.
 - (b) Maintenance Department continues to respond 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 and collect our trash.
 - (d) The Aquatic Director continues to attend a few McGill meetings keeping the Town Council updated.
 - (e) Sheriff's Office continues to provide excellent service and are always here when needed; and they continue to support the McGill Neighborhood Watch program.
 - (f) 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. Due to the virus, McGill's budget has been cut drastically, but then, all the other departments took a hit, as well.
 - (g) Treasurer's Office continues to handle all of our deposits for rental, donations, and sales of McGill's 100 Years of History book.
 - (h) Human Resource continues to be extremely helpful with employment matters.
 - (i) District Attorney's Office has been very prompt in responding to any request for guidance.
 - (j) Clerk's Office remains very helpful in providing the Council with guidance.

All in all, the year 2020 was okay, we are looking forward to 2021. There have been disappointments, setbacks, and 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,

Joshua Miller, Chairman

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson

Roxana Ballandby, Member

Danielle Jensen, Member

Chris Maestes, Member