

The Special Joint/Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 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:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Chris Maestes, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

The following White Pine County Fire Commissioners/Government Officials were in attendance:

Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Ian Bullis, Commissioner
Laurie Carson, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, WPC Clerk
Susan Lujan, WPC Deputy Clerk
Mike Wheable, WPC District Attorney

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Carolyn McIntosh, Great Basin College Foundation
Roberta Stein
Mark Poulson
Ricky Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Hal Hollingsworth
Toby Parsons
Kay McMurray, Ely Times
Ed Willis
Elinor Blackham, McGill EMT
Christine Ronewicz

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called the McGill Town Council's portion of the Joint meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

White Pine Fire Commission Chairman Howe called their Joint meeting of the White Pine Fire Commission to order at 7:01 P.M.

WP Fire Commissioner Bybee led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION:

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WPC Fire Commissioner How opened the floor to comments from the public.

Ed Willis addressed the Fire Commission/Town Council explaining that he has resided in this town for a little over one year. He would like to make comment about the street lights, as many do not appear to be working. He would also like to report that gas is being stolen from several parked vehicles around town.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that after the Joint meeting, she will explain the street light issue during the McGill Town Council meeting.

Hal Hollensworth addressed the Fire Com/ Town Council explaining that bathrooms and a shower is very much needed at the McGill Fire/EMT Station.

Mark Poulson addressed the Fire Com/ Town Council noting that people do not want to clean their yards. He helped a neighbor clean his yard. He received permission to use the McGill Town Council dump trailer; however, a person from the Town Council came by and questioned why he was using government property. He explained that the McGill Parks person provided him with the key.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that after the Joint meeting, the Town Council will address a policy regarding use of McGill's dump trailer and the un kept yards.

Roberta Stein addressed the Fire Com/Town Council making note that there are some absent home owners, and apparently, those homeowners do not seem to care about the condition of their home or the yard.

There being no further public comment at this time, the Council proceeded to the Joint portion of the meeting.

WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION & MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL: DISCUSSION ONLY
REGARDING THE NEEDS OF THE MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND IT'S FACILITY AS
THEY RELATE TO THE FOLLOWING: STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND/OR UPGRADES, EQUIPMENT,
PERSONNEL, AND/OR TECHNOLOGY:

WPC Fire Commission Chairman Howe explained that it takes considerable amount of money to keep all of the Fire Department buildings in a better state of repair. The Fire Commission will interview for a new Fire Chief to oversee the outlying Fire Departments. White Pine County is committed to all the outlying Fire Departments, and all of rural White Pine County. There are projects to be identified at all the fire departments, some of those projects are costly, so they may have to prioritize some of the projects.

Ricky Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Fire Commission explaining that OSHA has been in contact with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department because they do not have restrooms or a shower in the building. He would like to see that the restrooms and shower in the McGill Fire Station be a priority. McGill Fire Chief Garcia listed numerous other needed repairs, stressing again that the restrooms and shower is the main priority. List of needs or repairs were submitted as follows:

1. Restroom with a shower/bunk room
2. Door seals on all bay doors need replaced
3. Ice machine for rehab replaced or repaired
4. Internet for report writing and training
5. The fire hall (American Legion Hall) bathroom that flooded a couple years ago, this buildings purpose is for bigger training classes.
6. Radios and pagers minimum of 10 each.
7. Shelving for supplies in both buildings.
8. Tablet for report writing.
9. Sign for the building showing it's a Fire Department.
10. Better computers.
11. Find out where the crate of scba masks are that were shipped to LN Curtis for repair.
12. Stipend for volunteers.
13. New foldable porta tank for water tender 221.
14. Thermal imager.
15. Electric combi tool.
16. Ez load system installed in medic 2.

Hal Hollingsworth noted that the shower and restrooms in the McGill Fire Department has been an ongoing issue since the building was constructed. He questioned how this building passed code inspection in the first place.

Elaine Blackham addressed the Fire Commission, explaining that CDBG will always list fire station upgrades as a number one priority if the County Commission should make application for larger projects.

Mark Poulson noted that cleaning weeds and trash from yards should be a priority, as they cause a fire hazard.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia inquired about the Fire Hall (old Legion Hall) located at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue J. Noting that there are repairs needed in that building. The McGill Fire Department acquired that building several years ago to be used as their Fire Hall/meeting place.

The McGill Town Council secretary recalled that about 30 years ago, the McGill Town Council had purchased the land in which the Fire Station sits. Before the CDBG grant could begin construction on that station, the McGill

Town Council had to transfer title of the land over to White Pine County; because as an unincorporated town, McGill cannot own property by themselves.

WPC Fire Commissioner Travis Godon inquired how the McGill Volunteer Firemen felt about the possibility of a stipend for their time.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia answered that they had been out on a call the other night until about 1:00 A.M., that was a long time for them to be out on a call. So a stipend would be something that would help some of the volunteers feel better about being out so late.

WPC Fire Commissioner Laurie Carson inquired about the need for internet services at the McGill Fire Station.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia answered that there presently is no internet in that building. When they return from a call, it is necessary for them to complete reports. They used to use the internet at Fire Station Number One, but that is no longer an option.

Town Council Member Rivera pointed out that when the Fire Commission was negotiating an agreement with the City of Ely, they should have included the rural Fire Departments. He did not feel there would have been as many hurt feelings if the rural Fire Departments had been included (Or as many persons had coined it as a Civil War). He understood there was an ambulance call when the City first took over, but McGill had not responded to assist them.

WPC Fire Commissioner Carson noted that she recalled there had been issues with communication equipment. She would also note that everyone needs to move forward.

District Attorney Mike Wheable explained that that situation had been thoroughly investigated and there was no problem with that call. All the fire departments are currently being inventoried. He noted that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department is the “flagship” of all fire departments. It is going to take some work to get everything fixed. There needs to be communication as a first priority, then once everybody works together, everybody will get more volunteers. We need to purge all the bad feelings.

McGill Fire Chief Garcia explained that McGill Volunteer Fire Department had not been paged out for that particular incident. Also, the McGill Volunteer Firemen all have full time jobs and can only respond when they are off from work. They would never have stood down when asked to help someone.

WPC Fire Commission Chairman Howe stated that they are behind all the fire departments. They are moving forward.

WPC Fire Commissioner Godon stated that he appreciated everybody coming to this joint meeting. When the Fire Commission hires a fire chief, he will be working with all the volunteer fire departments.

WPC Fire Commissioner Bulloch stated that if the McGill Volunteer Fire Department needs something, they will figure it out all together.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WPC Fire Commissioner Chairman Howe called for any further comments from the assemblage.

Town Council Member Rivera recalled that years ago, the McGill Town Council had been an elected position pursuant to NRS. Somewhere along the line that changed. He would like to see the Town Councils return to being an elected position rather than an appointed position.

WPC Fire Commissioner Chairman Howe reported that the BOCC received a grant to repair the slag ditch. That matter will be discussed at the next BOCC meeting on July 24th.

McGill Town Council Member Angelopoulos explained that several McGill residents received correspondence from the Building Inspector notifying them that he was changing their addresses. This has caused a hardship for some of those persons on that list.

District Attorney Wheable explained that there is an ordinance on the County Books about nuisances. That law allows the County to go after the home owners.

Town Council Member Angelopoulos explained that the McGill Town Council has already provided the BOCC with their list of homes that poses nuisances.

Ed Willis referred to the earlier comment about tall weeds and messy yards. He would suggest that volunteers help clean some of those yards.

Roberta Stein addressed the assemblage noting that the McGill dump trailer is being moved to different areas in town. Possibly, that trailer could be moved to areas upon request to a home so the home owner could clean his yard and dump the trash in the trailer.

ADJOURNMENT: THE JOINT MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY AN APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the Joint meeting with the White Pine Fire Commission and the McGill Town Council, WPC Fire Commissioner Bybee motioned to adjourn the Joint WPC Fire Commission/Town Council meeting.

WPC Fire Commissioner Carson seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The Joint White Pine County Fire Commission meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

McGILL TOWN COUNCIL WILL CALL THEIR MEETING TO ORDER FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING:

The Regular McGill Town Council meeting convened at 8:20 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the public.

Carolyn McIntosh addressed the Council explaining there will be 2 new classes that will be opening at the Community College this coming year. Those classes will be Diesel mechanics and Electrical mechanics. They are hoping to be getting Registered Nursing classes in the near future.

Roberta Stein volunteered her services in receiving requests from persons wishing to clean their yard. She could help scheduling with the Parks person to bring the town trailer to their homes.

Mark Poulson noted that there are a lot of junk cars around town.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that, every meeting, the Town Council reports some of those junk cars to the Sheriff for them to send an officer to assess the situation and proceed accordingly.

Elinor Blackham noted that she has seen some of the stickers that the Sheriff Deputies have put on junk cars, however, unfortunately, some people simply remove the stickers.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, AND ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS:

Vice-Chairperson Ballandby opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and the assignment of departments.

Council Member Angelopoulos nominated Roxane Ballandby to serve as Chairperson.

Council Member Miller seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by majority vote.

Council Member Angelopoulos nominated Joshua Miller to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by majority vote.

Departments were assigned as follows:

Council Chairperson Ballandby:

Representing street lights

Council Vice-Chairperson Miller:

Representing Parks and Fire/EMTs

Council Member Angelopoulos:

Representing Community activities – Youth activities

Council Member Maestes:

Representing Neighborhood Watch and assisting with streets and street signs

Council Member Rivera:

Representing Streets and Street Signs

Stacy Laird:

Business Representative/McGill Revitalization Association

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020:

The secretary explained that it has been the policy for many years to prepare purchase orders at the beginning of the budget year. This eliminates the possibility forgetting any large planned purchases, and it places the White Pine County Finance Department of the planned large expenditures for the coming year. She also reminded the Council that the \$250.00 spending limit is still in effect. Anything over \$250 is to have a purchase order approved by the McGill Town Council before the money is spent.

Purchase orders for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market - \$2,000.00 – Annual Labor Day Picnic Supplies
Bradley's Bestway Market - \$300.00 – Annual Christmas Candy and Oranges for Santa to Deliver
Fireworks West International - \$5,000.00 – Labor Day Fireworks
Sanitary Septic Services - \$540.00 – Portable toilets for street dance/picnic
JW Electric - \$3,000.00 – Annual Street Light Inventory
JW Electric - \$10,000.00 – Repair of street lights with bucket truck
JW Electric - \$25,500.00 – 1/3 of McGill Special Project to Convert to LED Lighting
White Pine County IT Specialist - \$3,000.00 – Color Copy Machine for McGill Office

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the Purchase Orders for FY 2019/2020 as read into the record. Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

INTERVIEW FOR SEASONAL ASSISTANT PARKS MAINTENANCE PERSON: NOTE: THIS PORTION OF THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA WILL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF SEASONAL ASSISTANT PARKS MAINTENANCE PERSON. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE INTERVIEWS:

It was noted for the record that only one person had applied for the position of assistant parks worker.

A list of sample questions had been provided by the White Pine Human Resource Director.

Toby Parsons was duly interviewed. A discussion ensued regarding salary for the planned new assistant parks worker.

Roberta Stein, State of Nevada Employment Office, reported that the Governor has recently signed a new bill which would raise the minimum wage from \$8.75 to \$12.00 over the next few years.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to set the salary for the incoming assistant parks worker to \$11.00.

SELECTION OF SEASONAL ASSISTANT PARKS MAINTENANCE PERSON:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to employ Toby Parsons as McGill part time parks assistant at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Maximum number of hours per week is 20.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated June 18, 2019.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Council Member Miller abstained from voting due to not being a Council Member at that meeting.

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

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to JW Electric regarding LED Street Light Project.
2. Notice listing locations McGill dump trailer will be parked at various locations.
3. Memo to WPC Clerk notifying her of resignation of Andy McVicars from the McGill Town Council.
4. Memo to Nevada Job Connect Office requesting them to extend the advertising for seasonal part time parks assistant.
5. Poster for Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority Workshop on July 17th.
6. Copy of e-mail provided by Roberta Stein regarding use of McGill Dump Trailer.
7. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.
8. Corres from WPC Clerk regarding acceptance of resignation and new appointment to Town Council.
9. Deposit in the amount of \$60.00 for the sale of 2 100 Years of History in McGill books.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bath Lumber	\$236.79
(park supplies)	
McAfee Auto Renewal	\$ 69.95
(security renewal through IT)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	

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:

The following nuisances were listed:

- #41 7th Street – yard filled with tall dry weeds and trash
- # 36 Avenue D – yard filled with tall dry weeds that are near a propane tank
- # 31 Avenue D – old dryer laying in the yard posing a danger of a child getting stuck inside

A question was asked if volunteers could enter into someone’s yard and cleaning the yard of trash, weeds and debris.

The Town Council cautioned that anyone entering somebody’s yard to clean would need to obtain the property owner’s permission. Also, under no circumstances could any public employee enter any yard to clean.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Nothing to report.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

It was noted there will now be 2 persons working on McGill parks. The McGill Dump Trailer (which can haul as much as 10,000 pounds will continue to be moved to the pre determined locations in McGill. There has been persons requesting to use the McGill Dump Trailer for a large clean up project, but they would have to request one of the parks workers to haul the trailer pursuant to insurance company requirement. It is hoped that persons dropping off large items, that they put it inside the trailer.

Ed Willis commented that he had noticed the McGill Dump Trailer has actually been overloaded a few times. Possibly someone could check a few days before the trailer was to be moved to make sure all the trailer is not overloaded.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she has received 2 financial reports from the White Pine Finance Department this month. The first report was the final for FY 2018/2019 showing 100% into the budget year, with 92% of the revenues coming in. That report shows that McGill was 61% spent. There is still some expenditures outstanding, and possibly more revenues coming in. Expenses and Revenues can come in as late as August. The secretary reported that the second financial report she received showed that FY 2019/2020 was 8% into the budget year, with -0- revenues coming in, and 2% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia reported that they presently have 10 volunteer firemen in McGill. They all have full time jobs, so they are still hoping to enroll a few more volunteers. There are only 3 EMTs in McGill at present, 2 of those 3 EMTs work full time jobs. Seeking volunteers is an ongoing effort.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that the Town Council had been planning a project in which all street lights will eventually be converted to LED. This is a costly project, so the Town Council had planned on only converting 1/3 of the lights each year for the next 3 years. At the last Council Meeting it had been decided to work on the list of lights that were in need of repairs first. Once that list is finished being converted, then Main Street would be the next phase. If there are any of the 60 LED light fixtures left, then the Council will make the decision where next to begin converting.

Council Chairperson Ballandby listed all street lights that are in need of repair and that will be converted to LED first, as follows:

#25 First Street & Avenue I
First Street corner Avenue H
Second Street corner Avenue J (church-on & off)
#42 Fourth Street (south side)
#45 Fourth Street (north side)
Fourth Street & J – corner beside Standard Market
#21 Fourth Street – in front of IOF – stays on all day
Fourth Street – Post Office parking lot – out
Fourth Street & Avenue K on corner southside needs to be rebuilt
#15 North Fourth Street – out
Avenue K – next to Nass Lock & Key – goes on and off
Avenue K – corner of park – bottom light out
North Fourth by pump house is out
#60 North Fourth & Avenue O – out
#54 North Fourth Street – out
North Fourth across from pool – light is out
#57 North Third Street – goes on and off
North Second Street (pole # 0530) goes on and off
North Second Street (pole #0526) out
North Second Street – light second from Avenue M is out
#27 North Sixth Street – goes on and off
#24 North Sixth Street – light out by steel garage
Sixth Street South – by red garage
#3 South Fifth Street – out
South Second & Avenue B – out
Avenue F & Smelter – goes on and off
Fourth and Avenue G – right side by Ball Park – goes on and off
South Seventh Street – light is out

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Rivera requested a Memo be sent to the White Pine County Road Department requesting to:

1. Resurface all the streets through Townsite.
2. Also the gutter on Avenue G between 1st Street & 3rd Street is falling apart.
3. Also gutter at Avenue J is in need of repairs.
4. Drain on 3rd and Avenue J needs repairs.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported that there was only 3 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Council Member Maestes requested a Memo be sent to the White Pine County Sheriff informing him that several youth are driving 4 wheelers, side by sides, and golf carts around town. They are not wearing helmets and there are a half a dozen kids piled in the vehicles. One 4-wheeler in particular has an infant (wearing diaper) sitting on the handlebars.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she has ordered the Christmas candy already. She has also been working with the volunteer groups in planning the Labor Day festivities.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird reported that there is a new shop that recently located next to her Beauty Shop and the Nass Lock and Key are both hoping to have their grand opening with the Town Council in attendance.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Stacy Laird reported that the Volunteer Library recently planted their community garden.

McGILL REVITALISATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that they are currently planning all the Labor Day festivities.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report given.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Ed Willis announced that he would like to donate a self watering timer for the Community Garden that was recently planted by the Library volunteers.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.