

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 19, 2018 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
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
Travis Morrison, McGill Parks
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center
Mike Coster
Geri Wopschall
Andrew Hayes, Animal Control
Raymond Maestes
Chris Maestes

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the audience.

Council Member Rivera reported that he recently heard that the Sheriff's Office now has to do all the truancy calls at the schools. He will be attending the next Board of County Commissioners meeting to inquire about this and see what is going on.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION-AUTHORIZATION TO USE MCGILL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER FOR "SENIOR STAY STRONG CLASS" 2 DAYS A WEEK, AND REQUEST TO WAIVE RENTAL FEE:

It was reported that the Cooperative Extension Office had scheduled Stay Strong, Stay Healthy (SSSH) exercise classes for seniors in McGill. They have already begun the classes, and have a full class scheduled 2 times a week. They are asking if the McGill Town Council would waive the rental fee for the McGill Community/Senior Center.

Council Member Rivera motioned to authorize the use of the McGill Community/Senior Center for the "Stay Strong, Stay Healthy" senior exercise classes 2 times a week. His motion also includes to waive the standard rental fee of \$10.00 per hour.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

MCGILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AND LISTING EACH BUSINESS PROJECT IN PRIORITY ORDER:

Council Chairman McVicars suggested that the Post Office be the first painting project they undertake.

Council Member Rivera suggested that the owners of the buildings need to be in attendance on the day they work on their building to ensure that all the volunteers paint the building to the owner's specifications.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby agreed, noting that, along with the property owner being here, that they need to set the date for the volunteers to gather to do the work, and the Council needs to get this right.

McGill Parks, Travis Morrison, suggested the High School Senior Community Service Program. He went on to explain that all seniors are required to perform 40 hours of community service before the graduate.

The Council directed their secretary to prepare correspondence to the 3 business owner/operators who submitted the Town Council's help in sprucing up their storefront in McGill's Business District.

SCHEDULING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP:

It was noted that McGill needs to begin their Community Clean-Up Campaign, as it has been a few years since the Council brought this up to the residents.

Council Member Angelopoulos suggested moving McGill's dump trailer to various locations in town so it would be easier for the residents to dump their unwanted trash for the Council to have hauled away.

McGill Parks, Travis Morrison, reported that the pick-up truck that McGill owns is not working. He attempted to jump start the vehicle, but it still would not start. He thinks there is more wrong with the truck than just the battery.

The Council directed the secretary to notify the Public Works Department requesting they either come to McGill to try to get the truck started, or haul it to their County Shops to be worked on.

Upon discussing various options, it was agreed to park the McGill Dump Trailer at the following locations on the following dates:

- June 23/24-Saturday/Sunday-Near Railroad tracks in Townsite.
- June 30/July 1-Saturday/Sunday-Middle Town parking lot at the Ball Park.
- July 7/8-Saturday/Sunday-Corner of Avenue Q & North 3rd Street.
- July 14/15-Saturday/Sunday-Near Railroad tracks in Townsite.
- July 21/22-Saturday/Sunday-Middle Town parking lot at the Ball Park.
- July 28/29-Saturday/Sunday-Corner of Avenue Q & North 3rd Street.

UPDATE/STATUS REPORT ON MCGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

The Council instructed the secretary to move this agenda item to page 2 under Department reports.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATION TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report given.

The Council directed the secretary to move this agenda item to Department Reports on page 2.

STATUS REPORT/UPDATE ON THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL AND UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL

Megan Brown, WP Aquatics Director, addressed the Council reporting that she can only find 3 manufacturing companies who are building diving boards, and those companies have to give approval where their diving boards can be placed if the pool is not an unclear non-concrete/plaster pool. She has about \$16,000 in her budget for McGill improvements and if she does not spend those funds this year, she can carry them forward to the next fiscal year.

Aquatics Director Brown provided the Council with pictures and listing some options:

- Wibit Springboard - \$16,000.00 – minimum water depth 8'2"
- Brinson Marine Dock - \$1,400.00 – No minimum water depth – 7'5" wide X 9'5" long 12" high.
- Bomar Soft Playgrounds - \$4,000.00 – water depth for float is 3'6"
 - Snake 4' wide x 8' to 16' long
 - Shipwreck slide 7' wide X 10' long x 10' high

Council Member Dubrutz asked if the new pool equipment would withstand McGill's outdoor temperatures.

Aquatics Director Brown answered that she felt the equipment could withstand the local temperatures, but she does question the algae in the water as the McGill Pool is a warm springs. The slides require 2 lifeguards on duty at all times, so she might have a staffing problem.

Council Member Rivera stated that he would like to keep the McGill Pool as original as possible.

Aquatics Director Brown explained there may be issues with the diving board because newer requirements call for side bars, depth, murky water, and manufacturer approval. The old diving board is wearing out, so a decision is going to have to be made.

Mike Coster asked what would the manufacturer's requirements.

Aquatics Director Brown answered that they all require plaster bottom in the pool. She does not have a color copy machine, but she can forward pictures to the secretary to be printed.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated May 15, 2018 and the Special McGill Town Council minutes dated June 5, 2018.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion, noting with one correction.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting on the minutes dated May 15, 2018 and the Special minutes dated June 5, 2018.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the Special minutes dated June 5, 2018.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Stay Strong, Stay Healthy flyers for Senior Exercise Classes.
2. E-Mail to Chairman requesting authorization for SSSH to use Community/Senior Center for Senior exercise.
3. E-Mail from Public Works Director regarding abatement of dangerous buildings.
4. Letter of support for Kinnear Library/Cultural Center grant application.
5. Letter of support for MRA grant application.
6. Letters to park employees.
7. Memo to State of Nevada, Job Connect thanking them for their help in seeking park employees.
8. Letter to Sami Blackham regarding use of the Ball Park for T-Ball games.
9. Letter to Elizabeth Francis regarding payments for street lights struck by passing motorists.
10. Letter to Megan Brown thanking her for her annual swimming pool report.
11. Letter to Michaela Marich regarding garden donation.
12. Letter from WP Public Museum and Historical McGill Drug Store soliciting volunteers.
13. Letter to business owners/operators soliciting donations for Bicycle Rodeo.
14. Grant guidelines from WC Tourism & Recreation Board
15. Thank you card from McGill Elementary First Grade Class for allowing them use of the McGill Community/Senior Center.
16. Memo to WPC Public Works Director regarding broadleaf spraying.
17. Memo to WPC Finance regarding transfer of funds.
18. Deposit in the amount of \$71.00 for sale of McGill 100 Years of History book.
19. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record for payment:

JW Electric (street light #5)	\$1,205.92*
JW Electric (street light inventory)	\$3,927.48
Battle Born Media, Ely LLC (park employment ad)	\$ 110.00
Office Products, Inc (monthly copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
Apex Pest Control (Broadleaf spraying of parks)	\$ 925.00
Cynthia Angelopoulos (Reimbursement for Santa & Mrs. Claus Suits)	\$ 181.01

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the above listed bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher in her name.
Motion was carried by a majority vote.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby pointed out, after reviewing the JW Electric invoice, she would like correspondence sent asking that they be a little more specific on the locations of the street lights they have repaired.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that behind the alley behind Avenue F has numerous junk vehicles (possibly 15 or more cars) cars parked. It is not known who owns the vehicles, or which house they belong to.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence to the Sheriff.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported there are a few chickens who had escaped from their coop are running around on Main Street, probably belonging to the person residing on Avenue K.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

The Council introduced the new McGill Parks employee, making note that the community contact lists will need to be updated.

Repairs of the Parks truck was discussed under the Community Clean-Up discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is 92% into their budget year. New budget year will begin on July 1st. Presently McGill has 82% of their revenues coming in, and they are only 39% spent. This leaves a substantial carryover into the next budget year.

Council Member Rivera recalled several years ago when WPC had used (without Town Council approval, some of McGill unspent funds, he would like to learn how these funds had been returned to McGill.

The secretary explained that when the Department of Taxation was assisting the White Pine Board of County Commissioners with budgetary matters, Department of Taxation had learned that the County used some of McGill's funds to operate the County. The Department of Taxation conducted an audit of McGill funds; and, as a result, almost \$250,000.00 had been returned to McGill's Fund Balance (savings). In a budget workshop 3 years ago, McGill budgeted and purchased a new fire truck and paid with the cash that had been returned to McGill. At the same budget workshop, McGill set aside, as "earmark funds" \$100,000.00 for the renovations to the Kinnear Library Building. There is presently \$62,000 remaining in that "earmark" line item, and there is \$8,125 in outstanding purchase order requests. She would point out, once funds are "earmarked" those funds cannot be used for anything other than what they had been earmarked for.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Park Employee, Travis Morrison, reported on behalf of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department (he is a volunteer fireman) that there are presently 10 volunteer firemen serving in McGill.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that she had reported 10 or 11 street lights in need of repairs last month, but, in reading the invoice, she is not sure if all of them had been repaired. As stated under payment of bills, she would like correspondence sent to JW Electric asking if they could be more specific in billing the street light repairs, so the Council can track them better.

The following lights were reported:

Avenue C & 2nd Street – light goes on and off

Avenue C & 1st Street – light goes on and off

Avenue J & 1st Street – light goes on and off

Avenue R – light is out

Across the street from #17 Sixth Street – light is out

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

A question was asked about the process in changing a street Yield sign into a Stop sign.

The secretary explained that it is a lengthy process. First, McGill would have to send a request to the Board of County Commissioners and the District Attorney requesting the ordinance be changed. After the ordinance is drafted by the DA, then the BOCC schedules the first reading on their agenda, then it has to be published in the newspaper, then a public hearing has to be scheduled for the final reading and approval. Then it has to be published again after the BOCC makes their final approval. The process will take 3 to 4 months, or possibly longer.

Numerous complaints were expressed about the speeding traffic in town and drivers not observing speed limits signs, yield signs, and stop signs. Problem areas were listed as follows:

1. All along First Street (nobody stops at the stop signs).
2. Townsite area along Second Street leading down the hill to Avenue A that accesses onto the highway. Drivers do not stop at the stop sign, and they do not observe the speed limit.
3. Many times when an officer is on Main Street, the speeders simply go down on 6th Street so they do not have to slow down.
4. All along the McGill Highway, 4-wheelers and side by sides are traveling so fast along US93 (driving parallel to the highway) and they have been creating so much dust that they are obstructing the vision of the people driving on the highway.
5. Complaints were also expressed about speeding 4-wheelers as young kids are speeding to get out of town. Many of the kids are not old enough to obtain a license and none of them wear a helmet.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the usual correspondence to the Sheriff listing all these concerns that have been expressed.

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the One Way sign is laying on the ground at North 6th Street.

The Council directed the secretary to send a memo to the Public Works Director informing him of the downed sign.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported that most of the Neighborhood Watch was at the Airport helping with the air races. There was only 6 persons in attendance. They discussed a few problems with strangers in McGill, and they continued with their Bicycle Rodeo planning.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council member Angelopoulos reported that she has purchased the Santa suit and the Mrs. Claus suit. She will protect and hang them so they will look nice at Christmas.

BLUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, addressed the Council explaining that the newly opened business, Unique Treasurers, as already closed their doors. She would also like everyone to know that the gas pumps at the McGill Gas Station are open again.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble, McGill Library/Cultural Center, addressed the Council reporting their organization held a Youth Activities Day on June 8th. They planted a garden in the back yard of the Community/Senior Center, then they held activities for the youth at the Avenue K Park. Unfortunately, not many kids showed up, as it appears that the younger generation does not do much outside these days. The Kinneare Library/Cultural Center also had a booth at the Air Races.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization held their annual yard sale. They had 6 persons sign up to participate. They are now planning for the Labor Day activities.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Andrew Hayes addressed the Council explaining that the City Animal Control Facility is open from 11:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. There is someone who will take the dogs out to the outdoor runs earlier in the morning, then when he comes on duty, he will clean the pens and prepare the dogs for the night. If there is an animal control issue during business hours, his phone number is 775-296-0567. If there are any concerns after hours, people can call the White Pine County Sheriff's Office @ 775-289-8808.

Mike Coster addressed the Council explaining that he attended the first ever Air Races at Yelland Field this past week, they did not have the turn out that they had anticipated, but they will learn from the experience. Some of the issues they need to do before the Second Air Races, will be to:

- ✓ They need to review the fee schedules for both the spectators and the participants.
- ✓ Learn more about promoting the races.
- ✓ They also need to review the way they transported participants and spectators to various areas at the Yelland Field Airport.

Mike Coster explained that he is a pilot and would like to see these races become an annual event. There are 2 chapters in Nevada of the Commutative Air Force (Reno and Las Vegas) and he has heard chatter about creating a third chapter in this area. He would like to see youth educational classes.

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org, addressed the Council explaining that the Confederate Air Force (as it is commonly referred to as) is 13,000 members internationally. He feels that the cost to park an RV at Yelland Field was raised and it was too high. The gate price to the event had been increased and some left people did not come onto the Field because they felt the prices were too high. He felt that all the increased fees hurt the turn out for the Air Races. He would also like to see the local youth become involved in these races, with the hopes of them becoming involved with the CAF.

The secretary recalled that when the Silver State Classic first started, their turnout was small because they only allowed classic cars. Once they opened the race up to other vehicles, the turnout increased.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or questions to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.