

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 16, 2017 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 6:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Absent Council Member: Ed Dubrutz, Member

Also in Attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Steve Stork, BOCC
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Greg Irby, Applicant
Dennis Brooks, Applicant
Dennis "Woody" Robinson, Parks Mgr.
Frank Warren
Kay Warren, Kinnear Lib/Cultural Center
David Barnett
Max Barnett
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Lib/Cultural Center
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Lib/Cultural Center
Joni Drahos, MRA
Bob Pratt
Martha Braddock
Dan Braddock, McGill Drug Store Museum

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

Council Chairman Winder led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the audience, noting that this portion of the meeting is devoted to interviews for the position of seasonal assistant part time parks grounds keeper.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF SEASONAL ASSISTANT PART TIME PARKS GROUNDS KEEPER:

It was reported there had been 7 applications passed out by the Employment Office, but only 3 applicants returned their applications. One of the applicants failed to appear for the interview, leaving Greg Irby and Dennis Brooks. The Council interviewed both applicants.

SELECTION OF SECOND ASSISTANT SEASONAL PART TIME PARKS GROUNDS KEEPER FOR MCGILL PARKS:

Following the interview of the 2 above listed applicants (Greg Irby and Dennis Brooks), it was the consensus of the Council to select both applicants for the 2017 seasonal part time parks grounds keepers.

Woody Robinson, Parks Manager, reported that he will begin the training as soon as possible. He had spoken with Marvin Rowley, former parks worker, and he will be returning his set of keys. The parks truck is in need of some repairs, but it will need to be taken to the WPC Road Shop.

Both new hires were instructed to appear at the office of the WPC HR Director to complete the new employment necessary paperwork. The secretary was instructed to prepare the necessary correspondence to the Employment Office thanking them for their assistance in passing out and accepting applications.

The Special portion of the meeting ended at 6:37 P.M.

After a brief recess, the Regular McGill Town Council meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Council Member McVicars led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for comments from the public.

David Barnett introduced his son, Max Barnett, McGill Boy Scout.

Max Barnett explained that he has been working on an Eagle Project. His project was to build 3 book carts for the volunteer library in McGill. He spent up to 25 hours on each cart, but he did have a family member who helped with some of the work.

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center member, addressed the Council explaining that they have prepared a thank you card containing signatures of persons volunteering at the library, and she would like the Town Council to sign the card as well.

It was noted that the newly renovated Kinnear Library Building is not ready for occupancy, but one of the book carts could be placed in this building temporarily.

The McGill Town Council and everyone in attendance thanked Max Barnett for the beautiful work he had done in building the book carts.

Dan Braddock, McGill Drug Store Museum, addressed the Council stating the White Pine Museum Board recently fired him as a volunteer at the McGill Drug Store Museum. As soon as they terminated his volunteer status, they immediately changed the locks on the doors. He had asked them to let him into the building so he could collect his personal belongings, but he had to go back later to gather them. The Museum Board then left their phone number at the Antique Store and said that if anybody wished to view the Drug Store Museum, they could call and schedule an appointment. Martha Braddock explained that they later met on Saturday so they could remove personal belongs. Her father, Dan Braddock, is a wealth of information and knows all the history surrounding the McGill Drug Store Museum. She spoke with some of the Board Members, but they said they did not fire him as a volunteer, but they changed the locks and will not let him in the building. They explained that they had a 2 year plan and that they wanted to clean the building. She feels that they want to micro manage him and the Ely Museum wants to be in charge. Her father had always run down to the Museum to open the doors whenever anyone called requesting a tour. The McGill Drug Store Museum is an important part of the McGill history. Her father is the person who did all the paperwork to get the McGill Drug Store Museum on the State Historical Register and part of the Museum system. She would like to know where they were during the past 22 years when he has been running the McGill Drug Store Museum. She had offered to clean the building for them, but they said no, because she was not authorized by the Board. She feels that the Museum Board handled this very poorly and they only left a note saying the building was closed until June. There has been tour busses scheduled to stop at the Museum, but it is now closed.

Bob Pratt addressed the assemblage, stating that Dan Braddock has done so much for this community. He has worked with the Boy Scouts, he has gone the extra mile for this community. He was awarded the Silver Beaver, which is the highest award to be given. He feels that the White Pine Museum Board owes Dan Braddock an apology. The McGill Drug Store was given to Dan Braddock, to be part of the WP Museum by the Colburt family. If he was a member of that family, he would take the building back.

Joni Drahos, MRA, addressed the Council stating that she witnessed 4 people who wanted to view the McGill Drug Store Museum, but were not able to get in. They had gone to the Antique Store, but they could not stay to wait for someone to come from Ely to give them a tour.

Council Chairman Winder stated that Dan Braddock is an icon in McGill. He has attended his tours and felt they were great. He feels that the citizens of McGill need to flood the next Museum Board meeting asking for answers why they would fire a volunteer. It is important for this board to try to attend the Museum Board meeting, but it is more important for the citizens of McGill to attend their meeting, as well.

Bob Pratt inquired about the discussions about the flag being returned to the mountain above McGill.

Council Chairman Winder explained that Ernie Rivera had been working on it, but he has not attended the last several meetings to update the Board on his progress.

There being no further public comment, the meeting resumed.

REVIEW/QUESTIONS REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WPC FOR MAINTENANCE OF MCGILL PARKS:

The secretary pointed out that Council Member Dubrutz was ill and could not attend, but he requested the matter be carried to the next meeting.

Council Chairman Winder noted that that the Back Flow Regulators need to be installed. Council Member Dubrutz had questioned why McGill has to pay for the Back Flow Regulators if they are part of the County Parks System. The Back Flow Regulators is important to the Parks, but it is also part of the infrastructure, so Council Member Dubrutz was wondering why McGill should have to pay to bring the infrastructure up to code.

Bill Calderwood, WPC Maintenance Super, explained his department has been helping with the labor pursuant to the agreement that McGill and his department signed years ago. That agreement had been entered into in 2008 before he began his employment there. The agreement also include trash collections because his department has to come to McGill to maintain the Swimming Pool Park.

Council Chairman Winder asked who would maintain the Back Flow Regulators. Noting that the Back Flow Regulators came up during the budget workshops.

Maint. Super. Calderwood answered that he would recommend to send somebody in the County Maintenance Department for training to maintain them.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda, or until an answer is received.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 100 FREE PASSES TO BE HANDED OUT TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THE SECOND ANNUAL MCGILL BICYCLE RODEO TO BE HELD ON JULY 15TH:

The secretary explained that the McGill Neighborhood Watch offers free swimming passes for anyone who participates at the Bicycle Rodeo. She had contacted Megan Brown, WPC Aquatic Director and she has agreed to sell 100 swimming pool passes at the same price as the previous year, for \$120.00.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to authorize the purchase of 100 McGill Swimming Pool Passes, in the amount of \$120.00 – funds to come from the Neighborhood Watch line item.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE HATS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBERS:

It was agreed to drop this item from the agenda.

AUTHORIZATION USE AVENUE K PARK FOR COMMUNITY YARD SALE:

Stacy Laird, MRA, addressed the Council explaining that the McGill Revitalization Association will be holding their annual yard sale on June 17th at the Avenue K Park. They will be offering booths to anyone who wishes. This year it will be a little different. Participants can drop off their home address and offer their yard sale at their home. There will be maps and balloons given out so people will be able to find the sales.

It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the use of the McGill Avenue K Park for the Annual Community Yard Sale. It was requested they write the event on the calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

WPC Maintenance Super, Bill Calderwood, recalled that his department came forward to the McGill Town Council offering to renovate the Kinnear Library Building. His department lost one of their employees and replacing that person was not in the County budget. That put them behind on their work schedule.

Kay Warren asked if the McGill Library/Cultural Center could provide volunteers to help his department in renovating the Kinnear Library Building.

WPC Maint. Super Calderwood answered in the affirmative. Noting that his department has accepted volunteer labor in the past. They have to follow the engineering plans. They have only been working on the building when outside weather prohibits them working outside. Because he would be utilizing volunteer labor, he could require that they fill out a form because of the liability with industrial insurance. He would call one of the names on the list, and they could call others. Presently, they are working on framing the exterior walls.

Eva Trimble assured WPC Maint Super Calderwood that she would provide him with the names and phone numbers of the people who are willing to help his department with these renovations.

Council Chairman Winder asked in regards to recent budget cuts.

WPC Maint. Super. Calderwood explained that if budget cuts results in him no longer being there, somebody else will head up the work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the Regular McGill Town Council minutes dated April 18, 2017.

Council Member McVicars seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Monthly report, and addendum, from the McGill secretary.
2. Literature from WPHS Designated a Nevada Governor's STEM School.
3. McGill Neighborhood Watch report.
4. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
5. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$30 for the sale of the McGill 100 Year History Book.
6. Application for credit to Chris's Service.
7. Deposit in the amount of \$60 for the sale of the McGill 100 Year History Book.
8. Memo to Nevada job Connect requesting they collect application for Parks Grounds Keeper.
9. Letters to 3 applicants scheduling interviews for Parks Grounds Keeper.
10. Memo to WPC Maintenance Super inviting him to a McGill meeting to participate in interviews.
11. Letter to EDC Office supporting Ruth Town Council SNPLMA grant application.
12. E-mail from Dominic Francisco, Veterans Initiative regarding tax title sale.
13. Mission Statement from Veterans Initiatives (VITAL).
14. Letter to Sami Blackham authorizing T-Ball practice at the Ball Park.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Dennis "Woody" Robinson (reimbursement for gas)	\$ 75.00
WPC Aquatics Center (100 swimming pool passes)	\$ 120.00
JW Electric (street light inventory)	\$1299.58
Bath Lumber (park supplies)	\$ 172.01
OPI (monthly contract for copy machine)	\$ 29.99
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 2.99
WPC (swimming pool park cleaning deposit) (NOTE: fee paid by WPC Maint Super)	\$ 250.00

Council Member McVicars motioned to approve the payment of the bills as read.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Nothing to report.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Steve Stork, WPC Commissioner, addressed the Council explaining that he was in attendance to speak for Mr. George Gianopoulos. Mr. Gianopoulos has complained to him about the dogs running at large, dogs barking in McGill.

Council made note of Mr. Gianopoulos' expressed concerns.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Parks Manager Wood Robinson reported that all the water has been turned on at the McGill parks. Earlier action of the Town Council was to hire 2 park assistant grounds keepers. He will begin their training immediately. Also, all of the sprinklers have been repaired.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 83% into their budget year with 58% of their projected revenues coming in. Presently McGill is 41% spent. Before the end of this budget year, the Council will need to transfer funds into a few departments to balance the budget.

WPC Maint Super noted that June 10th is the final day in which to obtain any purchase orders. It was noted that McGill usually obtains their purchase orders at the beginning of each budget year.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman Winder reported there are only 3 lights out at the present. As soon as he receives 2 more lights out reports, he will call the work order in to JW Electric.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting had been held on May 11th. Officer Peterson was not in attendance; however, John Fitzgerald of the Veterans Initiatives attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation on the plans for the Safety Industries Building. He had requested that the McGill Neighborhood Watch continue to watch the building, but several of the Neighborhood Watch Members had informed him they had already seen him there, and they would continue to watch. The Neighborhood Watch discussed the second annual Bicycle Rodeo that was planned for July 15th, the Swimming Pool Park had been reserved (with the rental fee donated) and the WPC Maintenance Super posted the cleaning deposit.

YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she will be working with Trina at Bradley's Bestway Market regarding the Christmas order.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORT:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, reported that their volunteer organization would like to plant flowers at the Senior/Community Center.

The Town Council assured the Library volunteers that the McGill parks workers would water the new plants.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

It was reported that they are working on their annual summer "Kick Off" on June 3rd. There will be food and acarnival. As reported earlier, they will be selling spots on the map so people could go to homes for the community yard sale.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Winder called for any additional comments from the audience.

There were no additional comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the Regular McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.