

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 15, 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
Ernie Rivera, Member

Absent Council Member: Ed Dubrutz, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
Megan Brown, WP Aquatics Director
Bob Pratt, Mt. Wheeler Power
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Jeremiah Peterson, WPC Sheriff Deputy

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby let the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the audience.

Bob Pratt addressed the Council stating that he is in attendance representing Mt. Wheeler Power. During the next few months Mt. Wheeler will be removing old transformers and replacing power lines and poles in the Town Site area.

INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF CUSTODIAN AT THE MCGILL COMMUNITY/ SENIOR CENTER:

It was reported that one applicant had called the office and withdrew her application.

The Council interviewed Martin Bell for the position of McGill Custodian.

SELECTION OF CUSTODIAN AT THE MCGILL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER:

Upon conclusion of the interviews:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to appoint Martin Bell as the new Custodian for the Community/ Senior Center – effective date is May 16, 2018 – position is no more than 10 hours per month. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

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

Megan Brown, White Pine Aquatics Director, addressed the Council reporting that she has some capital improvements funds allocated for upgrades and improvements to the McGill Swimming Pool. They will be painting the floors in the changing rooms/restrooms, they have a new McGill Swimming Pool banner, a new sign listing the swimming prices, sign listing food menu, sign describing diving board rules, some new umbrellas, new safety equipment, new hoses, new volley ball nets, repaired the awning, sign for parking rules, new yard equipment, a new beach roller to help clear off moss, and they are working on a new diving board; however, they are having difficulties finding a diving board that will work for the outdoor swimming pool and meets all the safety requirements. She would appreciate input from the Town Council regarding the diving board and slide (see letter from WPC Clerk listing websites).

Council Member Rivera suggested that she contact Kennecott informing them they are making many new improvements to the McGill Swimming Pool. Possibly they would be willing to make a donation to help fund some of the projects at the Pool.

Council Member Angelopoulos noted that the sand at the pool appears to be sliding into the water and making the swimming area more shallow.

Aquatics Director Brown assured her that she would put that on the list of repairs for next year.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby suggested that she provide the Council with pictures of some of the slides; also she would suggest as a future project, installing a few gazebos so there would be more areas of shade.

Council Chairman McVicars thanked Aquatics Director Brown for making her presentation, making note that the diving board needs to be a priority because that is what the McGill Swimming Pool is known for.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASES NEW SANTA CLAUS SUIT:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she has found a Santa suit and a Mrs. Claus suit; however, she does not have the invoice yet.

The secretary assured the Council that she would transfer the funds (\$200.00) from the Fire Department budget line item into the Miscellaneous line item.

AUTHORIZATION TO USE MCGILL BALL PARK FOR T-BALL (McGill Tigers) ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. FROM APRIL 24 TO JUNE 9:

It was noted for the record that Sami Blackahm had e-mailed the secretary requesting permission to use the McGill Ball Park for T-Ball on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from, 5 to 7 P.M.

Council Chairman McVicars explained that he gave permission to begin using the Ball Park because they wanted to begin playing on April 24th, and he is now asking for ratification on his approval.

It was reported that there is another group using the McGill Ball Park for games; however, it is not known if they are playing with the McGill Tigers, or if they are using one of the other fields.

Council Member Rivera motioned to authorize the McGill Tigers to use the McGill Ball Park for T-Ball on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The Council directed the secretary to notify Sami Blackham of the approval and inquire if she knows who the contact person is for the other ball team.

CONTRACT WITH APEX FOR BROADLEAF SPRAYING OF LAWNS IN MCGILL PARKS:

It was noted that Public Works Director Bill Calderwood had e-mailed the secretary suggesting that McGill contract with Apex Pest Control to spray for dandelions.

The secretary explained that she contacted Apex and obtained the price quote and she has prepared the purchase order request.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the spraying at all the McGill parks.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

DONATION TO MCGILL ELEMENTAY SCHOOL FOR GARDEN PROJECT:

The Council referred to the correspondence received from the McGill Grade School requesting a donation to help fund the school's garden project.

Council Member Rivera noted this is a good community project and he would motion to donate \$150.00 to the McGill Elementary School for their garden project.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

UPDATE/STATUS REPORT ON MCGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that she was one of the volunteers who helped with the cleaning of the McGill Drug Store Museum, and they are planning another cleaning session to complete the job.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report given.

STATUS REPORT ON MCGILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

It was reported that the Town Council has received 3 responses from downtown business owner/operators as follows:

1. Timothy Wolf – McGill Sheriff’s Office Building
2. U.S. Post Office
3. Ian Bulloch – McGill Stage Depot

The secretary reported that there is \$250.00 in the town beautification budget line item. She would suggest that the Council purchase paint, equipment, and supplies before the budget period ends on June 30th. July is when the new budget will be in effect, and there is another \$250.00 in that line item.

The Council directed the secretary to schedule the work and priorities for the down town beautification project on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the April 17, 2018 McGill Town Council minutes.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Council Chairman McVicars abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. E-mail from Sami Blackham requesting to use the McGill Ball Park for T-Ball.
2. E-mail from WPC Public Works Director Calderwood suggesting McGill contract to spray for weeds in the McGill Parks.
3. Letter from McGill Elementary School asking for contributions to the School garden project.
4. Invitation/Open House at Robinson Mine.
5. Update information on the Veterans Initiative.
6. Deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for rental of the Community/Senior Center.
7. Secretary monthly report.
8. Memo to WPC HR & Nevada Job Connect for Custodian position and Parks position.
9. Letter to WP Aquatics Director regarding the purchase of 100 free swimming pool passes during the Bicycle Rodeo.
10. Memo requesting to reserve the McGill Swimming Pool and request to waive the cleaning deposit fee.
11. Letter from the WPC Building Dept. regarding billboards.
12. Neighborhood Watch monthly report.
13. Corres from WPC BOCC regarding improvement to the McGill Swimming Pool.
14. Open Meeting Law packet.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

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| Bradley’s Bestway Market | \$ 3.49 |
| (Neighborhood Watch refreshments) | |
| OPI | \$ 29.99 |
| (October invoice for copy machine maint) | |
| OPI | \$ 29.99 |
| (monthly copy machine maintenance) | |
| White Pine Aquatics | \$120.00 |
| (100 Swimming Pool passes for Bicycle Rodeo) | |
| White Pine Aquatics | \$ 25.00 |
| (rental of Swimming Pool Park for Bicycle Rodeo) | |
| Mt. Wheeler Power | \$970.00 |
| (Street light #5 power reconnect) | |
| Delores Manchester | \$ 50.00 |
| (reimbursement for postage) | |

McGill Elementary School \$150.00
(school garden project)

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve payment of the bills.
Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

Council Member Rivera referred to the Mt. Wheeler bill for reconnecting street light #5 that had been hit. He found it disturbing that McGill had not been paid the full amount for the damage. He would like to have an updated report from the WP Finance Director.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that it is time to send another reminder to the persons dumping trash in the horse trailer on Avenue.

Deputy Peterson addressed the Council explaining that an officer had spoken to them again about piling their trash inside the horse trailer. The officer informed them if they continue to pile up their trash they will receive a citation.

Council Chairman McVicars pointed out that the yard on Avenue F has been cleaned up; the McGill Town Council appreciates the efforts of the Sheriff's Office in contacting the owner of the property.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

The secretary explained that there were no applications submitted to the Employment Office. She spoke with the Chairman and received direction to place an ad in the newspaper and extend the ending date to May 25th.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a special meeting on the first Tuesday in June to conduct the interviews.

It was reported that the Avenue K Park has some areas that the sprinkling system has not been covering.

The Council directed the secretary to send a memo to the Public Works Director asking that he check the sprinklers at the Avenue K Park.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

No report given.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

The following street lights were listed for repair:
Top of Avenue A at Smelter stays on all the time.
Main Street at the side of the Old Standard Market building is out.
Fourth (Main) Street stays on all the time.
South end of 6th Street (can see it from Fourth Street) is out.
Corner of Third and Avenue I is out.
Fourth and Avenue R stays on all the time.
#5 Second Street is out.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby assured the Council that she will remind JW Electric to notify Mt. Wheeler Power whenever they replace a street light with the new LED lights.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby noted that NDOT recently painted the all crosswalks in McGill. She would like to have the flashing speed sign in McGill again, if it is possible.

Council Member Angelopoulos complimented the Sheriff's Office for having officers in McGill during the school hours.

Deputy Peterson explained that the Sheriff has been trying to have an officer in McGill during the school hours. He is not sure about the old "dummy" patrol car that they used to park in McGill.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were 11 persons at the Neighborhood Watch meeting, including Deputy Peterson. They have been continue to work on the Bicycle Rodeo.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos noted the only activity they are working on right now is helping the Neighborhood Watch with the Bicycle Rodeo.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORT:

No report given.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA is getting ready for their annual community yard sale. It will be held on June 2nd this year. They will have booths and they will again sell balloons to those who wish to have customers sent to their personal yard sale.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for additional comments from the audience.

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15.