

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on November 19, 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  
Danielle Jensen, Member  
Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary  
Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief  
Jesse Ciscar, McGill Fire Dept.  
Hal Hollingsworth, McGill Fire Dept.  
Mark Boyel  
Raymond Maestes  
Roberta Stein  
Sue Chilson  
Stacy Laird, Bus. Rep./MRA  
Suzie Irby  
Gina Cavanaugh  
Chris Collis

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

Council Vice-Chairman Miller led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the audience.

The secretary addressed the Council explaining that she had the opportunity to visit with the new Grants Writer for the County. She had explained to her that McGill had employed the services of Basin Engineering several years ago to prepare a Park Master Plan. It was the intention of McGill to work on their Circle Parks in phases. The Avenue K Park had already been completed as Phase One, but there are 3 other parks at the Circle. They all need curb, gutters, and sidewalks; and other improvements. The Grant Writer indicated to her that she had not seen this McGill Park Master Plan in any of her files.

The secretary stated that she is seeking authorization from the Town Council to give a copy of the McGill Park Master Plan to the County Grant Writer.

The Council authorized the secretary to copy and deliver the documents.

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Chris Collis, Rio Tinto (Kenncott), addressed the Council explaining that they have begun bringing in top soil to cover the remainder of the slag North of McGill near the Swimming Pool. They will cover this the same as when the tailings were covered several years ago. There will be a total of 40 acres they will have to cover with top soil.

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Roberta Stein addressed the Council explaining that the City of Ely will be working on amending an ordinance to regulate short-term residential rental. Noting that she is concerned about this affecting McGill.

It was explained that the City of Ely is a separate jurisdiction. Government is rated as follows: Federal, State, County, then City. What the City of Ely does will not affect McGill. The only way this would affect McGill is if the Board of County Commissioners should adopt a similar ordinance.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos stated that she would prefer to see the McGill Town Council remain with the Chair, Vice-Chair, and assignment of duties the same.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned for the McGill Town Council to remain as follows:  
Roxane Ballandby – Chairperson – representing street lights/Senior Center.

Joshua Miller – Vice-Chairman – representing parks and Fire/EMT Dept.  
Cynthia Angelopoulos – Member – representing community/youth activities.  
Chris Maestes – Member – representing Neighborhood Watch/Street/Signs.  
Danielle Jensen – Member – representing Streets/Signs.  
Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.  
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

REQUEST TO PLACE ICE SKATING RINK AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BALL PARK:

Council Member Angelopoulos expressed concerns about placing an Ice Skating Rink at the south side of the McGill Ball Park. Contractors are presently in the Ball Park with heavy equipment moving dirt. She is concerned about the liability if someone should get injured. She understands the contractor may have to stop work once the weather turns bad, but they are stilling working right now. She is also concerned about the stability of the area that had washed out due to the flash flood a month ago. Also, the gates are not locked and there are areas of the fence that has been cut into, giving persons access on the park area after dark. She feels this is a liability problem, as well. She would like all gates locked and the fence secured.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the agenda to allow time for the volunteer group to find another suitable location for their Ice Skating Rink.

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

The secretary explained that the White Pine Chamber requested this matter on the agenda, but they are not in attendance.

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

CHANGING EXTERIOR LOCKS AT THE MCGILL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER:

Council Chairperson Ballandby recalled that the McGill Senior/Community Center has been experiencing break-ins during the past few months. Someone had rigged one of the windows to open from the outside, but after the windows were secured, someone was still getting into the building during the night and using the computers in the volunteer library. They may have also been sleeping in the building.

The secretary explained there about 20 keys passed out to various people which increases the likelihood of security being breached. It will be a costly project to re-key all the locks in this building and issue new keys to each Council Member, herself, the Business Rep, Janitor, Parks Manager, rental key, and keys that had been issued to the volunteer library people.

Council Member Angelopoulos stated that the security of the McGill Senior/Community Center has been breached, and she feels it is necessary to have all the locks re-keyed.

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to have the secretary send a memo to the County Maintenance Department requesting they re-key the locks at the McGill Senior/Community Center. Her motion includes that all outstanding keys are to be returned to the secretary so she may return them to the County Maintenance Department.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR GRAND OPENING OF D-ZINE SOLON:

It was noted that the owner/operator of the new solon has not been available to schedule a grand opening.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated October 15, 2019.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

Council Member Jensen abstained from voting due to not being a council member at that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following is a list of correspondence mailed or received since the previous meeting.

1. Correspondence from and to Mt. Wheeler Power re: Christmas Lighting
2. Deposit in WPC Treasurer for \$35.00 for purchase of McGill book.

3. Secretary monthly report.
4. Correspondence from WPC Clerk notifying Council Members about reappointment.
5. Work order to WPC Maint. For repair of electrical outlet.
6. 2 Sympathy letters & memos for Doug Thornburg & Bob Pineo
7. Order to Ely Times for name tag for new Council Member
8. Neighborhood Watch report

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record for approval:

Battleborn Restoration LLC	\$206.21
(reimbursement for painting red cross on 1945 ambulance)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	
WPC Road Department	\$ 88.43
(Parks gasoline)	
Delores Manchester	\$ 4.98
(reimbursement to mail McGill book)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 34.53
(cleaning supplies for Center)	

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to pay the above named bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Angelopoulos noted there is a lot of trash piled up at #45 Fourth Street.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

It was reported that the mountain lion was spotted again in McGill, this time by the car wash.

It was noted that McGill Town Council has already reported the mountain lion sightings to Department of Wildlife.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

The Council referred to the earlier discussion about the contractor presently working at the McGill Ball Park. The small gates are not locked, and there are areas of the chain link fence that has been either bent over, and/or holes cut into the fence. The washed out area is a result of the flash flood a month ago which could be a possible liability issue. Also, the contractor will be bringing signs out stating that the area is a construction zone.

It was the consensus of the Council to send a memo to the County Maintenance Department requesting locks (all keyed alike) for all the gates at the McGill Ball Park. Also request they check the fence line to make sure the holes and bent over areas of the fencing are repaired.

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Suzie Irby reported that the Smelting Pot located at the Avenue K Park has a hole in it. She was at the park the other day when a child caught his head in the hole. They were able to safely remove him, but she would like to see someone weld a patch over the hole in the Smelting Pot.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence to the County Maintenance Department requesting they patch the hole in the Smelting Pot located at the Avenue K Park.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary explained that the County Finance Department is in the process of writing new computer programs, she received the financial print out late this afternoon, and she has not had time to study the document.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Ricky Garcia, McGill Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining that many of the maintenance items the County promised have not been completed yet. They still do not have bathroom, or shower stall or eye washing station, where they can wash any hazardous residue off before going home. They received a cost estimate provided by Day Engineering that was \$250,000.00 to \$299,000.00. Because of the cost, the BOCC stated they would have to place completion of the bathroom way into the year 2021.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller read into the record an early draft of a letter they would like to send to the County Commission stating their displeasure in having to wait so long for a bathroom that should have been placed in the building during construction years ago.

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

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It was reported that the McGill Fire Department will continue to respond to calls. During the past month, they had responded to 3 motor vehicle calls, 1 fire call, and 3 medical calls.

#### STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that she has been in communication with JW Electric. They had completed the first list of street light repairs where they are exchanging the old lights for LED. They still have some inventory remaining and requested direction.

The following lights out were reported:

- ✓ Street light behind #17 Sixth Street is out.
- ✓ Street light at the southern end of McGill that has the school zone sign hanging on it is out and/or sometimes remains on during the day.
- ✓ Street light across the street from the Frosty Stand is out.
- ✓ Street light at the bottom of Avenue D is out.
- ✓ Street light behind #36 6<sup>th</sup> Street is out.
- ✓ Street light behind #36 7<sup>th</sup> Street is out.
- ✓ The first 2 street lights are out on Avenue G as you head up toward the school.
- ✓ #35 5<sup>th</sup> Street by Avenue B and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is out.
- ✓ The street light at the top of Avenue H and 1<sup>st</sup> Street goes on and off.
- ✓ All of the lights on Avenue F in upper townsite are out.
- ✓ Once those lights have been changed to LED lighting, then JW Electric is to begin at the most northern end of McGill and go south until he runs out of supplies.
- ✓ JW Electric is to save any usable parts from the old lights for future repairs.

#### STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the Public Works Director sent her an aerial shot of the street signs they placed in McGill. She and the secretary compared that map with the map McGill submitted. McGill's map shows requested stop signs on Avenue B and First Street. She drove up to inspect the 4-way stop and saw that it was placed at the corner of Avenue B and Smelter. This is a block away and the Council did not request any 4-way stops in their original request.

Council Chairperson Ballandby requested the residents in this area to monitor these areas and report back if there are any problems.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the secretary prepare correspondence to the Public Works Director showing the 2 maps in comparison and request they double check this.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported there was only 5 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Peterson had indicated that he would be there, but something may have come up because he did not make it to the meeting.

#### YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the Christmas Parade will be on Second Street on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M., the theme will be an Old Fashioned Christmas. Following the parade Santa is planned to visit the McGill Senior/Community Center.

#### BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, reported that the old theatre has recently sold. The new owner, Rudy Herdon, will be putting a new roof on the building in the near future.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller reported that he spoke with Mr. Herdon about the IOOF Hall. The contractor has completed the asbestos abatement and other construction will begin soon.

#### CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

#### McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, McGill Rep, reported that they will be holding a cookie and candy sale on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the McGill Senior/Community Center. Also, the “Pick-A-Pole” decorating contest will be held again this year, with prizes awarded to the best decorated pole. This year they will be decorating First and Second Streets.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:

The secretary reported that she spoke with a person from the County Maintenance Department. They have taped and textured the library side of the Kinnear Library building and they were in the process of lowering the ceiling in the Town Council office. They are continuing to work inside the Kinnear Library/Town Hall building as weather permits.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further 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 7:58 P.M.