

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on November 21, 2017 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:04 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Andy McVicars, Member

Absent Council Member:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org
Stacy Laird, MRA/Business Rep
Eva Trimble, Kinneer Library/Cultural Center

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. reporting that the Chairman and one of the Council Members are absent. Also, County Commissioner Stork sent an e-mail explaining that he would not be able to attend this meeting, and that there were no issues about McGill to report this month.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby called for any comments from the audience.

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org, addressed the Council explaining that he had a little excitement at the Old Safety Industries Building. He had some people try to break into the building. When he approached them, they explained that the Widow Hastings hired them to come and remove the antiques from the building. He had explained to the people that he purchased the building from White Pine County, not the City of Ely, Mr. Hastings had been informed about the tax title sale and the County had given him a certain date in which he had to remove anything from the building that he wanted, and that now all contents belonged to him. They were argumentative and he had to call the Sheriff's Office. They left, but he has a feeling that they will return.

John Fitzgerald reported that he has been working with the Airport Advisory Board regarding the planned air races at Yelland Field. So far, they have several racers who have made commitments to attend. He will provide the Town Council with a copy of their finalized air flight map. They are hoping to have a large turnout for the air races. The participants usually travel here in their motorhomes. Many bring their classic vehicles/motor cycles; and they stay in the area for several days.

John Fitzgerald reported that he experienced a delay in getting his 501C-19 status filed with the Secretary of State in Nevada. He had previously had his 501C-19 filed in the State of Washington, but he was required to file again in Nevada in order to be able to utilize the tax exempt status. Because of those delays, he will have to pay taxes in excess of \$3,000. He has also received an outstanding landfill bill, and he is negotiating with the McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water District regarding the outstanding amount owed for their services.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MINUTE BOOKS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES:

The secretary explained that, after reviewing the budget, she would ask to carry this agenda item until the next meeting.

The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda.

STATUS REPORT ON RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Council Member McVicars explained that the Chairman, and himself, met with the Public Works Director, Bill Calderwood, at the Kinneer Library Building. They studied the plans and made some possible revisions. Bill Calderwood explained to them that he had a few issues regarding the fire codes.

Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, addressed the Council explaining that they had previously offered volunteers to come help the County while renovating. Their volunteers are still offering their services. They would prefer a little advance notice when their assistance will be required.

Council Member McVicars assured Ms. Trimble that he will forward their offer on to the Public Works Director.

Council Member McVicars suggested to hold a special meeting so everyone could provide input regarding the proposed revisions.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby, noted; if more than 2 Council members are present, there will have to be a posted agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Dubrutz motioned to approve the minutes from the McGill Town Council meeting dated October 17, 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. Letter from GSS Project regarding 70 ft. cell tower in McGill.
2. Secretary Monthly Report.
3. Letter from Mt. Wheeler Power offering free electrical for Christmas lighting.
4. Letter to District Attorney regarding billboards in McGill Town.
5. Copy of map for proposed Air Races at Yelland Field.
6. Copies of e-mails from John Fitzgerald.
7. Deposit in the amount of \$30.00 for sale of book.
8. E-mail from Commissioner Stork.
9. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water GID agenda.

The Council referred to the letter from GSS regarding the proposed 70 foot cell town to be installed on Avenue F. The Council directed the secretary to place this matter on the next Town Council agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE:

The following bills were read into the record as follows:

Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 2.19
Graphics and Technology Center (Letterhead)	\$ 50.00
Sanitary Septic Service (Labor Day toilets)	\$509.60
Suburban Propane (propane tank rental at Kinnear Library)	\$ 48.00
Bath Lumber (park supplies/picnic table)	\$297.46
OPI (Monthly copy machine fee)	\$ 29.99
Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 66.69

Council Member McVicars motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Nothing new to report.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Nothing new to report.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

The secretary reported that Greg Irby has built the picnic table, as soon as it is painted, they will bring it up to the Center. He also has a new community bulletin board built, and he will install in a few weeks.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 33% into their budget year with only 9% of their revenues coming in so far. Their budget spreadsheet shows that McGill is presently 25% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Everyone listed the following street lights that were out or going on and off:

First Street and Avenue C – stays on all the time

Second Street and Avenue H – light is out

First Street and Avenue K – flashes on and off

Along the Circle – lights flash on and off

Main Street and Avenue J – light is out

Light across from Marie's Café – light is out

Main Street by the Frosty Stand – is out

Behind the Post Office – light flashes on and off

The Council directed the secretary to forward those concerns on to the Chairman who is assigned to the Street Lights.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz reported that the streets are looking good – he has nothing new to report.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were 10 persons in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Jeramiah Peterson was in attendance. Officer Peterson reminded everyone to lock their doors during the holiday season. There had been some burglaries in and around Ely, one person was apprehended, but he would still caution people to lock their doors. Deputy Peterson asked to receive notice whenever there are planned activities involving youth so he could make a presentation. The Neighborhood Watch suggested that he attend the Library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, because that is when the School District busses the entire First grade class to the Center where volunteers are ready to provide “one on one” reading lessons.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member McVicars reported they are presently working on the annual Christmas Parade. It will be held on December 9th at 11:00 a.m. Santa has forwarded the message that he will be on hand to listen to the Christmas wishes.

Council Member McVicars reported that a group of volunteers are gathering food for the needy in McGill. If anyone knows of someone in need this Christmas, they need to provide him with the names so they can put together a food basket for them.

Stacy Laird, MRA, noted that she has a person who would like to donate \$50 to help purchase turkeys for those in need.

Council Member McVicars agreed that they will accept donated turkeys to be added to the food basket.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER:

Nothing new to report.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported their organization is getting ready to the annual McGill Christmas parade on December 9th. They are working on their annual cookie and candy sale, as well.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice- Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments.

Council Member McVicars reported that a local resident (Mr. Timko) has been volunteering many hours in cleaning in and around the Catholic Church. He is pleased that people are taking pride in their community. When other people see someone volunteering time to clean up the community, then word spreads and others come forward to help make McGill a nicer place to live.

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative. Org, reported there will be an Airport Advisory Board meeting on December 7th to discuss the upcoming Air Races at Yelland Field. There are more people becoming interested in these planned races.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought forward, the Regular McGill Town Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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