

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on October 19, 2021 at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 7:00 P.M.

The following Town Council Members were in attendance:

Joshua Miller, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Victoria Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Matthew Noriega, McGill Volunteer Training Officer
Cristie George, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Brian Pay, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
David Willis, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Kristen Deshane, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Tylor Deshane, McGill volunteer Fire Dept.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for comments from the audience.
There were no comments at this time.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Chairman Miller reported that he had been in contact with Steve Backus, who is the person the Council was going to contract with to make the plaques for the Memorial Trees. Lately he has not been able to catch up with Mr. Backus, so possibly the Council needs to consider the alternative idea of getting small name plates made up, then placed in cement. It had been previously suggested to work with Wilson Bates Mortuary to get the plaques made up. Council Chairman Miller suggested carry this matter on the agenda again.

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

Kyle Horvath, WPC Tourism & Rec Board, addressed the Council thanking them for keeping his item on the agenda. There is no rush right now to make a decision on the next mural because of the weather; so he would like to work with the Council regarding the possibility of a billboard/posterboard type sign at the South end of McGill welcoming travelers to McGill (previous suggested ideas “Welcome to McGill” “Home of the Oldest Ball Park in the State of Nevada”). Whatever Rudy Herndon (Shellraiser Music Festival) does not donate toward the posterboard, the Tourism & Rec Board will do when they employ the services of an artist to paint the mural.

Council Member Ballandby suggested attaching a posterboard on the south fence surrounding the McGill Ball Park.

Kyle Horvath reported that the Railroad received the SNPLMA grant to build the tracks leading to the McGill Railroad Depot. There has been talk about scheduling college baseball games in McGill, where the players could hop on the train in Ely and travel to McGill for them to play. Kyle Horvath referred to the White Pine Tourism pamphlet recently mailed out to the residents. They hope to add to the tourism guide, and they would like to start front line staff training this winter so they can become ambassadors for White Pine County.

The Council thanked Kyle Horvath for providing his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was noted for the record there was not a quorum present to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILL/AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 27.83
Bath Lumber (Park supplies/equipment)	\$302.30
CMC Tire (tires)	\$549.10
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 34.06
Delores Manchester (reimbursement postage)	\$ 58.00

Council Member Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

No new nuisances reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Letter to NDOT re: sidewalks.
3. Letter to Brett North re: meetings.
4. Letter to WPC Finance Director re: thanks for service.
5. Letter to WPC Sheriff re: thanks for service/dummy car.
6. Memo to WPC Road Dept. re: faded street sign.
7. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.

ANIMALS AT LARGE:

Council Member Maestes reported there was a rumor being circulated that someone was keeping a cougar at the horse corrals. She knows this statement is not true.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Ballandby reported that she has received a few concerns expressed to her by residents that McGill had not maintained the trees that had been purchased in memory of persons who had passed. She had also heard concerns expressed that the weeds had not been cleaned away from the front of the Town Hall and Fire Station; and that the weeds had not been cleared away from the slope around the Ball Park.

It was suggested that a list be put together for the job description.

It was noted that the water has been turned off at the parks. The Council discussed what date will be the final date for the seasonal parks employees to work. It was decided there is sufficient projects to keep both seasonal employees on the job until November 15, 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported there has been no new revenues received in the McGill budget since the previous meeting, which is not unusual as revenues come in quarterly. She had noticed that the line item that is to make the street light electrical payments has not shown any activity or payments made. She will inquire about this when she goes to the Finance Department.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Victoria Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council providing them with a list of all the McGill Volunteer Firemen. Noting there are currently 15 volunteer firefighters. She apologizes for not being available during the annual Labor Day festivities. She would like a list of all the activities the Council would like them to participate in, so they can plan in advance.

Fire Chief Noriega reported that they had responded to 14 medical calls, 1 fire, and 2 vehicle accidents this past month. They have been attending training and they hold regular business meetings. They are currently considering attending an EMT training class. This past Sunday, they spent several hours cleaning the McGill Fire Station. They turned on Station lights the other night in honor of one of their Firefighters who was sick.

STREET SIGNS:

Council Chairman Miller reported there was a street light across from #13 6th Street which is out; however, the secretary explained that light has been reported previously, but there is no inventory in stock to replace the defective LED light.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that Avenue A and Second Street (leading toward the highway) has been washed out. The Council directed the secretary to send a Memo to the Road Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there were only 3 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed the recent vandalism at the Ball Park. She also reported that she is not sure on the timeframe on the “Tagging Board” that had been planned to be placed at the McGill Circle Park.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Stacy Laird, McGill MRA, reported that they are presently planning Christmas activities. They have selected December 11th at 11:00 A.M. for the parade and the arrival of Santa.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, reported that Michael Nass (Nass Lock and Key) will be leasing his storefront. He will keep his Lock and Key business in the building, but the showroom floor will be another vendor.

Council Chairman Miller referred to the mural at the south side of the Pony Express Gas Mart. Noting that cars are blocking the view of the mural. Also, the trash dumpster is blocking the view. The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence regarding this matter.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that the MRA will be assisting with Santa’s arrival to McGill, they will help with the parade and with the food drive.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller 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 8:10 A.M.