

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on September 18, 2018 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:02 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Ed Dubrutz, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Absent Council member: Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Krish Rozich, Aquatics Director
Raymond Maestes
Chris Maestes
Darin Wallis, WPC Sheriff Deuty

Council Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 7:02

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars addressed the assemblage noting that there had been a few violations of the Open Meeting Law in the previous meeting. There had been a few people who had used curse words, another person spoke unkindly about the job performance of a county employee, another made comments about a former county employee, and several people spoke out of turn. Nevada Open Meeting Law (section 11.01) states “when a violation of the Open Meeting Law occurs, the Office of the Attorney General recommends that the public body immediately cure the violation. Although it may not obliterate the violation, corrective action should be taken so that the business of the government is accomplished in the open.” Roberts Rules of Order (section 36) states that a person “must confine himself to the question immediately before the assembly and avoid personalities. He cannot reflect upon any past act of the assembly...” “The officers of the assembly should always be referred to by their official titles.” “If at any time the Chair rises to state “point of order” or otherwise speak within his privileges, the member speaking must take his seat until the Chair has been heard”. Disorderly words are not allowed, comments should be made in the “positive”, and not the “negative”.

Council Member Rivera questioned why they cannot say something about a person who is not in the meeting. He was referred to NRS 241.030(1) as it is written at the bottom of the McGill agendas.

Compliments were made about how nice the McGill Business District is looking.

Council Member Rivera questioned, if the Council is cleaning and painting property in the Business District, will people expect the Council to clean their personal property, also.

Council Chairman McVicars explained that the goal is to help make the business district look better to travelers going through town.

Council Member Rivera suggested that the next grant project, that McGill submit the application for the Veterans Park (formerly referred to as the Fountain Park).

McGILL SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS:

Aquatics Director Rozich provided a packet to the Council, explaining that she had done some research with diving board companies, and they are all stating the same thing “that they will not sell their product without the proper bottom to the swimming pool. McGill’s pool is an outdoor facility and does not meet their requirements. She checked further into the “Ship Wreck” and she does feel that it is something that can be added to the McGill Pool. She has also found an aqua trampoline that looks that it might be a nice improvement to the McGill pool. Most of the pool accessories are now made with inflatable material. She has been working with the Public Works Director, and then she can take the final approved items to the BOCC for final approval.

Council Chairman McVicars stated that he still likes the Ship Wreck.

PURCHASE OF A SECOND LAWN MOWER AS A BACK-UP FOR THE MCGILL PARKS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby showed a picture of the lawn mower that is for sale for \$4,500. It is a used mower and is for sale in Ely.

McGill Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby stated that a mower of that type sells for \$7,800 new, and he feels there is a need to obtain a second lawn mower for McGill parks.

Council Chairman McVicars suggested obtaining some price comparable prices.

Council Member Rivera agreed with checking for comparable prices, and he also questions the warrantee.

Council Member Dubrutz offered to research mowers and have the information available for the next meeting.

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

MCGILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

The secretary reported that she heard from the owner of the Sheriff's Office Building. He drove to McGill to see the finished project and was very pleased with the painting project.

Council Member Dubrutz suggested, for the next business district project, to ask the owner of the building to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated August 21, 2018 as presented.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

Council Member Dubrutz abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was mailed or received since the previous meeting:

1. Letter to Joseph Gonzalez, CAF, thanking him for his presentation and welcoming the CAF Third Wing to McGill.
2. Secretary monthly report.
3. Copies of Mt. Wheeler Power billings for the previous month.
4. Letter to Justice Court documenting community service working hours.
5. Letter from Chris's Service regarding dyed diesel usage.
6. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water District agenda.
7. 2 copies of JW Electric Statement.
8. Information regarding swimming pool improvements.
9. Memo to WPC Finance Director requesting copies of electric & water billings.
10. Memo to WPC Sheriff Henriod regarding nuisance complaints.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 2.29
White Pine County Road Department (Parks gasoline)	\$ 246.86
C & B Auto Parks (parks operating)	\$ 212.34
Fireworks West Internationale (Labor Day fireworks)	\$5,000.00
JW Electric (street light repairs)	\$ 512.50
Bradley's Bestway Market (coolant for mower)	\$ 14.88
Bath Lumber (cleaning supplies-town beautification-park operating)	\$ 984.22
OPI (monthly service charge for copy machine)	\$ 29.99
Bradley's Bestway Market (picnic)	\$1,228.09
Bradley's Bestway Market (Honor Camp refreshments)	\$ 124.85

Bradley's Bestway Market (cleaning supplies-copy paper)	\$ 49.41
JW Electric (repair of street lights)	\$1,075.00

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.
Council Member Dubrutz seconded the motion.
Council Chairman McVicar abstained from voting on the voucher for Honor Camp refreshments, because he is an employee of the Honor Camp.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Sheriff Deputy Wallis addressed the Council explaining that he had just received McGill's list of concerns that had been expressed in the previous meeting. He will be responding to all the concerns listed.

Raymond Maestes reported that the lot at #35 Avenue C has a lot of dry brush and he fears it is a severe fire danger.

The Council directed the secretary to send a memo to the White Pine Fire District Chief requesting that he inspect that address, assess if there is a fire danger, and proceed accordingly.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No concerns expressed.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

McGill Parks Groundskeeper, Ballandby, reported that he has replaced about 45 sprinkler heads in the parks so far this year. He had to rebuild some over valves. He has also been cleaning out the gutters. Now that the weather is turning cooler, he will begin trimming trees. He will also try to get the gopher population under control. Next year he would like to purchase some weed and feed and spread it right after the snow thaws in early spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she had not received the financial report from the Finance Department. She would like to point out that the Town Beautification project has costs more than what was budgeted. She will need to transfer about \$400 to cover the additional costs.

The Council directed the secretary to transfer funds from miscellaneous and put it into Town Beautification.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that there are still a few lights out that need repair, but she is very pleased with the way JW Electric is itemizes the billing statement. She would also note, that the old cobra head inventory is now gone, and JW Electric will be installing the LED lights they recently purchased. JW Electric also noted there are only 12 LED lights remaining in the inventory, and then they will have to purchase more.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Dubrutz noted there are no street signs problems to report.

Council Member Rivera noted that the County Road Department was in McGill patching some of the streets, but he noticed there are some gutter areas that have washed out, and some of the gravel is also washed out.

Raymond Maestes reported that traffic is still speeding at the bottom of Avenue and South Second Street. He would like to have a stop sign placed at that location.

The secretary explained that it is a lengthy process to have an ordinance adopted before any new stop signs can be installed.

Council Member Dubrutz explained that the bottom of Avenue C leading to South Second Street is a down hill slope. A stop sign cannot be placed at that location because when there is snow on the road, traffic will not be able to stop. Also, Avenue C curves into 2nd Street – this is not an intersection.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were 9 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. A guest speaker showed up (Justice of the Peace Steven Bishop) to explain court procedure.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

No report given.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

No report given.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Council Chairman noted that work will not resume until this winter.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has seen the McGill Drug Store Museum open on most weekends now. The Museum is being manned by volunteers and they have been visited by as many as 35-40 visitors each weekend. He has visited the McGill Drug Store Museum and enjoyed looking at the account ledger. He found that fascinating to recognize names of residents from many years ago.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars commented that she has noticed that the school buses are not stopping at the railroad tracks.

Sheriff Deputy Wallis explained that the railroad tracks at the Club 50 are out of services, so it is not necessary for the bus to stop.

Raymond Maestes commented that he has seen many persons parking up on the sidewalks in town, and that people are parking on the wrong side of the street.

McGill Parks Groundkeeper Ballandby noted that somebody had driven a heavy vehicle across the lawn at the Ball Park.

Council Member Rivera suggested locking the gate so people cannot drive on the Ball Park lawn.

McGill Groundskeeper Ballandby assured him that he would look into this.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought to the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.