

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on December 17, 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  
Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director  
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA  
Raymond Maestes  
Rudy Herndon, IOOF Hall/Theatre

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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 any comments from the audience.

Rudy Herndon, IOOF Hall/Theatre owner/operator, addressed the Council explaining that, during the past month, he has had the roof replaced at the McGill Theatre. He will be working on the Theatre in phases; they hope to bring it back to life within the next few years; it is their plan to show old movies, concerts, and special events. He is also continue to work on the IOOF Hall. They plan on installing radiant heat and AC in the floors. They have ordered custom made doors for the IOOF Hall, but he will not have them installed until they are ready to open because he does not wish to have the doors damaged during the rest of the renovations. They are still planning on naming his Coffee House "Middle of Every Where", he has already filed the business name with the State of Nevada, and in the Clerk's Office as a fictitious name.

The Council thanked Mr. Herndon for his update and assured him that the McGill Town Council is here to help him in any way.

FOR THE MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR A SPEED LIMIT TO ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SPEED LIMITS IN MCGILL UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED:

Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director, addressed the Council explaining that during his research, he learned that both McGill and Lund did not have their speed limits written in the WPC Codes. He met with the Sheriff, and the Sheriff recommended working on establishing an ordinance. The Sheriff had

explained to him that if a sign is posted 25 mph, drivers will usually go 5 mph, or 30 mph, over the posted speed limit; he would like the Town Council to keep that in mind when making their decision.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller noted that he would prefer to go with the posted lower speed limit of 20 mph and keep the school zone posted at 15 mph. State Highway, or Main Street, should probably remain at the posted 25 mph.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to establish the posted speed limit at 20 miles per hour throughout the Town of McGill, with the exception of the school zones to be posted at 15 miles per hour, and the State Highway (Fourth/Main Street) to be posted at 25 miles per hour.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO REQUEST THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SPEED LIMITS IN MCGILL:

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to send correspondence to the WPC District Attorney stating that his above listed motion (establish the posted speed limit at 20 miles per hour throughout the Town of McGill, with the exception of the school zones at 15 miles per hour, and the State Highway, Fourth/Main Street, at 25 miles per hour).

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO WHITE PINE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE MCGILL EMS BUILDING:

Council Vice-Chairman Miller noted for the record that he has already provided a draft of the letter to the Board of County Commissioners to each Council Member for them to review and make any suggested revisions. The draft letter was in reference to long awaiting repairs to the McGill EMS Building. He is asking the Council if they agree with the letter.

It was the consensus of the Council to each sign the letter and have the secretary deliver the letter to the BOCC with a copy to the District Attorney.

Below is a copy of the letter:

December 17, 2019

White Pine County  
Board of County Commissioners  
c/o Courthouse  
801 Clark Street  
Ely, Nevada 89301

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners (BOCC),

We, the Members of the McGill Town Council wish this letter was not necessary; however, your inaction makes this letter necessary.

The circumstances with regards to some of the most rudimentary repairs and necessities requested by the McGill Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) have gone unanswered. A few in particular, are the entreated restrooms, showers and eye washing station additions negligence. These would all appear to be major violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

standards. A complaint from MVFD to OSHA now seems unavoidable. Furthermore, the fact that MVFD members have none of the above seems to fall under dereliction of duty by the BOCC.

It is well known that during the last several turbulent months, there have been many complications with the White Pine County Fire Department/District. To the dismay of many residents in White Pine County, the BOCC selected to eliminate the paid Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians working at Station 1. This has placed an undue burden on the volunteers of every volunteer organization in the county. Also with the loss of Station 1 came the end of the availability to use the proper shower and decontamination facilities there. The BOCC has been cognizant of the lack of facilities in the MVFD for many months, if not years. Yet it still selects to not make any amends to the basic requirements for the MVFD staff. The fact that no compensation for the most fundamental items has been achieved, is deplorable. With all due respect to the BOCC, this situation at hand is unacceptable.

The members of the MVFD are not required to go on any medical or fire calls. However, most of them still choose to do such eagerly believing the BOCC appreciates their service. They do so fully understanding that they place their own safety in jeopardy every time they leave Station 2 on a call. They do such out of love and respect for the people and the community they live in. Yet the BOCC elects not to even lease out or purchase portable restrooms, showers or eye flushing stations for temporary placement in Station 2 for the MVFD members.

It was noted that the estimates for these before mentioned additions was provided by Day Engineering on July 31, 2019. The estimation was inordinately high around \$299,000. The BOCC wrote back to the MVFD on August 30, 2019 and stated that MVFD staff would have to yet again wait for said facilities to be added to the next fiscal year's agenda. This would place completion of said items to be added for use to MVFD all the way into 2021, if they are fortunate.

MVFD members have been, and hopefully, will continue to voluntarily place their personal health and safety in jeopardy because they cherish the wellbeing of the people and their community. Both MVFD members and their families' health will continue to be involuntarily and unnecessarily jeopardized as long as Station 2 lacks proper decontamination and hygienic facilities. The BOCC will be held liable if it continues to fail to provide such provisions and any health issue arises. If the BOCC is not able to dutifully delegate any additions the MVFD it so dearly needs, maybe it can at least purchase or rent less inflated temporary items that will assist MVFD members with proper sterility while they continue to await permanent ones. MVFD staff have already begun the process of acquiring a more diverse and more cost efficient estimate to the outrageous \$299,000 previous approximation. When it is available, it will be forwarded to the BOCC.

Respectfully submitted,

McGILL TOWN COUNCIL

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson  
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman  
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member  
Danielle Jensen, Member  
Chris Maestes, Member



CC: WPC District Attorney

Public Works Director Calderwood explained that he has been working on plans for the restrooms at the McGill EMS Building. He would suggest that the restrooms be situated at the South side of the building. He is asking in reference to the washer and dryer.

Vice-Chairman Miller explained that they have been requesting restrooms, shower stalls, eye flush stations, and a washer & dryer. Noting that it is imperative that emergency workers wash away any hazardous materials away after responding to an emergency and before going home to their family. They also need weather stripping around all the doors.

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

The secretary explained that the only communication regarding this agenda item has come from the WP Chamber Director, Wayne Cameron. She has not heard from Mr. Horvath.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to Mr. Horvath inviting him to the next meeting, and to carry the item on the agenda.

REQUEST TO PLACE ICE SKATING RINK IN MCGILL:

The secretary reported that these volunteers are requesting to remove this item from the agenda. They will schedule the matter on the agenda later next year, giving them time to work on their plans.

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

Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep, reported that she has not been able to speak with the proprietor of D-Zine.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated November 19, 2019.

Council Vice-Chairman Miller seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Memo to WPC Finance Director requesting revisions to new budget report format.
3. Invitation to Annual Christmas Dinner sponsored by WP Chamber.
4. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water agenda.
5. Memo to Public Works Director regarding placement of stop/yield signs.
6. Deposit in the amount of \$25 for rental of Center.
7. Memo to Public Works Director regarding locking of Ball Park during construction.
8. Memo to Public Works Director regarding repair to the McGill Smelting Pot.
9. Memo requesting to change locks at the McGill Senior/Community Center.
10. Letter to JW Electric listing additional lights to be changed to LED.
11. E-mail from Public Works Director requesting agenda items.
12. Letter from WPC Clerk requesting annual report.

The secretary reported that the Council received the request from the County Clerk asking for the Council's annual report. She will begin working on the draft and have the draft ready in time for the next Town Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$2,694.00
(color copy machine)	
Battle Born Media-Ely LLC	14.95
(Name plate for new council member)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 144.00
(Christmas candy & oranges for Santa to Deliver)	
OPI	\$ 29.99
(monthly copy machine contract)	

Council Vice-Chairman Miller motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Maestes reported that the person who moved out of #26 Fourth Street left the yard in a terrible mess.

Public Works Director Calderwood reported that the house located at #16 Avenue C has been successfully abated.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that the Parks Manager has been looking at obtaining a gassing machine as a more humane way to get rid of the gophers in the parks.

Public Works Director Calderwood explained that the County Parks Department has one of the gassing machines. It is presently located at the Golf Course. McGill will be able to reserve/borrow the machine after giving sufficient notice.

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It was noted that the contractor at the Ball Park has been securing all gates at the facility after finishing his work; however, there are still a few holes in the fence where people are getting into the park. Also, the Parks Manager does not have the new key to the Ball Park gates.

Public Works Director Calderwood answered that he can obtain key # 1-49 by contacting the Maintenance secretary.

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Council Chairperson Ballandby noted that the one gate at the Ball Park needs to be replaced, and the dirt under the gate needs to be leveled off.

Public Works Director Calderwood explained that the Road Department will have to charge McGill for their services because that Department is funded through Road Tax Dollars (a different fund from White Pine County).

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Public Works Director Calderwood reported that the smelting pot located at the Avenue K Park has had the hole repaired.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she had requested a few modifications to be new budget report that is printed by the White Pine Finance Department. The secretary provided the Council with a condensed version on how to read the financial budget printout form. Presently McGill is 50% into their budget year, with 76% of their revenues coming. Presently McGill is 81% spent.

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Public Works Director Calderwood reported that WPC is preparing C.D.B.G. grant applications for the repair of the slag ditch in McGill. Grant application will be for \$33,500 engineering and \$385,000 for construction. County obligation for the slag ditch is only half of the ditch. The slag ditch grant application will be the first grant submitted. The storm water drainage C.D.B.G. grant application will have to be submitted in phases because the engineering is estimated at \$827,000 and total construction will exceed nine million dollars. This will be the second C.D.B.G. grant application that will be submitted in phases.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that she had turned in a long list of street lights to be repaired/replaced with LED. Many of the lights have been replaced; however JW Electric is still working on the list. After the list has been replaced, then JW Electric will begin at the northern end of Main Street and replace lights going south. End result will be less electric bill for lighting and less repairs because all the lights will be new. As each light has been converted to LED, JW Electric has been notifying Mt. Wheeler Power because of the lower electrical rates.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Jensen reported that the yield street sign located at the corner of First and Avenue G has been painted with graffiti. The stop sign located at the corner of Avenue K and Second Street is leaning sideways. There is a tree blocking the street sign located at the corner of Avenue H and Third Street.

Council Member Maestes noted there has been several deer, elk, and antelope that have been getting hit by travelers in McGill and at both entrances to McGill. There are several watering holes located at the lower portion of McGill and the wildlife is crossing through town to drink. She would correspondence sent to NDOT asking if they could place warning signs cautioning travelers of the wildlife crossing the highway at both ends of McGill.

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Public Works Director Calderwood referred to the previous discussions from McGill citizens complaining about the stop signs that had been recently placed in Townsite. He and the Sheriff drove around McGill and came up with the suggested locations. They also followed the recommendations from the McGill Town Council.

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that the Town Council has suggested to the residents in the area, that they go through the winter. If they still have concerns about the placement of some of the stop signs, then return to the Town Council with their suggestions.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported that there was only 4 persons who attended the McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They will be working on ideas in which to entice residents to become interested in the program. This is the longest running Neighborhood Watch Program in the State of Nevada, and McGill needs to keep it going.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that Santa came to the McGill Senior/Community Center following the parade. Santa listened to the requests from the McGill youth. Bradley's Bestway Market donated the apples and oranges that Santa handed out. Town Council purchased the candy canes. She did have a person offer to purchase the left over candy canes. She will forward those funds to the secretary to be deposited in the town's account.

The Council signed a Thank You Card to Bradley's Bestway Market for the donation.

**BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:**

No report given.

**CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:**

It was reported that someone is still obtaining entry to the McGill Senior/Community Center. They are accessing the back portion of the building and using the computers and internet.

Public Works Director Calderwood explained that the core to the locks cost \$50 each and the keys cost \$5 each. He learned that the Town Council office has not been experiencing any problems, so he does not feel that the key needs to be replaced at this time. He would suggest that all outside doors have the core of the locks changed. Once the Town Council moves into the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building, he can move the new locks cores over. There are only 2 outside doors to the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building, therefore he would suggest that the 3<sup>rd</sup> key be used to lock the volunteer library, that way the library key will match the outer locks. The Town Council office key will remain at #8-2. He will rely on the McGill Town Council secretary to keep an inventory of the keys handed out. Once she receives all the old keys, and once she hands out all the new keys (signature required), then she can provide the Maintenance Department with a copy of the full inventory list.

**McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:**

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA planned the parade and they held a cookie and candy sale while Santa was listening to the wishes of the McGill youth. The next project the MRA will work on will be the arrival of the Easter Bunny in the Spring.

**RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY/TOWN HALL BUILDING:**

Public Works Director Calderwood reported that his Maintenance Crew has just about completed the renovations to the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building. They are presently painting all the walls. He is seeking direction from the McGill Town Council on how they would like to proceed, and he would like the Town Council to designate one Council Member to be his contact person.

The Council explained that the volunteer library ladies have requested carpeting in the library side of the building. Possibly have lament flooring in the Council Meeting Chambers and possibly polish the cement flooring leading from the entrances to the kitchen, hall, and restrooms.

The Council designated Vice-Chairman Miller as the contact person to answer questions and give directions.

**McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:**

No report given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the audience.

Stacy Laird, MRA, requested that a Thank You letter be sent to the McGill Grade School thanking everyone for helping with the food drive.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further comments or questions to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.