

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on March 19, 2019 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:00 P.M.

The follow McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Balandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Chris Maestes, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Richard Howe, WPC Commissioner
Darin Wallis, WPC Deputy Sheriff
Krish Rozich, WPC Aquatics Director
Lisa Ashby, WPC Aquatics Dept.
Raymond Maestes
Jeff Williams, JW Electric
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA
Eva Trimble, Cultural Center/Library
Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Chas Hollingsworth, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Hal Hollingsworth, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
Sadie McVicars,
Sadie Goff

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

Richard Howe, WPC Commissioner, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the audience.

County Commissioner, Richard Howe, addressed the Council reporting that the Board of County Commissioners reinstated the horse races this year – they have named Carl Gregory as the Fire Department head due to the recent resignation of Mr. Regan – the BOCC is still working on their budgets as they need to submit a balanced budget by April – the McGill Town Council budget looked good as submitted – there are 2 new County Commissioners this year and they will be busy learning their new responsibilities – the McGill Swimming will be opening in May – and he would like to assure the McGill Town Council that he is 100% behind the County and the WP Fire District.

The secretary inquired about the 1945 Red Cross Ambulance. It had been recently moved to the Fire Station on the McGill Highway as per Tim Regan’s request. He was going to begin restoring the ambulance.

Commissioner Howe assured the Town Council that he would speak with him about the matter.

Eva Trimble, volunteer Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, addressed the Council expressing concerns about the cleanliness of the Senior/Cultural Center. When the Town Council first employed the services of a custodian, that person did a much better job than he is doing now.

Council Chairman McVicars assured her that he would speak with the custodian.

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has spoken with the Building Inspector. His department has funds in his budget for the abatement of dangerous buildings.

Commissioner Howe explained that it takes a lot of money to tear down a house that poses a danger under the abatement of dangerous law. He would suggest that McGill Town Council prepare a list buildings that pose a danger, and list the project in priority order.

The Council directed their secretary to place this matter on the next agenda.

STATUS REPORT/UPDATE FROM WP AQUATICS DIRECTOR ON MCGILL SWIMMING POOL AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MCGILL SWIMMING POOL:

Krish Rozich, WPC Aquatics Director, addressed the Council explaining that they are very low on staff right now. Normally they need 29 lifeguards during the summer months to cover the Aquatics Center and the McGill Swimming Pool. Training of lifeguards is extensive, it is a 25 hour course (8 of those hours are on line), the course costs \$115.00, but the lifeguards get some of that money back after the lifeguard works so many hours.

Jennifer Hollingsworth, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, announced that she is a product of McGill Town Council's generosity, as they paid for her advanced EMT training several years ago. She has paid McGill back by serving as a paid and volunteer EMT/Firefighter for the past several years.

Council Member Rivera agreed with helping a lifeguard training program, providing they are willing to serve the community all summer long.

Council Chairman McVicars agreed. Stating that the McGill Town Council would do whatever is necessary to ensure that there will be enough lifeguards available to man the McGill Swimming Pool.

The Council directed their secretary to place this matter on the next agenda.

COST ESTIMATE/POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC ANNOUNCING (PA) SYSTEM FOR THE MCGILL BALL PARK:

Jennifer Hollingsworth addressed the Council again, explaining that ball season is rapidly approaching. They would like to be able to purchase a public announcing system to be used at the McGill Ball Park. She has provided the Council with 3 price quotes for the PA system. They would also like to have a porta potty ordered for the Ball Park.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to authorize the delivery of 2 porta potties to the McGill Ball Park, with the billing being mailed to the McGill Town Council.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to authorize the purchase of a Public Announcing System, with the amount NOT to exceed \$250.00.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

STATUS REPORT ON MEETING WITH WHITE PINE COUNTY SHERIFF REGARDING PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL STOP/YIELD AND SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS IN MCGILL:

Council Member Maestes reported that she had met with the Sheriff. The Sheriff requested an updated map because their signs needed to be stop, yield, stop, yield, etc. She will meet with the Sheriff after the new map has been finished.

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

Council Member Rivera pointed out that this may be an ongoing item for a while. In the meantime, he would like to have correspondence sent to NDOT regarding the flashing school zone sign, asking them to upgrade the sign. This sign is very old and can hardly be seen by the passing/speeding motorists.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare this correspondence.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STREET LIGHTS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET IN MCGILL:

The secretary explained that she had not received a response from the Finance Director regarding this matter. She would also point out that the budget has to be submitted to the State by April 15th.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated February 19, 2019.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Revised 2019-2020 budget.
2. Memo to WPC Sheriff regarding nuisance abatements.
3. Memo to WPC Fire Chief regarding 1945 Red Cross Ambulance.
4. Memo to WPC Finance Director regarding budget revision.
5. Memo to WPC Finance IT regarding color multifunction printer.
6. Deposit of funds in the amount of \$200.00 for the sale of McGill History Books.
7. Secretarial monthly report.
8. E-mail from VeteransInitiative.org regarding sand cast & lost wax foundry in McGill.
9. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power requesting power pole checking.
10. Memo to WPC Public Works Director regarding faded street sign.
11. McGill Neighborhood Watch Tip of the Month.
12. E-mail from WP Chamber soliciting volunteer to help at air race.
13. WPC Resolution No. 2019.
14. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

The following bills were read into the record:

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Cynthia Angelopoulos (reimbursement for Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$32.99
Bradley's Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$21.34
Bradley's Bestway Market (trash bags/ice melt)	\$43.87
OPI (copy machine monthly contract)	\$29.99
Delores Manchester (reimbursement for picture frames)	\$24.00

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher to her in the amount of \$32.99.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Requested nuisance abatements were listed as follows:

1. #15 Avenue D – trailer full of trash – need to be reminded to haul their trash again.
2. #2 Avenue E – 2 vehicles that have been tagged that have not been moved yet.
3. #2 Avenue F – 4 unlicensed vehicles parked in front of the house.
4. #26 Avenue E – vehicle parked in front with no tags.
5. #10 Fourth Street – several vehicles with no tags.
6. #41 Sixth Street – trailer full of trash that has not been hauled.
7. Third & Avenue R – several vehicles parked in front.
8. #46 Fourth Street – broken pottery has been sitting on the sidewalk for months.
9. #6 Avenue C – trailer full of trash – need to be reminded to haul their trash again.
10. Second Street between Avenue H & I – 2 Fifth Wheel trailers parked side by side into the street.

Council Member Rivera noted that the alley has been blocked off behind Bradley's Bestway Market.

This may be blocking access for the grocery store deliveries.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the necessary correspondence.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he signed the Personnel Action Form to bring the McGill Parks Worker back for another season. Also he has been attending some meetings regarding the SNPLMA Ball Park grant change orders.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 67% into their budget year, with 56% of their revenues coming in. They are presently 46% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby explained that she had nothing new to report as far as repairs go. She is waiting for the new budget year when the plan is to begin changing to LED lighting. As they go along, JW Electric can use lights they pull off the poles for any necessary repairs.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported that the McGill Neighborhood Watch held a party for the outgoing Mike Borovansky. There were 8 persons at the meeting. Deputy Peterson was not sure if he was going to continue to be assigned as the McGill Neighborhood Watch representative, as he was seeking a different position within the Sheriff's Office.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported they are getting ready for the Easter Bunny to come to town. Last she heard, was that the Easter Bunny was planning to arrive on schedule.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

Eva Trimble, McGill Kinnear Library/Cultural Center, reported that they held a music night at the Center. They had 30 persons in attendance, with 6 people participating musically. They are planning to kick off the summer on the First of June, they were wondering if the kids could tour the EMT/Fire Station. Also, the LDS Church has some round tables they want to give away. It was agreed to look at the tables, and they can work with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department in scheduling a tour.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

It was reported they are assisting with the preparation for the arrival of the Easter Bunny.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

It was noted they appear to be no longer active; therefore, they need to be removed from the agenda.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

Nothing new to report.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments from the audience. There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.