

McGill Town Council

P.O. Box 1334 . McGill, Nevada 89318

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 21, 2019 at the McGill Community/Senior Center located at the top of Avenue K at 7:01 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ernie Rivera, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary
Richard Howe, WP County Commissioner
Ricky Garcia, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
Jesse Ciscar, McGill Volunteer Fireman
Mathew Sewets
Raymond Maestes
Chris Collis, KCC
Cheryl Noriega
Elaine Blackham, McGill Grade School
Elinor Blackham, McGill EMT
Anne Schroeder
Samantha Jewett
Sadie Goff
Sadie McVicars
Michael Borgard, McGill Volunteer Fireman
Robert Matyja
Raleene Makley

Council Chairman McVicars called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. making note that the McGill Town Council is a governing body and operates under NRS 269, under the Nevada Open Meeting Law, and Roberts Rules of Order. He asks that people in the audience always speak with respect to their fellow townsmen.

Chris Collis, KCC, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the public.

County Commissioner, Richard Howe, addressed the assemblage reporting that the new play equipment has been installed at the McGill Swimming Pool. The pool will be opening as usual on Memorial Day

weekend, weather permitting. Operating hours will remain the same as previous years. As in the past, the McGill Pool will be closed on Wednesdays for scheduled cleaning.

Commissioner Howe, continued. Explaining that the BOCC has tabled the discussions about the County taking over the City of Ely Road Department.

Commissioner Howe noted that he has been working with the McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, Ricky Garcia. McGill Fire Department will be getting the County Water Tender. McGill Fire will be getting the ATV with the snow plow attached. They will be inventorying the McGill Fire Department equipment, and all of the rural Fire Departments will be receiving firefighting equipment. The Commission has appointed an acting Fire Chief and they will be soon advertising for a permanent fire chief.

Commissioner Howe continued, stating that the BOCC voted on the Main Street America and will be giving \$15,000 to Ely for the project.

Commissioner Howe reported that the County has now lost their Emergency Management Director. The State will be coming to a BOCC meeting to explain how the position will be filled.

Commissioner Howe explained that the decision of the Board of County Commissioners is the final decision. The vote does not always have to be unanimous, it can be 4-1 or 2-3, but the vote is the final decision.

Chris Collis, KCC, addressed the Council explaining that they will be working on the road across from Bassett Lake. While repairs are underway, the road will only be open to foot traffic.

Elaine Blackham addressed the Council, noting that Commissioner Howe and herself have had differences in the past, but she would like to commend him for his continued support of the McGill Volunteer Fire Department.

Elaine Blackham also thanked the Town Council for listing #21 & #23 Avenue C under the abatement of dangerous building law. She would also note that #16 Avenue A (also turned in as a dangerous building), the home which recently burned, has been having a lot of activity after dark. Every evening people are going in and out of the burned home removing things. She has also noticed that a lot of youth are spending time inside the building after dark. She would like the Town Council to list that complaint as a nuisance.

REINSTATING MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 269.250 THROUGH NRS 269.270:

REINSTATING MCGILL FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTRICAL AND HEATING OF MCGILL FIRE STATION; AND ANOTHER BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING MCGILL VEHICLES AND FOR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPLIES:

The Council referred to NRS 269.250 through NRS 269.270:

"NRS 269.250:

- (1) The town board or BOCC shall in any unincorporated town in their respective counties:
 - (a) Provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires.
 - (b) Organize, regulate, establish and disband fire companies or fire departments, and the appointment and payment of officers thereof.
 - (c) Provide for the payment of fire companies or fire departments, and the appointment and payment of officers thereof.
- (2) All payments authorized under the provisions of subsection 1 must be made from the separate fund of the town where services is performed or required when the fire company or department operates in the town alone, and if used outside of the town the BOCC may provide for contribution from general county funds if provided for in the county budget."

The secretary explained that she had been asked to place this matter on the agenda, but the second agenda item regarding the budget was her suggestion. When the Fire District had been formed, McGill closed 2 of their budget line items, the way she reads this provision of the statutes, she feels that McGill needs to reopen both the line item for the utilities and for the vehicle maintenance. She spoke with the

WP Finance Department and was assured that the BOCC has the funds in the budget to continue to pay utilities and maintenance, but as secretary in charge of the McGill budget, she would like the Town Council to reinstate both line items as a formality.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to reinstate the McGill Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to reinstate both budget line items, building utilities and vehicle maintenance.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

Cheryl Noriega asked why did the County pay \$150,000 to Ely if McGill is going to keep their own fire department.

Raylene Makley asked will happen now.

McGill Fire Chief, Rick Garcia, answered that the McGill Volunteer Fire Department will answer to the McGill Town Council like they always have.

RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MCGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF:

Council Chairman McVicars explained that, between Council meetings, he was asked if he would reconsider reappointing Ricky Garcia as the McGill Volunteer Fire Chief. As Chairman, he reappointed Ricky Garcia as McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, and he is now asking the McGill Town Council to support his decision.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to officially reappoint Ricky Garcia as the McGill Volunteer Fire Chief.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

STATUS REPORT ON MCGILL SWIMMING POOL:

This matter was discussed under public comment.

APPROVAL FOR MCGILL ELEMENTARY TO USE MCGILL BALL PARK FOR FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES ON JUNE 5, 2019:

Elaine Blackham, McGill Grade School, addressed the Council requesting to use the McGill Ball Park on June 5th for a school field day.

Council Chairman McVicars noted that he had received a copy of her e-mail and he has already spoken with the McGill Greenskeeper to have the lawn mowed, and to not water on that day.

Elaine Blackham explained that Mt. Wheeler has loaned them their generator, so she would be asking to have the back gate unlocked that day. Also, they will only be using the park from 10 AM until Noon on that day.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby assured her that she would notify the Parks Greenskeeper.

SELECTION OF ALL 180 STREET LIGHTS TO BE CONVERTED TO LED LIGHTING AND/OR SELECTION OF 1/3 AREAS WITHIN MCGILL TOWN TO BEGIN CONVERTING STREET LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTING:

Council Chairman McVicars recalled the previous discussions regarding 180 lights to be converted to LED –vs- 1/3 of the lights each year to be converted to LED. The way he understands this, if McGill were to replace all 180 street lights, McGill would have to go through the bidding process. Prevailing wage rate may or may not apply. He would like to see the Council select their original plan to only replace 1/3 of the McGill street lights to be converted to LED for the next 3 years.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby agreed, and so motions to replace only 1/3 of the McGill street lights to LED, work to be effective July 1, 2019. Second phase of 1/3 of the McGill street lights to be converted to LED effective July 1, 2020. Third phase of 1/3 of the McGill street lights to be converted to LED effective July 1, 2021.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

Secretary was directed to remove this item from the agenda.

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, the Sheriff, and the Public Works Director have met and have driven around McGill; and have come up with a list of additional “stop, yield, & school zone signs.” The next step is to take that matter to the BOCC for approval in a Road Commission meeting.

The secretary was directed to remove this item from the agenda.

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

The secretary explained that Council Member Rivera had requested this information. The Finance Director had provided the insurance quotes and explained that the street light insurance would be \$1,000 deductible. This information was provided in time, but a decision had not been made. The tentative budget for FY 2019/2020 was due April 15th; therefore, this matter was not included in the McGill budget request.

The Council directed the secretary to remove this item from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated April 16, 2019.

Council Member Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Council Chairman McVicars abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to Sheriff & Public Works Director regarding stop/yield/school signs.
2. E-mail from WPC Clerk on behalf of the WPC Fire Commission requesting to facilitate communication, listen to concerns, needs, equipment, supplies, etc.
3. Secretary monthly report.
4. Letter from NDOT regarding school flashing light.
5. E-mail from Elaine Blackham requesting use of McGill Ball Park for end of school activities.
6. List of addresses being changed by WPC Building & Planning Dept. & copy of letter to McGill resident changing her address.

7. Memo to WPC Sheriff listing nuisance abatement complaints.
8. Letter to County Commission listing abatement of dangerous buildings in priority order.
9. Letter to City of Ely regarding goats in McGill.
10. Deposit in the amount of \$132.00 from Library/Cultural Center for internet of Center in lieu of rent.
11. NRS 269.250 through NRS 269.270.
12. McGill Ruth Sewer & Water agenda.
13. Letter from Nevada Legal Services offering services to McGill seniors and veterans.
14. Response to Nevada Legal Services.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Sadie McVicars (reimbursement for PA system)	\$249.00
White Pine County Road Dept. (parks gasoline)	\$ 53.89
Bath Lumber (parks operating supplies)	\$261.98
OPI (monthly copy machine maint.)	\$ 29.99
Cynthia Angelopoulos (reimbursement for Easter)	\$130.27
Bradleys Bestway Market (Easter eggs)	\$ 23.76
C & B Auto Parts (park operating-oil)	\$ 77.28
Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 46.96

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

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Chairman McVicars abstained from voting on the voucher for reimbursement.

Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher for reimbursement.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Nuisance complaints were listed as follows:

#16 Avenue A – home burned, yard mess, adults and teenage kids gaining access to the house at night.

#30 North Second – messy yard.

#34 Fourth Street – trash scattered all around the yard.

#42 Fourth Street – trash scattered all around the yard.

#6 Avenue C – limbs laying in the yard, yard poses a fire hazard.

#32 Avenue A – several trash bags and trash piled up.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the memo to the Sheriff asking to have a Deputy assess each address, if they are in violation of any County Codes, then proceed accordingly.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

The following animal issues were reported:

Black poodle running loose at the South end of the Ball Park.

#34 Avenue C – 2 dogs are always getting out of the yard and running at large.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare a memo to the Animal Control officer informing him to the above.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that he has spoken with the County Maintenance about spraying for weeds again this year. Also, Basin Engineering is presently working on the restoration design plans.

Council Chairman McVicars directed the secretary to begin the process to advertise for the assistant greenskeeper. Position will only be 20 hours per week.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 83% into their budget year, with 72% of their revenues coming in, and showing 51% spent.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

McGill Fire Chief Garcia thanked the McGill Town Council and Commissioner Howe for their support of the McGill volunteer Fire Department. He would like the secretary to prepare a memo asking to move the 1945 Red Cross ambulance from Fire Station #1 and deliver it to McGill.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby reported that she has a working list of lights that are in need of repairs once the new budget kicks in.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Maestes reported that they held a very productive Neighborhood Watch meeting. Officer Jeramiah Peterson has been promoted; however, he will continue overseeing the McGill Neighborhood Watch Program.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

No report given.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

It was noted that the renovations to the IOOF Hall is underway, and the building is looking good.

CULTURAL CENTER/LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization held a meeting the previous evening. They are getting ready to hold their annual community yard sale. The yard sale table will be set up at the Avenue K Park on June 15th. As in the past, they will have balloons at all the homes who are participating in the yard sale.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

It was noted that people have seen the County Maintenance truck parked behind the building, so working is continuing as weather permits.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Elaine Blackham reported that the McGill Drug Store Museum is hoping to have a soda and ice cream this year. They will open on Friday and Saturdays. They are also working with Economy Drug to get syrups so they can serve the old Drug Store Soda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments from the public.

Michelle Green addressed the Council explaining that a volunteer group would like to use the Main Street sidewalk in the McGill business district for their "Chalk the Walk waiting for justice" for a case that is still under investigation.

The Council gave their consensus approval.

Anne Schroeder addressed the Council stating that she is happy to see the McGill Volunteer Fire Department back.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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