

The Special meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 27, 2020 at the Kinnear Library/Town Hall Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 4:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Members:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Joshua Miller, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Elizabeth Francis, WPC Finance Director
Lynn Ballandby, McGill Parks Manager
Anne Schroeder
David Miller, Basin Engineering
Matthew S. Merys
Gerald Wyler
Lynette Wyler

Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called the Special meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Council Member Jensen led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called for comments from the audience.

Lynette Wyler addressed the Council inquiring about persons on the McGill Town Council payroll. It was noted that confidential information can be given out.

AUGMENT OF FUNDS TO FINANCE THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE MCGILL BALL PARK, AND TO OPERATE MCGILL TOWN BUDGET FOR FY 2020/2021:

PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE MCGILL BALL PARK:

Elizabeth Francis, WPC Finance Director, addressed the Council noting that the water rates have increased drastically. The increase is a significant impact to McGill's budget. The Council will need to consider augmenting funds, or transfer of funds, into the watering line item. They will need to consider enough funds to cover the remainder of this year, plus any water being used in April, May, and June of next year. She would estimate the budget needs to be increased from \$8,000 to \$16,000. Back in 2016 McGill Town Council promised to maintain the McGill Ball Park if WPC was successful in receiving their SNPLMA grant. Maintenance includes mowing weekly, dragging the park, acquire proper equipment such as a 4-wheeler, dragger, sprayer, etc. The storage shed the Town Council utilizes to hold their park equipment is not large enough to house all the new equipment, so a new shed needs to be acquired. McGill can only augment \$18,000 from their fund balance, so the Council will need to review their

budget and proposed expenses and proceed accordingly. Her recommendation is to utilize the \$18,000 from the fund balance, and postpone any capital improvement projects until next year.

Finance Director Francis explained the SNPLMA grant. Funds come from land sales in southern Nevada. The grant funds are available to the counties located in rural Nevada. There are several towns in White Pine County who also utilize the benefit of SNPLMA grant funds.

Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that the Parks Manager became ill, while in the hospital some of the water had been left on. He will be adjusting the water timers to shorten the time of watering. A McGill resident stepped forward and helped maintain some of the parks until the Parks Manager returned to work. That person has since resigned. County Maintenance checked the water timers and determined it was not necessary to replace any timers.

Lynette Wyler interjected by asking why the County Maintenance could not take over the maintenance of the McGill Ball Park.

Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that McGill Town Council has a park maintenance contract with White Pine County.

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, addressed the Council explaining that the SMPLMA grant was written for the purpose of restoring the McGill Ball Park. There will be future grants for other phases of the project. This phase is to build bleachers, stabilizing, announcer stand, and playground equipment. Future grants will look at other parts of the Park. As far as the storage shed, possibly the Council could check into constructing a garage. He will look into cost estimate on garage kits.

Council Member Jensen motioned to request the Board of County Commissioners to proceed to augment \$18,000.00 in funds from the beginning McGill Fund Balance.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ASSIST IN THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF MCGILL BALL PARK:

It was noted that the McGill Parks Assistant resigned his position; however, WPC Maintenance recommended Matthew S. Merys.

Council Member Jensen motioned to hire Matthew S. Merys as the McGill Parks Assistant to complete the seasonal employment at McGill Parks, not to exceed 30 hours per week.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

PURCHASE OF STORAGE SHED TO HOUSE BALL PARK EQUIPMENT:

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Acting Chairperson Angelopoulos called for any further comments from the audience.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the Special McGill Town Council meeting, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 P.M.