

McGill Town Council

P.O. Box 1334 McGill, Nevada 89318

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 21, 2018 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:

Andy McVicars, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Member
Ernie Rivera, Member

Absent Council Member: Ed Dubrutz, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary
John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative.org
Kristi Rozich, Aquatics Director
Raymond Maestes
Chris Maestes
Sadie Goff
Sadie McVicars
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Robert Harrison
Ray Sawyer, Deputy Sheriff
Christina Sawyer
Kelly Vodopich
Lynn Ballandby, Parks Grounds Keeper

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

McGill Parks Ballandby led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for comments from the public.

Kristi Rozick, WPC Aquatics Director, addressed the Council explaining that she was recently appointed as the new White Pine County Aquatics Director. It will take her a while to get acquainted with what the had previous director brought to the McGill Town Council. She obtained copies of the previous minutes and the correspondence that the Town Council sent to the Aquatics Department selecting the shipwreck as the possible swimming pool addition. She recently learned that the shipwreck will cost \$23,000, but she only has \$16,000 to spend on the McGill pool improvements. She has also learned that the County Insurance Company has ordered the diving board to be removed because it no longer complies with their requirements.

Robert Harrison addressed the Council explaining that he had contacted the Insurance POOL PACT about the removal of the diving board, but he could not pin them down to specific language. He agrees that the diving board is in bad shape; but he has contacted companies about the purchase of a new diving board, and he is willing to pay for the new board.

Council Member Angelopoulos noted that she appreciates the research and the information provided by Mr. Harrison. When the former Aquatics Director appeared before the Town Council she had mentioned that the sand had been shifting into the water, thereby, lowering the water depth. The former Aquatics Director mentioned a water slide, she would ask if the new Director could come up with some options for water slides.

Aquatics Director Rozich explained that she has ordered depth markers to place in the water, the floating platform costs \$1,400 and that is something her department has funds to cover. She would like to put in more pavilions, picnic tables, lounge chairs, etc. She will also check to make sure that the \$16,000 that has been dedicated for the McGill Pool improvements can be rolled over into the next budget year.

Council Chairman McVicars recalled that the previous Aquatics Director reported that the insurance company has been hesitant to insure diving boards because it has to be a certain depth of water and the bottom of the pool has to comply with their requirements.

The Council noted that no decision could be made at this meeting because this matter had not been placed on the agenda.

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

John Fitzgerald addressed the Council explaining that the Veterans Initiative has petitioned Kennecott (through their local manager) the possibility of renting some warehouse space to house some of their larger equipment.

John Fitzgerald further explained that he has had 5 or 6 inquires from other small machine shop businesses about the possibility of relocating their businesses to McGill. Some of those business operators are looking for some low cost property that would be suitable for their businesses.

John Fitzgerald also reminded the Council and audience that the Commemorative Air Force will be giving a presentation to the McGill Town Council on September 10th regarding the possibility of creating a third wing of the CAF and stationing an office in his building in McGill.

McGILL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that volunteers had painted the lower portion of the Post Office, but they will return later to paint the upper portion once they have access to scaffolding. The next project will be the Old Sheriff's Office Building.

Sadie McVicars, Bath Lumber, addressed the Council explaining that she would recommend a good primer, then paint the Old Sheriff's Office Building.

The secretary reported that the owner of the building would like someone to make note of the paint number, because later when he jacks the building up to place a foundation under the building, the paint may need to be touched up. She also noted that the owner of the blue building will be in town Labor Day weekend.

The Council selected Sunday morning, September 9th for volunteers to gather and paint the Sheriff's Office Building, but they will meet the day following this meeting to determine what supplies they will need.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL MCGILL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that they have notified all the volunteer groups, such as the Ghost Riders, and other groups, about the parade that will be on Second Street at 5:30 on Friday. They will be getting the BBQ from Mt. Wheeler this year for the picnic at the Swimming Pool Park for Saturday. Firemen will be cooking again this year. The stage has been ordered and the band for the street dance has been hired for the night following the parade. Fireworks will be Sunday night.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated July 17, 2018 with the requested correction.

Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. E-mail from Commemorative Air Force – including presentation materials.
2. E-mail from Ian Bulloch proprietor of Coffee Shop.
3. E-mail from Timothy Wolf – Sheriff's Office Building.
4. Letter to Megan Brown thanking her for her service to McGill.
5. Letter to WP Aquatics Director
6. Letter to Ricky Garcia congratulating him on his appointment as McGill Fire Chief.
7. Letter to Buddy Sampson inviting him to the SO painting project.
8. Letter to WP Public Works Director regarding SMPLMA projects.
9. Memo to State of Nevada, Job Connect Office informing them of new hire.
10. Letter to Justice Court listing work performed by community service worker.
11. Letters for authorization to charge at various businesses.
12. Memo to WPC Finance Dept. requesting certificate of insurance.
13. McGill Ruth Water agenda.
14. Notice about who to call if there is a problem with animals at large.
15. Letter from Timothy Wolf giving authorization to paint the Old Sheriff's Building.
16. Neighborhood Watch meeting report.
17. List of miners killed in WPC for the past 100 + years.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

WPC Road Department (gasoline charges)	\$128.27
WPC Road Department (repair of parks truck)	\$315.01
Bath Lumber (Cleaning supplies/park supplies)	\$335.20
OPI (copy machine contract)	\$ 29.99
JW Electric (street light repairs)	\$512.50
Bradleys Bestway Market (Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	\$ 9.08
Bradleys Bestway Market (cleaning supplies)	\$ 17.73
Bradleys Bestway Market (refreshment for painting volunteers)	\$ 43.18
Cynthia Angelopoulos (Swimming Pool Park Rental reimbursement)	\$ 25.00

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby motioned to approve the bills as read.
Council Member Rivera seconded the motion.
Council Member Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher to her.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported the following areas of concern:
2 unlicensed vehicles parked by the small brick building where McGill used to store their street light inventory (county property) on 6th Street next to the Standard Market Building.
#8 Second Street - there are 2 parked cars that are unlicensed.
#8 Second Street – there is someone living in a camper.
#8 Second Street – yard is a mess – pictures submitted (previously reported).
#8 Avenue J – car parked with expired plates.
#17 First Street – there is a home with 2 roosters that crow all hours of the night.

Deputy Ray Sawyer addressed the Council explaining that whenever an officer speaks with a homeowner regarding their unsightly yard, they usually follow-up within a week or two. If the yard has not been cleaned up, then they may proceed with issuing a citation.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member McVicars recalled that the Council had their secretary post the phone number of the animal control officer at the Post Office. If complaints come in after business hours, then people need to call the Sheriff's Office.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby addressed the Council explaining that, since his employment with the Town, he noticed there were a lot of dead areas in the lawns, and he has had to replace 40 sprinkler heads in all the parks so far.

Council Member Rivera recalled that back in the 1990's the Town Council purchased the supplies for a new sprinkling system for the Ball Park. However, the sprinkling system did not get replaced right away, and all those materials were moved to Marich Field. He has had several people make compliments about the appearance of the parks since Mr. Ballandby started working this summer.

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby continued, reporting that he would like to purchase additional trash cans for the parks. Hopefully, people will throw their trash in cans if they are more readily available.

Sadie McVicars suggested cans that latch shut and have a hole in the top, so people can throw their waste more easily.

The Council authorized the Parks Worker to obtain the additional trash cans for the parks.

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby reported that he spoke with the Road Department about the parks pick-up truck. They had serviced the vehicle, but he is not using the truck because the emergency brake still is not working. He has been using his personal truck to haul the trash trailer to the landfill.

Council Chairman McVicars noted that McGill needs to look at budgeting for a used, or new, pick-up truck during the next budget workshop. He would like the secretary to keep a reminder note in the budget narrative for next year.

Parks Grounds Keeper Ballandby informed the Council that he has found a used (like new) lawn mower that is much newer than the one McGill presently owns. He would like the Council to consider the purchase of that mower.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is presently 8% into their budget year with no revenues coming in at this point. The reason McGill shows 18% spent in their budget is because the Council submitted all their purchase orders for the year. Submitting all the purchase orders over \$250.00 at one time, makes it easier for the WPC Finance Department to keep track of them.

Council Member Rivera inquired about the water and power billings.

The secretary explained that, because McGill holds their meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, many of the payments are late. So, to avoid late charges, the regular monthly bills (Water & electric) are mailed directly to the WPC Finance Department so they can make the payment as soon as received. Because pursuant to NRS 269, McGill has to pay all their bills in a public meeting, McGill gave written approval to the Finance Department authorizing them to make those payments. It has been a few years since any Council Member has asked to review those billings, so she can request a copy.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Council Member Rivera inquired if the Council had received a response from the correspondence mailed last month to the new McGill Fire Chief.

The secretary answered negative.

Council Member Rivera noted that he has seen some alleys blocked off in McGill.

The secretary explained that some homeowners have petitioned the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners for alley abandonments. The alley they are referring to above First Street was abandoned back in the 1990's. The McGill Town Council, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, and McGill EMTs all protested the alley abandonment because it would block emergency vehicles; however, the BOCC approved the alley abandonment anyway; and a deed for the alley was prepared and land transferred to the applicant.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairman McVicars submitted a list containing 23 locations where he discovered street lights were out.

Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby assured the Council that she would submit the list to the electric company under contract with McGill.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that the street sign by the Frosty Stand is backward.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

It was reported there were 14 persons at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting, and they had picked up 2 new NW members.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Member Angelopoulos reported that the candy has already been ordered for Santa to hand out at Christmas. There are no other activities at this time.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Mr. Harrison reported that Marie's Café recently completed their renovations, and will be opening in time for the Labor Day weekend.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their volunteer group is still working on the annual Labor Day festivities. The parade will be on Friday at 5:30 starting at the Ball Park on Second Street. Saturday is the annual picnic and Big Splash at the Swimming Pool Park. Sunday will be the annual ball game between McGill residents and the White Pine County Sheriff's Office. And, the fireworks will be on Sunday night.

RENOVATIONS TO KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

No report given, but construction will continue during the winter months.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Council Chairman McVicars reported that the McGill Drug Store Museum is still recruiting volunteers to give tours of the facility. They have had close to 200 visitors since reopening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman McVicars called for any further comments from the audience.
No additional comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.