

McGill Town Council

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McGILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES #4 NORTH FOURTH STREET, NEXT TO McGILL FIRE STATION, McGILL TOWN HALL/KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING

DATE: January 17, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM-Town Hall Meeting
7:00 PM-McGill Town Council Meeting
LOCATION: McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building
#4 North Fourth Street

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 17, 2023 at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street. The Town Hall Meeting began at 6:00 PM with the Regular McGill Town Council meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The following Town Council Members were in attendance:

Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson
Rudy Herndon, Member
Danielle Jensen, Member
Evie Pinneo, Member

Absent Council Member:

Also in attendance:

Elaine Blackham, Secretary/Town Clerk	Bunny Hill, Great Basin Service Club
Nancy Bell	Konner Jensen, McGill Fire Department
John Bell	Kristen DeShane, McGill Fire Department
Brenda McConaha	Brian Pay, McGill Fire Department
Jeff Lachowski, Rio Tinto	Erin Jones-Parmley
Daniel Mumm, Rio Tinto	David Parmley
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA	
Felicity Fonchi	
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Allen Wise, Great Basin Service Club

***** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *****

Chairwoman Ballandby asked all those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairwoman Ballandby called for public comment, there was none offered.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

***Presentation:** SEE ATTACHED

NEW BUSINESS –

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Acceptance of the Recommendation of the White Pine County Commission to Fill the Expired/Vacant Seat on the McGill Town Council. Chairwoman Ballandby welcomed Mrs. Evie Pinneo as the newly appointed McGill Town Council member. She called for a motion to accept the White Pine County Commission appointment of Evie Pinneo. Member Angelopoulos made the motion, member Jensen made the second. The motion passed with the approval of those present.

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Rental Agreement/Cost for use of the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library, Councilmember Cynthia Angelopoulos
Council member Angelopoulos noted she requested this agenda due to a situation that had occurred. The building has been used at times in the past and no agreement was signed. There is a need to review the rental agreement and possibly consider raising the fee for use of the building for private meetings/parties. Anyone who would like to use the Kinnear Library must sign a rental agreement. Currently the fee is set at \$10.00 per hour. That amount does not even get close to paying the expenses of the building, i.e., power, heating, etc. She asked that the Town Council make it known they will need to sign the agreement before use of the building. Council woman Angelopoulos asked about instituting a cleaning deposit? The town council discussed the following: 1) leaving the cleaning deposit at zero, or 2) instituting a refundable cleaning deposit if the building is cleaned after use. Chairwoman Ballandby asked if the increase of fees would affect the Senior Center/Heritage Center. Council woman Angelopoulos stated it may be hard to raise the fee at the Heritage Center due to the fact that Mr. Gibson is currently working on establishing the Heritage Center as approved by the Town Council. There are no tables and chairs up there and whomever would request use of that building would need to bring their own or come to the Kinnear Library/Town Hall to get what is stored.

Chairwoman Ballandby said she would like those who currently possess keys to the buildings to be reminded the keys should not be given out to anyone unless they sign them out through the Town Council secretary. She directed the secretary to send an informational letter to the people who have keys signed out and to post it at places that the Town Council agendas are posted.

Chairwoman Ballandby went on to request a \$25.00 cleaning deposit be considered. Council woman Angelopoulos requested a cleaning deposit of \$50.00 be considered and increase the rent to \$25.00 per hour. Member Jensen offered the motion to increase the rent amount to \$25.00 per hour with a refundable cleaning deposit of \$50.00. Member Herndon made the second. The motion passed with approval of all those present.

***Discussion Only: Discussion Regarding Solutions for Future Christmas Lights/Decorations Along McGill Main street/US Highway 93, Alan Wise/Bunny Hill**
Alan Wise introduced himself and Bunny Hill as members of the Great Basin Service Club. Mr. Wise noted this year there were no Christmas lights strung across main street as they had been in the past. Mr. Wise told the Council he has had the same discuss before when he has been at McGill Town Council meetings.

The current insurance requirement is being pushed by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDoT). He told the town council that Bunny Hill had noticed the current blanket insurance policy they hold did not show NDoT as a rider. The Great Basin Service Club felt that not having the “rider” on the policy this year would increase the club’s responsibility this year of putting the lights back and forth across the street.

Mr. Wise told those present there are options for Christmas decorations for next year. He said if the Town Council still wants to take the responsibility of the cost with the insurance they currently have, they would still need to get a “rider” with NDoT listed. In this case, he said the Great Basin Service Club would give the town the lights, light bulbs, and anything needed to take on the responsibility of putting the lights up.

He suggested the Town Council go with the same way that it is done in Ely. He noted that the lights across main street in Ely were taken out when the downtown road construction was completed. NDoT placed all of the circuitry on the new poles and all of the decorations are put up on the now placed on the light poles. Power boxes (6 x 6) have been placed on poles on Great Basin Boulevard and East Ely. Alan noted the boxes usually go up the pole and connect to Mt. Wheeler lines, has a fuse and a cell and the pole decorations are hung on the poles. Alan noted in the downtown area of McGill where the lights were connected in the past, there were 7 poles. He said they could go back to that and only place 7 decorations on the poles, or he offered to give the town enough boxes to extend the decorations further. He offered to get a bucket truck and work with Mt. Wheeler to put the boxes on McGill poles and added that is the better solution. Those who participate in the light pole decorating contest would also be able to place lights around the pole and plug into the boxes.

Mr. Wise presented the town council with a book to use as a reference for the purchase of new decorations and he noted they can be pretty expensive due to the shipping cost. He told those present the Great Basin Service Club started out slow and have been able to increase their supply of decorations throughout the year. He asked the town council to review what he has presented and consider adding the decorations to their new budget. He reminded everyone that they have 2 decorations that were originally from McGill and they would loan the town a few of the decorations that the club doesn’t use anymore until the town could get new decorations ordered.

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval: Consideration of a letter to the White Pine County Commission to Support the Closure of the McGill Pool Park and to Extend the White Pine County Curfew at the McGill Pool Park Until 11:15 p.m. from Wednesday, May 31, through Saturday, June 3, 2023, for the Schellraiser 2023 Music Festival, Rudy Herndon/Schellraiser 2023**

Rudy Herndon began the discussion by stating he was representing this agenda item on behalf of the Schellraiser 2023 Music Festival not as a McGill Town Council member. Mr. Herndon noted that he had checked with the White Pine County Clerk in search of a letter previously written by the town council to the White Pine County Commission in regards to extending the

curfew at the McGill Pool Park. The letter was written approximately 2 to 3 years prior, however he was not having any luck finding it. He was hoping to use the letter as a template if the town council approves his request for extension of the curfew. He noted that although the festival begins on June 1st, he is requesting the curfew be extended on May 31st as well. He stated the production crew will be arriving on that day and will need the entire day to get everything set up. The addition of a second stage, more vendors and food trucks, the extra day will give them more time to get set up. Mr. Herndon noted he had visited with the Aquatic center director and the McGill Pool will have to remain closed during the entire festival because there will be alcohol served at the event.

Rudy asked the Town Council if his request is approved, could the Town Council construct a simple letter to the White Pine County Commission requesting the curfew be extended. He gave a brief history of the event and noted there are only 3 nights instead of 4 nights and there will be more bands. He noted they will be offering free 3-day festival tickets to those who would like to volunteer during the festival.

He has been scheduled to be on the Commission agenda on February 22, 2023 to give a brief update of the festival. Member Jensen asked is 11:15 is late enough for them to get everything completed. He noted the disconnect between the county maintenance department and the Sheriff's department created some problems. The festival has their own security team and will be using the same teams this year.

Evie Pinneo made the motion to write a letter in support of extending the County curfew to 11:15 p.m. Danielle Jensen made the second. The motion passed with approval of those present.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval: Kyle Horvath – Public Art Ideas – Potential Murals and Other Items for the Town of McGill.** Mr. Horvath was not present. It was the agreement of the town council members to continue to carry this item.

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval: Purchase of a Used Truck to Be Used for McGill Parks.** Councilwoman Angelopoulos stated she is still looking but has not found anything yet. Chairwoman Ballandby asked what price range was she searching in. Ms. Angelopoulos stated that would need to be decided for sure in the upcoming budget session. It was the agreement of the town council members to continue to carry this item.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

***Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** on the Below Listed On-Going Business Items:

***Approval of Minutes:** December 20, 2022 meeting Member Herndon noticed a correction, page 2, bottom of page; date January 13, 2024 should be 2023. Member Angelopolous made the motion to approve the minutes, member Jensen mad the second. Member Pinneo abstained. The motion and abstention were approved by those present.

***Approval/Ratification of Bills/Authorization to Purchase:**

1. Bradley's Market: \$225.00 Holiday home decorations (\$100, \$75, and \$50) Gift Certificates. Member Angelopoulos made the motion to approve; member Herndon made the second. The motion passed by those present.

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***Nuisance Abatements:** None reported however a question was asked about snow removal at businesses who were not open. Who is responsible for removal of the snow? It was also noted the business owner is responsible

***Correspondence:**

1. **Request from Delanie Marich for general over view of budget some of the current projects the Town Council is funding this year** Secretary Blackham noted she is concerned the town council could possibly loose the chance for funding from CDBG due to the fact they can't give Ms. Marich the answers she is requesting. Member Angelopoulos noted that COVID hit and the County Commission cut the McGill Town Council budget by \$30,000. The town council has not been able to catch up yet. She noted Bill Calderwood also told them he was going to seek a grant for the project.
2. **Email from Dan Mumm re: scheduling the January meeting for Kennecott / Rio Tinto Presentation**
3. **White Pine County Commission Agenda 01-11-2023**
4. **Correspondence from WP Co Clerk regarding the annual report for Advisory Boards.**

***Animals at Large/Vicious Dogs: None Reported**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

***Discussion/Possible Action on the Below Listed Department Reports:**

***Park Maintenance-No Report**

***Financial Report-Secretary Elaine Blackham** reported the town council members should notice a change in the report. The changes have been completed on December 31, 2022. The budget now stands at 72.78 % left to receive from Intergovernmental Revenue; 75.16%-Consolidated Tax/CTX; and the Miscellaneous Receipts and Donations stand at 100%. She noted the salaries/wages now stand at 41.67% however she is unsure of when the parks people are hired. Operating supplies and expense has 43.16% left. The secretary asked for the town council's approval to order an office shredder. Permission was given.

***Fire/EMT Reports-Konner Jensen and Brian Pay** gave a brief report-10 calls in total, 3 wrecks, 7 medical .Kristen DeShane noted there is 1 advanced EMT and 1 regular. It was noted the advanced EMT lives in Ely.

***Street Lights-** Chairwoman Ballandby noted lights out at corner of 1st and Avenue K; light out at Avenue C and Smelter; at Avenue A-Mill Street is out. Chairwoman directed the secretary to contact JW Electric.

***Streets & Street Signs-**An audience asked the town council to revisit the situation of the stop signs that have been placed all over town. The chairwoman asked that it be put on the next agenda.

***Neighborhood Watch Program-**There were 4 people who attended the meeting. Member Jensen was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

***Youth/Community Activities-**It was noted the kids activities for Christmas were well received.

***Business Plan/McGill Merchants Reports-**Nothing to report

*County Commission Liaison Report-It is the concensus of the town council to remove this agenda item.

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VOLUNTEER GROUPS REPORTS/UPDATES:

*Cultural Center/Kinnear Library Report-It was noted the Library hours/days had been changed to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

*McGill Revitalization Association-Nothing to report

*McGill Historical Drug Store Museum-N/A

*McGill Heritage Center-N/A