

# McGill Town Council

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## McGILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 21, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 PM-McGill Town Council Meeting  
LOCATION: McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building  
#4 North Fourth Street, McGill, NV

The following Town Council Members were in attendance:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Chairperson  
Danielle Jensen, Vice Chairperson  
Evie Pinneo, Member

Absent Council Member: Roxane Ballandby, Member  
Rudy Herndon, Member

Also in attendance:

Elaine Blackham, Secretary  
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA  
Konner Jensen, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.  
David Willes, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Richard Howe, White Pine County Commission  
Madeline Howe  
Eva Trimble  
Sandy Hibbs  
Matt Hibbs  
Janet Van Camp, White Pine County Commission  
Michael Couch, rPlus Hydro  
Kyle Horvath, Tourism and Recreation

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Council Chairperson Angelopoulos called the 03-21-2023 Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.  
Council Vice Chairperson Danielle Jensen led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council Chairperson Angelopoulos called for public comment from the audience.  
Richard Howe, White Pine County Commission spoke of the importance of the McGill Swimming Pool. He noted the past Commission meeting had an agenda item regarding closing the McGill Swimming pool for another day during the week. He stated the McGill residents pay

taxes just like everyone else in the County. The pool is open approximately 90 days throughout the summer. He is in favor of the Aquatics center, however he emphasized that of the two (2) pools, the Ely pool should close during the summer and possibly transport the employees from Ely to McGill to work.

Eva Trimble noted it is a very valuable thing to have the McGill pool in operation. She also noted the Kinnear library board discussed going to the Commission meeting to voice their concerns.

Michael Couch introduced himself and stated he is representing rPlus Hydro. He noticed there was an agenda item regarding their project and stated they were providing presentations if the Town Council was interested.

Kyle Horvath shared news regarding the Total Eclipse taking place on October 14, 2023 and stated Ely and McGill are in the direct line of totality. Mr. Horvath invited McGill Town Council to participate in planning meetings that will be taking place. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023. He agreed with Mr. Howe regarding the McGill Pool and he added if there is any way the Tourism and Rec Board could help, he would support the McGill Town Council and the pool.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

##### **\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:**

White Pine County SNPLMA Grant Preliminary Project Proposal Questionnaire  
Chairperson Angelopoulos stated the Town Council received the questionnaire and noted the town council has never completed this type of questionnaire before and White Pine County has employed a grant writer to complete this type of documents regarding grants. She suggested establishing a group of people who could work to complete the questionnaire and get it turned into the County. Chairperson Angelopoulos, Dave Miller-Basin Engineering, and Elaine Blackham will meet to work on the project questionnaire.

##### **\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:**

Scheduling and future possible projects for McGill pool for the 2023 summer season, Cynthia Angelopoulos

Chairperson Angelopoulos reminded everyone of Mr. Howe's statement regarding the pool. She noted it is only open three (3) months and asked why McGill is the one who has to sacrifice anything that is done in McGill and referenced, the pool, the kids, and the community. McGill Town Council sent a letter to the White Pine County Commission regarding this matter. There has been no correspondence received in return, nor has there been anything scheduled to discuss this matter and the Town Council has not heard anything from the Aquatics Center director.

Eva Trimble noted that the pool is closed so often when weather doesn't cooperate. It was also noted that people have tried to go to the pool on days that it was supposed to be open and have found it closed.

It was suggested the wage should be raised to be comparable to that of the Aquatics center lifeguards. Janet Van Camp stated there is talk of bringing lifeguards from Ely using a county vehicle but it had not been confirmed.

**\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** rPlus Hydro White Pine Pumped Storage Project (FERC Project No. 14851) “Final” License Application, Cynthia Angelopoulos

Mr. Couch explained the project and noted it will be based by the Gonder Substation and include the Duck Creek area as well. The water rights were purchased from White Pine County to be used for industrial purposes ie., to make energy for the grid when there is a high demand. He stated the tax revenues will directly benefit White Pine County. Chairperson Angelopoulos asked how the project is going to affect the acqifer and the town of McGill. Mr. Couch stated that there are studies currently being completed and the initial studies would possibly answer that question. He noted that because McGill is located in White Pine County, the town would need to work with the White Pine County Commission to request more studies.

Mr. Couch reminded the town council rPlus Hydro would be happy to give a complete presentation if they would like one.

**\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:**

**a. \*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Request from White Pine High School Baseball to use the McGill Ball Park during the upcoming baseball season, Danielle Jensen

The motion to approve the WP High School to use the McGill Ball Park during the upcoming baseball season was made by member Danielle Jensen, member Evie Pinneo made the second. The motion was approved by a quorum of those present.

**b. \*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Request for White Pine Little League to use the McGill Ball Park During the upcoming Little League Juniors Season and for the 2023 All Star Games, Sami Blackham

The motion to approve the Little League Juniors Season and for the 2023 All Star Games was made by member Danielle Jensen. The second was made by member Evie Pinneo. The motion was approved by a quorum of those members present.

It was noted both of the teams need to work together to accommodate each other’s schedules.

**\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** : Consideration to Coordinate with White Pine County Maintenance Department to Remove and/or Place Certain Traffic Signs throughout McGill.

This agenda item will no longer remain on the agenda. Member Evie Pinneo requested that the stop signs be placed at First and Avenue J. Chairperson requested that County maintenance be informed of the changes that need to be made

**\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Kyle Horvath – Public Art Ideas – Potential Murals and Other Items for the Town of McGill. Mr. Horvath left the meeting and gave no new updates during public comment.

**\*Discussion/Action/Possible Approval:** Purchase of a Used Truck to Be Used for McGill Parks. Chairperson Angelopoulos is still looking for a truck. She told the Council she had found

a truck. She requested County maintenance to look it over, and found out it was not a viable vehicle. She will continue to look and she will talk with member Herndon regarding checking out the websites that had been suggested

### **ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

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

**\*Approval of Minutes:** February 21, 2023 meeting Motion: member Pinneo and the 2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Jensen The motion was approved by a quorum of those present.

**\*Approval/Ratification of Bills/Authorization to Purchase:** Motion: Member Pinneo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Jensen The motion was approved by a quorum of those present.

1. Bradley's Market: \$31.19 Neighborhood Watch food
2. OPI: \$33.95
3. Rainbow Signs and Banner: \$1673.02

**\*Purchase Order:** Quill Corporation: \$163.48  
GBC: \$272.04

### **\*Correspondence:**

1. Correspondence sent Certified Mail from rPlus Energy re: White Pine Pumped Storage Project, (FERC Project no. 14851); Application for a License for Major Unconstructed Project
2. McGill Water and Sewer District Agenda 03-21-2023
3. White Pine County Commission Agenda 03-08-2023
4. Correspondence from Delany Marich regarding SNPLMA (See agenda item)

**\*Animals at Large/Vicious Dogs:** It was reported there is a large dog running on avenue C and it appears that it meets up with a pit bull who runs on avenue B. These dogs run up in the townsite area continually. It was also noted other dogs are roaming everywhere up in townsite as well. Chairperson Angelopoulos recommended that people keep calling the animal control officer and it would help tremendously if you could tell him who the dogs belong to.

**\*Nuisance and Abatements:** There were none reported

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/UPDATES:**

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

**\*Park Maintenance:** No truck has been purchased, however Chairperson Angelopoulos is still looking. The parks person Greg Irby only wants to work weekends due to another job so the Town Council may want to consider looking for someone to work during the week. She reported she received a report from Joe Barnes regarding the missing second base baseplate.. He told her that he had reported it. A deputy came over and looked at it and they looked for it but didn't find it. Ms. Angelopoulos said she would get with Dave Miller to find out what brand the baseplate is and see about ordering another.

**\*Financial Report:** Secretary Elaine Blackham gave an update regarding the Intergovernmental Revenue, Consolidated Tax CTX, and the Miscellaneous Receipts and Donations. There is still a little over three (3) months left in the fiscal year.

**\*Fire/EMT Reports:** There were 9 calls: 6 EMS calls; 2 MVA calls; and one fire call. There are 24 active members, 1 advanced EMT and there are 2 basic EMTs taking the advanced class. David Willis will serve as the interim chief for McGill due to health issues of the current chief. Within the next month or so they will begin ESP fire training and working on the Fire Fighter I & II trainings.

**\*Street Lights:** The requested street lights have been turned into JW Electric. Hopefully they will be repaired when the weather improves.

**\*Streets & Street Signs:** The streets are mostly cleared of snow.

**\*Neighborhood Watch Program:** The group had 3 in attendance and discussed things going on in town.

**\*Youth/Community Activities:** Everyone is getting ready for the visit of the Easter Bunny and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Flyers were posted and distributed at the school.

**\*Business Plan/McGill Merchants Reports:** No new activity They have received many donations from locals.

**VOLUNTEER GROUPS REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**\*Cultural Center/Kinnear Library Report:** The group is getting ready for Music Night on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. They have books on display and featured authors monthly. They also wanted to complain about the parking lot being such a mess and it needs to be fixed. It was suggested the group consider parking in the front until the county maintenance can address the problem.

**McGill Revitalization Association:** The group is working with everyone on the Easter Egg hunt for community kids. They are also working on Labor Day activities and the 30 year anniversary of the “Blowing of the Stacks.”

**\*McGill Historical Drug Store Museum:** It was reported that Keith is busy cleaning shelves, etc.

**\*McGill Heritage Center:** No report

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.