

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on May 17, 2022 at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street 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  
Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk  
Raymond Maestes, Sr.  
Dave Miller, Basin Engineering  
Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA  
Kyle Jensen

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Council Chairperson Ballandby called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby noted that the McGill Town Council will not discuss Park Reports this meeting. She thanked both Matthew Merys (Parks Manager) and Greg Irby (Parks Assistant) for their service to this community.

Dave Miller inquired about the Ball Parks watering schedule. Explaining there will be out of town ball games this weekend and he would like the water turned off before games begin.

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that the Town Council must now send all requests to the County Public Works Director in writing concerning anything with the McGill parks.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos assured the Board that she would relay the message.

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Council Member Herndon stepped down as a Council Member at 7:01 P.M. to give a report/update on the Shellraiser Music Festival scheduled for early June at the McGill Swimming Pool Park. He has been working with the Sheriff and he has employed a security detail. He has been working to have sufficient buses to transport spectators. He has employed a food truck to provide meals. Everything is coming together. Ticket sales are slow right now in McGill, but tickets are selling nationwide very well. This will bring a lot of spectators to this area. He is currently looking for volunteers to help during the event. It is his hope that everything will run smoothly. He has set aside 123 free tickets for White Pine County residents.

Rudy Herndon returned to his Council seat at 7:07 P.M.

Council Chairperson Ballandby welcomed Rudy Herndon as the new McGill Town Council Member.

UPDATE/PLANNING/SCHEDULING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

No report given.

COST ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SIGN IN FRONT OF THE MCGILL TOWN HALL/KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING:

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Town Hall Sign:

Dave Miller addressed the Council explaining that he has heard back from Rainbow Signs out of St. George, the local sign company indicated that they could paint the sign but they could not hang it. He would like to know exactly what the Council wants to appear on this sign.

The secretary explained that McGill has placed in their 2022/2023 budget \$1,000 for this sign. Any additional costs, the Council will have to transfer funds from another line item.

The Council explained they would like to sign to read:

Kinnear Library Building  
McGill Town Hall  
Copy of McGill Town Logo in the corner

Dave Miller assured the Council he will continue to work with Rainbow Signs to come up with a cost.

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Plaques for Trees:

Dave Miller provided the Council with 3 sample trees where names of persons would be etched on each leaf. As soon as the Council selects the sample of their preference, he will obtain a cost estimate.

The Council selected sample #1.

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Plaque for Fall Officer:

Dave Miller provided the Council with 2 sample plaques measuring 8X10 or 12X18. Wording to read:

“Dedicated in Memory of  
Sergeant Ben Jenkins  
Nevada State Highway Patrol  
Recipient of the  
Nevada Highway Patrol Gold Medal of Valor in 2011  
December 22, 1972 – March 27, 2020  
Killed in the line of duty  
While stopping to assist a fellow citizen.  
Gave the ultimate sacrifice for the  
Community he protected.  
“Without questions, Sergeant Jenkins was a  
Hero to his community, his law enforcement  
Colleagues, the State of Nevada and our country.”

One sample plaque displays Sgt. Jenkins picture, the other does not.

The Council requested that he obtain cost estimates for both samples, and then the Council can solicit donations.

All three topics are to be carried on the next agenda.

USE OF MCGILL BALL PARK FOR GIRL SCOUT CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES:

The secretary reported that she has not heard from the Girl Scout leader since her first call. The Council directed the secretary to carry the matter on the next agenda.

PUBLIC ART IDEAS – POTENTIAL MURALS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

It was reported that Kyle could not be able to attend this meeting. The Council directed the secretary to carry this matter on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated April 19, 2022.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Council Member Herndon abstained from voting due to being absent from that meeting.

Motion was carried by a majority vote.

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bath Lumber	\$2,035.81
(park supplies/equipment)	
OPI	\$ 39.89
(monthly copy machine fees)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 20.77
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	

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

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Council Member Maestes reported there are a lot of unlicensed vehicles inside the yard at #13 Avenue B.

The Council noted that was private property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Sympathy letter to Ruth Town Council expressing sympathy.
2. Letter to Langley School providing history of McGill and White Pine County.
3. Deposit in the amount of \$132.00 from Kinnear Library for internet costs in lieu of rent.
4. Memo to WPC Sheriff re: unlicensed vehicles.
5. Letter to Kyle Horvath re: future murals.
6. Letter to WP County Clerk re: scheduling agenda item for Heritage Center in McGill.
7. E-mail from WPC HR re: employment procedures.
8. Secretary monthly report.
9. McGill-Ruth Sewer & Water agenda and Public Hearing Notice.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill has 1 ½ months remaining in their 2021/2022 budget. 2022/2023 budget will begin on the first of July. The County Finance Department made some adjustments to the McGill account summary. She will be meeting with the Chief Deputy Finance Director so that she may be better able to understand the recent budget spreadsheet changes.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that she will take a drive around McGill and note if there have been any lights that had not been changed to LED. She will then make notice to JW Electric to ensure the Phase III of the LED Street Light Project had been completed, then contact Mt. Wheeler Power so McGill can obtain their next \$2,000 discount in charges.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

No report given.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there was only 5 persons at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed a few of the problems in and around McGill. They also decided not to have the Bicycle Rodeo this next year.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Nothing new to report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, Business Rep, reported that the person who was planning on opening a Boutique in the Old Bank Building, had changed her mind, but NASS Lock and Key has reopened again.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird reported that the MRA is now working on the community yard sale which is planned to be held on June 18.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

It was reported that Keith Gibson had included, in his newsletter, the McGill Town Council letter written to the BOCC supporting him to obtain the old Hospital/Senior Center to be used as a Heritage Center. He is asking what his subscribers think.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any further comments from the audience.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she spoke with a person at Mt. Wheeler Power and learned they will be contracting with another company to complete some work in McGill. That

contractor will have a bucket truck that will reach high enough to install the US Flag on the Flagpole at the top of Circle Parks.

Dave Miller offered to research the cost to obtain all the necessary brackets, rope, and solar light to hang the US Flag that was donated last year.

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Council Member Maestes recalled that she had requested a letter to NDOT about the deer and elk that have been struck by vehicles speeding through town and asking for “Caution Wildlife Crossing”.

Kyle Jensen addressed the Council explaining that he recently retired from NDOT, he recalls seeing the previous letter, and he would suggest that McGill Town Council follow up with another letter requesting signs that read “Caution Wildlife Crossing”.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.