

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on June 21, 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.
- Kyle Jensen
- Kyle Horvath, WPC Tourism & Recreation Board
- Stacy Laird, Bus. Rep/MRA
- David Miller, Basin Engineering
- John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative/V.I.T.A.L.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the public. There was no comments at this time.

PURCHASE OF A USED TRUCK TO BE USED FOR MCGILL PARKS:

It was reported that the funds had not been augmented and transferred into the McGill budget yet. It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda.

UPDATE/PLANNING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

It was reported that Brenda McConaha was at work and could not attend this meeting to give an updated report.

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

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to set the departments on the McGill Town Council as follows:

- Roxane Ballandby – McGill Chairperson – representing Street lights/streets/street signs.
- Cynthia Angelopoulos – McGill Vice-Chairperson – representing community planning/youth activities/park liaison.
- Rudy Herndon – McGill Member – representing Fire/EMT and Heritage Center.

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Danielle Jensen – McGill Member – representing Neighborhood Watch/social media rep.
Chris Maestes – McGill Member - representing County Commission Liaison.
Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

CREATING SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE MCGILL HERITAGE CENTER:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to create a McGill Heritage Center Advisory Board and select Council Member Herndon to sit on that sub-committee.
Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

COST ESTIMATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SIGN IN FRONT OF THE MCGILL TOWN HALL/KINNEAR LIBRARY BUILDING – PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Dave Milled, Basin Engineering, addressed the Council recalling that McGill Town Council previously selected the metal tree design to be hung on their wall. Each leaf would have the name of a person who the Town Council had planted a tree in their memory. He has done some further research and learned that McGill could purchase the tree and leaves, but possibly have a local person engrave the names.

It was noted this is the end of the budget year, before the Council can make a decision to make this purchase it would be necessary for the secretary to get the vendor to complete a W-9 and other tax exempt paperwork to get them listed as a County vendor.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter, but have the secretary work with Dave Miller in sending off the proper paperwork and obtain the official cost estimate.

Plaque for fallen officer. The secretary reported that she had forwarded both sample plaques to the Sheriff. Sheriff Henriod selected the plaque with the picture of Sergeant Ben Jenkins.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to select the cast bronze plaque 15” X 22” with metal photograph in the amount of \$1,125.00.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The Council directed the secretary to work with Dave Miller in mailing off the W-9 and tax exempt paperwork to Artistic Bronze Inc. to get them listed as a County vendor. She was also instructed to prepare the purchase order for approval at the next meeting.

Dave Miller provided the Council with 4 sample signs to be hung in front of the McGill Town Hall. Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to select Option “C” that would read “Kinnear Library Building”, a picture of the McGill Logo, and “McGill Town Council” under the Logo. Cost of the sign would be \$4,146.15 with a deposit of \$2,000.00.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.
Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

It was noted that McGill Town Council already had a 5 X 8 foot flag donated. They now need about 160 to 180 feet of double braded rope @ \$4.00 per foot. They will also need to install a solar light.

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

It was noted that FlagCo is already listed as a WPC Vendor.

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

It was reported that the Girl Scout leader had not contacted the office.
It was the consensus of the Council to drop this matter from the agenda.

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

Kyle Horvath, WPC Tourism & Rec Board, reported that they have worked with Rudy Herndon on the Schell Raiser Music Festival that was held during the early part of June. He heard this was a very successful event, and he hoped it would grow more each year that it is held.

Kyle Horvath reported that the WP Tourism and Rec Board received a grant to write stories. They worked with Keith Gibson and that televised story will be out soon.

Kyle Horvath reported that he is looking forward to working with McGill in writing the new “Walking Tour of McGill” map and stories. It will be transformed into a booklet type tour guide.

Kyle Horvath reported that the artist who painted the Pony Express Rider mural has recently moved to Ely, so there will be a local artist painting future murals.

Kyle Horvath reported that he still has funds in his 2021/2022 budget to have a mural painted. He would like that mural to be in McGill.

It was agreed to carry this matter on the next agenda. In the meantime he will work with both the McGill Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated May 17, 2022.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Council Member abstained from the portion of the minutes when he had stepped down to report on the Schell Raiser Music Festival.

Motion was carried by majority vote.

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

C & B Auto	\$ 9.27
(motor oil)	
Bradley’s Bestway Market	\$ 15.37
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
Bath Lumber	\$ 1,698.58
(Park operating/equipment)	
JW Electric	\$15,250.00
(Balance for LED street lights)	
Bradley’s Bestway Market	\$ 23.99
(cleaning supplies)	
OPI	\$ 32.52
(monthly contract for copy machine)	
Basin Engineering	\$ 300.00
(engineering for Ball Park)	

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

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

John Fitzgerald, Veterans Initiative, addressed the Council referring to the vacant building located at the top of First Street and Avenue K. The building has been severely vandalized, there has been a lot of activities happening during the night, the Sheriff's Office has responded to numerous calls these past few months, but kids are still getting into the building, and he fears someone is going to become injured. The building is full of a lot of valuable art moldings and materials, and the Sheriff has informed him that the building is privately owned by Mrs. Hastings. They have contacted Mrs. Hastings about the condition of the building, but she has not responded. He thought the County Maintenance Department would secure the building; however, it has been reported they cannot go on private property. He is asking if correspondence can be sent to the Sheriff, NDI, and/or the building department to see what can be done about this building.

It was the consensus of the Council to send the requested correspondence and also ask them to check on the building every time the drive through McGill.

It was also the consensus of the Council to request the Sheriff Deputies to check all the doors in McGill's business district each evening.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Copy of McGill Parks Inventory.
3. McGill Heritage Center guidelines.
4. Memory plaque samples.
5. E-mail from Public Works Director re: P-10 and request for agenda item.
6. E-mail question re: banking for Heritage Center.
7. Letter to JW Electric thanking them for their work on the LED street light project.
8. Letter to NDOT re: "Watch for Wildlife" signs.
9. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power re: LED Phase III completion project.
10. E-mail from Timothy Wolf re: Sheriff's office Building.
11. Trailer Clean-up Schedule.
12. Deposit of funds re: rental of Kinnear Library.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she met with the Public Works Director on the morning of June 16th. The County Parks Department will continue to manage the McGill Parks, if there are any requests we can call and leave messages with Courtney (Maint. Secretary) if there are any work orders. After hours if there is a problem, McGill can call the Sheriff's Office and they will forward the messages on. The mower has been repaired. They have worked up a schedule for parking the McGill trailer in different areas around McGill for people to clean their yards and dump their trash in the trailer and McGill Parks crew will haul it to the landfill. The County Parks has installed an outside plug outlet near the park storage shed so that the hydraulic lift could be charged up on the dump trailer. McGill's P-10 is no longer working, so McGill is renting a County truck at 17 cents per mile until a new truck is purchased. She and the Council Chairperson inventoried all the tools in the Park tool shed. They did notice that many of the tools have not been marked.

Council Member Maestes noted that a lot of people have keys to the storage shed at the Ball Park. She understood there are some tools and a chain saw stored in that shed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill is in the last month of their 2021/2022 budget. Finances do not look very good. Parks Department budget is well overspent along with a few other departments facing zero balance. She will work with the County Finance Department in transferring funds to ensure McGill ends their budget year in the black.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that the 3 phases of the LED street light project has been completed. Mt. Wheeler Power has been notified of the completion date to ensure that McGill receives their reduced rate.

It was reported that the new light at the corner of Mill Street and Avenue D is out.

It was reported there is a person in McGill who has an unusual eye disorder where LED lights causes pain. She had been asked to submit this concern in writing so it could be checked out.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported that the "Yield sign" is down by Avenue F where the road curves.

The Council directed their secretary to send a memo to the Road Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported that there were 5 persons at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed the break-in at the Sheriff's Office building and a few other problem areas in McGill. They will be placing those buildings (Sheriff's Office and KCC Office Bld.) on their regular patrol at night. They are discussing a "Movie Night" in conjunction with MRA one evening. After August it is hoped that the Sheriff's Office will provide for a liaison to attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings again; as it is hoped that their short staffing problems will be over.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she has already ordered the candy for Christmas. As usual, the order will be through Bradley's Bestway Market.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORT:

Stacy Laird, Business Rep, noted that she has nothing new to report.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization held their annual yard sale in conjunction with the Kinneare Library volunteers.

MRA will now begin assisting with the Labor Day planning.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Keith Gibson reported that he has recently received up to \$500 in donations from areas as far away as Virginia, Vegas, etc. The \$10,000 donation that he received a few months ago has been used for some

upgrades to the Drug Store Museum building, such as: new water heater, scanning machines, computer, printer, cleaning, painting. It is his intent to scan all documents related to the Drug Store Museum to preserve all those documents. They have also received a \$5,000 grant to fix the outside of the Drug Store Building. They will be cleaning, painting, and replacing some of the rusted tin.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Stacy Laird, Bus Rep/MRA, thanked Rudy Herndon for all of his hard work in bringing the very first Schell Raiser Music Festival to McGill.

Council Member Herndon, temporarily stepped down as a Council Member at 8:30 to report on the status of the First Annual Schell Raiser Music Festival. Future Music Festivals will probably be for only 3 days rather than the 4 days they held this last time. Saturday was his biggest day, with over 500 attendees. He offered free passes to locals to attend and they had many locals volunteer their services. They had attendees that came from all over the United States and Canada. They will continue to work with the WP Tourism and Rec Board. He had 30 bands, and many of those bands asked to return next year. The sound carried very well through the park area. This year was a learning experience, next year they plan on inviting more vendors. They also plan on developing a special shuttle from the RV Park back and forth to the Music Festival. He is looking forward to the Schell Raiser Music Festival next year. He had heard many comments from visitors. Most did not expect such beautiful mountains and countryside. Many said they had expected to see just desert.

Rudy Herndon returned as a Council Member at 8:36 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.