

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on July 19, 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.
- Stacy Laird, McGill Business Rep/MRA

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for any comments from the audience. There were no comments at this time.

APPROVAL TO USE MCGILL BALL PARK FOR A FUNDRAISER:

It was noted that the Girl Scout had cancelled their agenda item.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET YEAR:

The following Purchase Orders were submitted for Fiscal Year 2022/2033.

Rainbow Sign & Banner (Town Hall Sign)	\$4,923.25
Artistic Bronze Inc. (Plaque in memory of fallen officer)	\$1,125.00
Bradley's Bestway Market (Labor Day picnic)	\$2,000.00
Bradley's Bestway Market (Christmas Candy)	\$ 300.00
Bradley's Bestway Market (Gift Certificates/Christmas)	\$ 225.00
Garden State Fireworks (fireworks)	\$6,000.00
IonoWeb (WebPage maint)	\$ 540.00
JW Electric (street light inventory)	\$2,000.00
JW Electric (street light repairs)	\$5,000.00
Tri County Weed Control District (weed control)	\$1,000.00

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the Purchase Order requests for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget year.

Council Member Maestes 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 – PURCHASE OF FLAG HANGING MATERIALS FOR US FLAG AT THE TOP OF THE CIRCLE:

It was noted that all vendor information for both Rainbow Sign & Banner and Artistic Bronze has been returned and will be forwarded on to the County Finance Department. Purchase orders have been approved, for the sign in the front of the Town Hall building and the Plaque in memory of the fallen Highway Patrol Officer have now been approved. It is now time to mail off the purchase orders and receive delivery. The acquisition of plaques in memory of town residents whenever the Town Council planted trees in their memory still needs to be acquired. Possibly that could fall under some type of grant guidelines.

The secretary reported that Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, called the office. He has obtained all the order information for the Flag Pole at the top of the Circle. The company McGill used to work with (FlagCo) has changed names and is now called Global Flags Unlimited. Because the name of the company has changed, it may be necessary to obtain a new W-9 before McGill will be able to order the materials to hang the US Flag that had been donated a few years back.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos noted that this matter has been carried on the agenda for over 2 years, she feels it is time to proceed with obtaining the necessary purchase order so the materials can be delivered. Then, when Mt. Wheeler Power has the taller bucket truck in town again, they will be able to hang the US Flag.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to authorize the secretary to prepare the purchase order and obtain new vendor information so the US Flag accessories can be ordered.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

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

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she has not spoken with the Public Works Director regarding the purchase of a used truck for the McGill parks.

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

UPDATE/PLANNING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

It was noted there was no reports received.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated June 21, 2022.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BILLS/AUTHORITATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

Bradley's Bestway Market \$31.55
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)

OPI \$36.26
(monthly copy machine)

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was noted that the vacant building at the corner of Avenue K and First Street has been secured.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was mailed or received since the previous meeting:

1. E-mail from Sheriff Henriod re: abandoned building on Ave K & First St.
2. Notice of Public Hearing for CDBG applications.
3. Secretary monthly report.
4. E-mail from Grants Writer re: Ruth Town Grand app.
5. Billing from WPC Road Dept re: gas charges \$655.17
6. Letters to Artistic Bronze & Rainbow Sign re: new accounts.
7. Letters for authorization to charge locally.
8. Memo to WPC Road Dept. re: "Yield Sign" down.
9. Memo to Sheriff Henriod re: nuisance abatement.
10. Thank you note from Langley School for McGill history info.
11. Memo to WPC Finance re: transfer of funds.
12. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos complimented the grant application that Tabatha Hamilton wrote for the Ruth Museum. She would like a letter commending Tabatha for writing a great grant. Also place in the letter that McGill is still asking to seek grant funding to complete the Ball Park Phase III, the McGill Heritage Center, Town Hall Parking lot, and McGill's tree project.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos noted that residents are using the McGill Ball Park for their dogs to run and play. She would like a memo to be sent to the County Parks Department requesting a "Please Clean Up After Your Dogs) sign and plastic bag dispenser be installed at the Ball Park.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare and send the memo.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she has spoken with the Public Works Director regarding the sprinklers that are out of order at the Ball Park. She inquired about the missing chain saw. She will report the weeding of the Dugout area to him. Also, she will speak with him about the "tagging" vandalism at the bleachers at the Ball Park. She will also speak with him about marking of all the McGill equipment. Also, they did get the new gate for the Ball Park.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she received 2 financial statements from the County Finance Department this month. The one report was the final report for budget year 2021/2022. That budget did not fair as well as previous years. The other budget print out is for budget year 2022/2033. This budget shows \$37,500 under equipment over \$5,000 in the parks department; which covers the used truck and backhoe & dragger for the tractor.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Council Member Herndon reported that he has been unable to reach any of the McGill Volunteer Firemen yet. He hopes to have more information next month.

STREET LIGHTS:

It was noted that the following lights are still out; however, the repair order cannot be called in until there are 5 or more lights out, pursuant to contract with JW Electric:

4 Avenue C

North Second St. and Avenue M

5 Circle Drive

Avenue D and Mill Street

Council Member Maestes inquired about the request for a new light at the southern end of McGill above the car wash (2 streets above the car wash).

The secretary explained that she has been in the office at JW Electric; however, she has only spoken with the secretary. She does not know if JW has come up with a cost estimate yet. She also wants to ask JW how many LED lights he has remaining after the completion of the LED Street Light project and/or if he feels the need to place an order for additional LED lights. She will continue to check with JW Electric.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

The Council asked if the Yield Sign by Avenue F above the grade school has been replaced yet. It was noted it has not been replaced yet.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there were 6 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They will be planning a movie night; the Sheriff's Office will soon be staffed enough so the deputy assigned to the Neighborhood Watch will be able to attend meetings again. Also, the park curfew sign located at the top of Avenue K park has been vandalized.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare a memo notifying the Parks Department.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she has ordered the candy for Christmas.

Questions were asked regarding what activities the McGill Swimming Pool will be planning for Labor Day weekend.

The Council directed the secretary to send correspondence to Krish requesting a report.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

No report given.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization to be assisting and getting ready for the annual Labor Day festivities. They will also assist Neighborhood Watch with their movie night.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

McGILL HERITAGE CENTER:

Council Member Herndon reported that he has met with Keith Gibson, they are presently recruiting board members for the Heritage Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Maestes noted that her new position as County Commission Liaison did not appear on the agenda. She would like to report that she has attended 2 County Commission meetings. The County Commission still has excess funds for Covid relief. She recalls that McGill had mailed correspondence requesting some items to help McGill merchants; however we never received a response. She would request that the secretary provide her with a copy of that letter so she can begin working on a list of items the Covid money could be used for in McGill. During the coming month she will work with the secretary in putting that letter together. Also, she would like the secretary to provide her with another copy of the letter regarding the boundary line questions; as she would like to obtain some questions answered.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.