

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on January 18, 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:

Joshua Miller, Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson
Roxane Ballandby, Member
Vacant Seat

Absent Council Member: Chris Maestes, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, Secretary/Town Clerk
Stacy Laird, MRA, Business Rep.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chairman Miller led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for any comments from the audience.
There were no comments at this time.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR & ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS:

It was the consensus of the Town Council to carry this matter on the next agenda when there is a full Board present.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SELF EVALUATION:

The Council reviewed the annual self evaluation as prepared by the McGill Town Council and authorized it to be submitted. Copy of this evaluation appears at the end of these minutes.

ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATES FOR PHASE III OF THE SNPLMA GRANT FOR THE MCGILL BALL PARK:

The Council discussed previous communications between Dave Miller (Basin Engineering) and the Council regarding preparations for Phase III of the McGill Ball Park project. It had previously been felt that McGill needed to begin early gathering all engineering and materials costs to complete the restoration of the Ball Park.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to authorize Basin Engineering to complete the engineering costs for Phase III of the McGill Ball Park Project. If there are to be costs involved in gathering these cost estimates, Basin Engineering is to notify the Town Council before proceeding. Council Member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

STATUS REPORT/UPDATE ON VARIOUS MCGILL PROJECTS:

Rudy Herndon, Shellraiser Music Festival--IOOF Hall--Shellraiser RV Park, addressed the Council updating them on his various ventures in McGill. He reported that, after 2 years of delays, the IOOF Hall is back on schedule. He employed the services of a new architect and he now has his fire suppression system fully approved by the State Fire Marshall. He has contractors currently working on upgrading the building. He will be reinforcing the trusses to strengthen the roof, insulate better, finish installing the thermo windows, etc. He will also be submitting his menu and will soon be getting the kitchen area approved by the Building Department. It is his plan to have his grand opening by September.

Rudy Herndon reported on the status of his RV park which will be located just north of McGill. The RV Park will sit on 80 acres. He has already applied for his water permit and will build a well. He will have 6 yurts, 12 tents, and 40 RV rental spaces. He has ordered public restrooms to be constructed and will soon be delivered. He has acquired a shipping container that will be renovated to serve as office and living quarters for employees. Roads still need some improvements. If the music festival is successful, he may look at planning future festivals at the RV Park. He is looking at having a soft opening in May.

Rudy Herndon continued by reporting on the Shellraiser Music Festival. Noting that he will be ordering a large portable stage to be built to accommodate the bands. He has invited all local coffee vendors to open booths during the festival. He also has invited food vendors to set up booths. He has been working with a private security firm for security, and has been working with local and state law enforcement to be available during the festival. As stated above, if the music festival outgrows the Swimming Pool Park, then he will be able to move it out to the Shellraiser RV Park. He has offered free tickets to both McGill and Ely residents. The Tourism and Rec Board has obtained a grant to assist with advertising the event. He has already been running ads in various magazines and has already been selling tickets. Early tickets will sell for \$50, but will go up to \$70 when it gets closer to the event date. He will also be looking for volunteers within the community to be available to assist spectators, and those volunteers will also receive a free pass.

The Council thanked Mr. Herndon for updating the Board, and offered their assistance if needed.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Member Ballandby recalled previous discussions from several months ago, where the Council had considered creating a large board with the caption that read, "Trees in the McGill Parks have been planted in memory of the following citizens". Then the Council could get the local mortuary to order the engraving the name plates of the persons trees have been planted for. She would like to go back to the original idea, rather than individual signs.

The Council agreed, requesting that contact be made with the local mortuary to obtain cost estimates for having name plates made up. It was further agreed to carry this matter on the agenda.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was noted there was not a quorum present to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record (Note these bills were submitted for payment in December 21, 2021 without a quorum present – they are to be read into the record and ratified for payment:

JW Electric	\$1,167.69
(install meter main panel at Park)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 47.62
(ice melt/cleaning supplies)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 14.72
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
OPI	\$ 33.18
(monthly copy machine contract)	
Cynthia Angelopoulos	\$ 15.08
(Christmas decorations reimbursement)	
Great Basin Service Club	\$ 482.00
(Christmas tree lights)	
Bath Lumber	\$ 112.47
(cleaning supplies)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 35.21
(Christmas refreshments)	

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to ratify the payment of bills as read.

Council Member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher made out to her in the amount of \$15.08.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$ 32.85
(copy machine contract)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$128.76
(Christmas candy)	
QUILL	\$557.98
(minute books)	

Council Member Ballandby motioned to pay the bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported there is an abandoned vehicle at 3rd Street and Avenue H (brown ISUZU – has not moved in months) vacant house, vehicle is parked on 3rd St. License 934-D30 ISUZU.

It was also reported there is an abandoned vehicle in the LDS Church parking lot (black Chevy with Washington license #BLW 2711).

The Council directed the secretary to forward this information on to the Sheriff.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence received or mailed since the previous meeting, as follows:

1. Secretary monthly report.
2. Christmas card from Basin Engineering.
3. Self evaluation – Town Council.
4. E-mail regarding security cameras.
5. Deposit of funds for rental of Town Hall.
6. Resignation of Danielle Jensen from the Town Council.
7. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water agenda.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

No report given.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill has received over \$52,000 in revenues so far this budget year; which amounts to 50% of the annual budget. McGill is currently 50% into their budget year.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

The following lights were reported as being out.

1. Behind the gas station – defective LED
2. By the Bank Building.
3. #3 Circle Drive – defective LED

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

It was reported there are tree branches covering the school sign located at the corner of Main (Fourth) Street and Avenue G.

It was undetermined if this sign is the responsibility of NDOT or the County Road Dept.

The Council directed the secretary to contact both agencies.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported there were only 3 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Stacy Laird reported that Christmas was a great success this past season. They held a tree lighting, had a craft fair, cake sale, parade with 3 winners selected & prizes awarded, Santa visited the Town Hall, Best Decorated Yard contest was successful with 3 winners selected & prizes awarded, Best Decorates Pole contest with 3 winners selected & prizes awarded.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, Business Rep, reported that she had recently been approached by a person who makes Cornish Patise and he was looking for a location in McGill where he could open a second store. His main store will remain in Elko. She referred him to contact the County Assessor to learn the names of each property owner in McGill's business district. She also reported that NASS Lock and Key will keep his business at the Old Bank Building, but he will be renting the store frontage to another business person.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nothing new to report.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos called for any further comments from the audience. There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Nichole Baldwin, WPC Clerk
c/o WPC Clerk's Office
801 Clark Street
Ely, Nevada 89301

The Honorable Clerk Baldwin,

In response to your correspondence requesting an annual evaluation for 2021 calendar year, the Council will attempt to fill you in on all of their accomplishments, disappointments, and goals. The McGill Town Council conducted 11 public meetings (the December had to be cancelled due to lack of quorum) and one budget workshop. The third Tuesday of every month is still the Town Council's meeting date. Of the 11 regular meetings held, there were 8 meetings where we did not have a full quorum; most reasons were illness or business that had taken them out of town. Public participation ranged from 3 persons in the audience to 9 persons.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/GOALS/DISAPPOINTMENTS:

1. Accomplishment. McGill still remains extremely fortunate to have so many volunteer organizations, such as McGill Revitalization Association, McGill Volunteer Fire Department, McGill Volunteer EMT's, McGill Neighborhood Watch, McGill Grade School, and the Kinnear Library/Cultural Center. These volunteer organizations devote thousands of personal hours toward the betterment of this community. They gather to organize parades; prepare for the arrival of the Easter Bunny; gather groceries for the McGill Needy Families Food Drive; McGill Christmas "Pick-A-Pole" decorations where people pick a street light pole and decorate it; make themselves available to assist Santa Clause; volunteer library where they offer books, free internet service, one on one reading lessons for the young people, story hour, etc.; and McGill's annual Labor Day festivities which include a picnic, fireworks, street dance, etc. McGill also enjoys a "Secret Santa" who answers all the letters mailed to him through the US Post Office (How cool is that). McGill Town Council highly regards their volunteers who dedicate thousands of their personal hours toward the betterment of our community. These residents give their time freely, they never charge for their services.
2. Accomplishment. McGill's Volunteer Fire Department is coming along. At a recent meeting, it was reported that McGill enjoys 15 Volunteer Firemen. Three of those Volunteer Firemen also serve as Volunteer EMTs.
3. Accomplishment/Goal. As McGill previously reported to you, several years ago McGill annexed land surrounding the Town of McGill. The land that was annexed used to be part of McGill years ago, but when Kennecott deeded the town over to the County, they left a lot of areas out. Now that McGill's footprint is back to what it used to be, our boundaries range from the Club 50 to half way to the Duck Creek turnoff going north. Most of the lands that McGill annexed back into their boundaries are zoned commercial, as they are along the highway frontage. Just north of McGill we are now enjoying construction of an RV Park. South of McGill there is still a plat map that was filed years ago. That plat map shows roads, lots, blocks, and house numbers. If the Hydroelectric plant should develop next to Gondor Substation, employees would be able to walk to work if McGill's Plat Map should be developed.
4. Accomplishment. People are still wanting to move to McGill. Homes are still selling as soon as they are placed on the market. McGill is enjoying new residents becoming involved in their new community, as well.
5. Accomplishment. McGill Business District is flourishing. The IOOF Hall is still currently under construction and will soon be enjoying the grand opening of a new coffee shop called "Middle of Everywhere". McGill Theatre has enjoyed a facelift this past summer, with a new roof and all the outside bricks being polished to look like new. Nass Lock and Key will keep his locksmith business operating; however, he will be renting space in his store to a new business operator. Can't wait to see what type of business this brings to McGill.
6. Accomplishment. McGill is still enjoying the visitors that the McGill Drug Store Museum brings to this community. Tour buses have been seen stopping, dropping off their visitors, where they visit the Drug Store Museum, then run across the street to peek inside the McGill Club to see the famous "Backbar".
7. Accomplishment/Goal. There is also a Music Festival planned for the summer of 2022. Rudy will call this Music Festival the "Shellraiser Music Festival" and he is planning on bringing several thousand visitors to our community. Years ago, McGill had brought 6,000 people to McGill when Kennecott blew their smokestack, so a Music Festival should not be any different than bringing 6,000 people here. We look forward to the challenge.
8. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill is still the home of V.I.T.A.L. The Veterans Initiative is still looking at setting up a machine shop and training veterans to work on their government contracts. The Veterans Initiative is run by a Board of Directors members who are located all around the US, once they are operational they will be attracting veterans to work at their machine shop. As with anyone looking to locate a business in this area, McGill Town Council will welcome them with open arms.
9. Accomplishment. McGill Town Council was recently approached by a volunteer organization wishing to open a Food Bank in McGill to bring food to persons in McGill who are in need. At last check, their food giveaway program is turning out to be very successful.
10. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill is the home of the oldest Ball Park in the State of Nevada. McGill enjoyed funds from a SNPLMA grant to renovate and restore the McGill Ball Park. The McGill Ball Park enjoyed being used almost daily by the WP High School and Little League this past summer. There has been talk of (once the SNPLMA railroad grant is completed) bringing College Baseball Teams to Ely to stay the night, then bring the players by way of the railroad to McGill to play their games the following day. How cool will that be? There is still more work that needs to be done to the McGill Ball Park, but that will be spelled out in future SNPLMA grants.
11. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill parks continue to be a never-ending project for the Council. The parks employee has done a terrific job. Grants are needed to upgrade all the Parks in the McGill Circle. Years back, McGill employed the services of Basin Engineering, the end result being a McGill Parks Master Plan being put together to help the County Grants Writer.

12. Accomplishment. McGill Town Council continues to enjoy the status of maintaining one of Nevada’s longest running Neighborhood Watch Programs. We have created our own McGill Neighborhood Watch Logo with signs placed around town as a warning that vandals are being watched.
13. Accomplishment/Goal. McGill was successful in working with the White Pine Tourism and Rec Board, as is evidenced by the mural that was painted on the North side of the Pony Express Gas Station (mural is of a Pony Express rider). McGill is looking forward to getting their next mural painted welcoming people to McGill at the southern end of town. This mural will be of Babe Ruth playing baseball at the McGill Ball Park, which is the Oldest Ball Park in the State of Nevada.
14. Disappointment turned into an Accomplishment. McGill’s Main Street is a very heavily traveled highway. There have been numerous vehicle accidents along what we call Main Street (US93). It is a standing joke; “if a person parks their car on Main Street, it will not take long before it gets hit”. McGill has had cars hit, houses hit, street lights hit. White Pine County Sheriff’s Office recently brought back the “Dummy Police Car”. This is a WPC Sheriff’s vehicle with a dummy sitting behind the wheel wearing a hat and sunglasses. It is more than interesting watching semi drivers slam on their breaks when the driver spots a patrol car parked on the road ahead of them.
15. Continued/Ongoing Accomplishments. McGill continues to enjoy the assistance and guidance they receive from the many County Offices and Departments.
 - (a) Road Department continues to provide McGill with excellent services. If a street sign needs replacing, or if a problem occurs on one of the streets, they are on it as soon as we report it.
 - (b) Maintenance Department continued to work on the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building until they finished. They are always there willing to respond to any requested repairs when asked.
 - (c) Parks Department continues to provide assistance to our park’s seasonal employee. We continue to maintain the interlocal agreement where we maintain the parks, and they continue to winterize our sprinkling systems.
 - (d) The Aquatic Director keeps the McGill Town Council updated on the activities at the McGill Swimming Pool.
 - (e) Sheriff’s office continues to provide excellent service. The Town Council looks forward to the same working relationship for years to come.
 - (f) McGill Neighborhood Watch continues to be supported by the Sheriff’s Office, and is one of the longest running Neighborhood Watch programs in the State.
 - (g) Finance Department continues to provide excellent service. Bills are paid in a timely manner, budget is maintained, payroll is processed expertly, all the staff is ready to provide assistance when needed.
 - (h) Treasurer’s Office continues to handle all of our deposits for rental, donations, and sales of McGill’s 100 Years of History book.
 - (i) Recorder’s Office continues to offer guidance and answer questions when called upon.
 - (j) Assessor’s Office has always made themselves available to offer assistance whenever requested.
 - (k) Human Resource continues to be extremely helpful with employment matters. It is hoped that the new HR person will provide McGill with the same service.
 - (l) District Attorney’s Office has been very prompt in responding to any requests for guidance.
 - (m) Clerk’s Office remains very helpful in providing the Council with guidance, and helping to fill any board vacancies.

All in all, the year 2021 was a fairly good year for McGill. There have been a few disappointments, setbacks, and many accomplishments; but as the Governing Body for the Town of McGill, the Town Council will continue representing their residents to be best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Miller, Chairman

Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson

Roxane Ballandby, Member

Vacant Seat

Chris Maestes, Member