

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on March 15, 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
- Danielle Jensen, Member
- Chris Maestes, Member
- Vacant Seat

Also in attendance:

- Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
- David Miller, Basin Engineering
- Raymond Maestes, Sr.
- Sami Blackham, WP Little League
- Logan Loveless, WP Little League
- David Willes, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Matthew Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief
- Allan Wise, Great Basin Service Club

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairperson Ballandby called for comments from the audience.

Allan Wise, Great Basin Service Club, addressed the Council, noting that he finally received payment for the Christmas tree lights after the delay in their receiving the proper documentation. There will be some changes in next year decorations. He is also requesting a copy of the McGill insurance documentation because there has been a new requirement of NDOT.

The secretary was directed to forward him a copy of the insurance document.

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Keith Gibson, McGill Drug Store Museum, addressed the Council explaining that they had recently received a donation that they will use for upgrades to the Museum. They have also considered applying for a grant and use the donation funds toward the match funds requirement. They also were considering using the McGill Senior Center (Old McGill Hospital) for a possible heritage center to be operated in conjunction with the Drug Store Museum.

It was noted that the Senior Center (Old McGill Hospital) had undergone some upgrades when the EDC Office was operational. The building had been rewired and the coal boiler had been converted to

electric. Presently, the Senior Center is being used by the Food Bank for food giveaways twice each month. McGill Town Council is currently paying the expenses for the McGill Senior Center.

It was also reported that the Ruth Town Council is in the process of working with the Board of County Commissioners in obtaining a building that will be used as a museum in Ruth.

The Council directed the secretary to place the matter on the next agenda for further discussion.

REQUEST TO USE MCGILL BALL PARK FOR 2022 LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON:

Sami Blackham, WP Little League, addressed the Council explaining that they would like permission to use the McGill Ball Park for Little League practice and games again this year. Explaining that anyone who makes a donation to the White Pine Little League will also have a banner hung from the tall fence around the Ball Park. Also, she asked if McGill had acquired a drag yet.

Council Chairperson Ballandby explained that McGill had not purchased the drag yet; however, it is one of their planned purchases.

Logan Loveless, WP Little League, explained that they will clean the field after each use in the same manner as they did last year. He asked if the Little League would be allowed to utilize one of the storage sheds at the Ball Park to store all their equipment.

Council Member Maestes assured them that she would provide them with the key number so they could have a key ordered.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to authorize the White Pine Little League to use the McGill Ball Field for the spring/summer 2022 season. Her motion includes the use of a storage shed and a key provided to authorized persons.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that the White Pine High School had also requested to use the McGill Ball Park for their games.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to authorize the White Pine High School to use the McGill Ball Park for their spring/summer 2022 seasonal games. Motion includes the use of a storage shed and a key to authorized persons.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

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

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, explained that McGill will be making application for Phase III for all the final renovations to the McGill Ball Park. Some of those renovations will include all the overhead lights for both the Ball Park and for the parking lot, second field, and all the final touches for the fields.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, explained that he has obtained some cost estimates for the 3 different signs/plaques from 3 different sign companies.

1. Elevation Signworks – Sign in front of the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building @ 4x8 aluminum sign @ \$1,736.00 or 4x10 aluminum sign @ \$2,112.00.

2. Rainbow Sign & Banner – Plaque in memory of the fallen officer custom plaque with costs beginning at \$681.65 – and \$2,178.43.
3. Crown Awards – Plaque that would hang inside the McGill Town Hall listing the names of persons McGill Town Council had planted trees in memory of past employees/business persons passing @\$189.99 plus cost of printing individual names.

It was the consensus of the Council to carry this matter on the next agenda to allow time for the Council Members to study the cost estimates. Also, noting that funds will not be available until the next budget year which begins in July.

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

Nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated February 15, 2022.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$67.61
(copy machine contract)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$18.97
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
Bath Lumber	\$5,432.00
(Storage shed)	

Council Member Jensen motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos seconded the motion.

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

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

Matthew Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council expressing concerns about the parking problem at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building. Explaining that they have found it difficult to navigate between parked vehicles when pulling out of the Fire Station responding to an emergency. Noting that it is a tight turn leading toward the driveway, but when they have to circle around a parked car, it makes it more difficult.

It was explained to them that McGill Town Council will be applying for a CDBG grant to construct a new parking lot; however, the grant will not become available until next year. It was also discussed that McGill Town Council recently received a storage shed from Robinson Mine, the storage shed has been built, and the County Public Works Department will be preparing the area to place the storage shed.

It was suggested to place a “NO PARKING-FIRE LANE” sign by the south lawn so that vehicles will no longer park there.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare the Memo to the Public Works Director to request a “NO PARKING-FIRE LANE” and marking the curb red.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water agenda.
2. Letter from George Giannopoulos re: garage removal.
3. Memo to WPC Sheriff re: nuisance abatement complaint.
4. Memo to WPC Sheriff re: parking problem on so. 6<sup>th</sup> St.
5. Memo to Public Works re: parking problem on so 6<sup>th</sup> St.
6. Letter to Animal Control officer re: dog at large.
7. Letter to Public Works Director re: parking issues at Town Hall/Kinnear Library building.
8. Letter to JW Electric re: Roxane new contact person.
9. Letter to Mt. Wheeler Power re: rewiring of poles.
10. Letter of resignation from Joshua Miller as a member of the McGill Town Council.
11. Letter from rPlus Hydro re: draft license application for licensing WP Pumped Storage Project.
12. Letter from WP Little League re: donation.
13. Sympathy letter.
14. Secretary monthly report.
15. E-mail re: CDBG grant application for parking lot.

### ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No report given.

### PARK MAINTAENANCE:

It was reported that both Matthew Merys and Greg Irby have indicated they would like to return to work as seasonal part-time park workers.

The Council directed the secretary to handle the paperwork to bring both park seasonal part time workers back to work effective April 1, 2022.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that she spent a few hours in the County Finance Office this past week. She had been receiving “statements” where the amount did not match her figures; so she worked with Finance in straightening out the McGill accounts.

### FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

Matthew Noriega, McGill Volunteer Fire Chief, addressed the Council explaining that it has been slow this past month in McGill; as they only responded to 8 calls last month, and only 3 calls so far this month. The Brush Truck (truck that Town Council has been making payments on) has been returned to the McGill Fire Station. There are a few maintenance items that need to be attended to. Tori Noriega has been teaching EMT classes, with 3 people from McGill being trained as EMTs.

It was noted that McGill used to pay for the EMT training classes and lodging for the students in Elko. Now that there is someone local teaching, that is saving the Town Council considerable amount of money.

### STREET LIGHTS:

It was noted there has not been any activity in the LED changing of lights project, and the light is still out at the corner of North 2<sup>nd</sup> and Avenue M.

The Council directed the secretary to stop in at the JW Electric office to inquire about the delay.

### STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Nothing new reported.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there had only been 3 persons in attendance at the last McGill Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed a few problem areas around town, and some recruiting options.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she will be assisting the McGill Revitalization in helping stuff eggs before it is time for the Easter Bunny to arrive in McGill.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Stacy Laird, Business Rep, noted there is nothing new to report.

KINNEAR LIBRARY/CULTURAL CENTER REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their volunteer organization is working with other volunteer groups and they are in the process of preparing for the arrival of the Easter Bunny.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

It was noted that the McGill Drug Store Museum recently had their windows secured better.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

There were no further comments from the public.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.