

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on April 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
Danielle Jensen, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Rudy Herndon, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Keith Gibson
Brenda McConaha
Dave Miller, Basin Engineering
Tabatha Hamilton, WPC Economic Development
Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Mgr.
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA

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

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

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

DIRECTION ON PREFERRED REMEDIATION METHOD FOR THE MCGILL SLAG DITCH PROPERTY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OPEN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS OR CLOSED SYSTEMS, GREENWAYS, WALKING TRAILS AND MORE:

Tabatha Hamilton, WPC Economic Development Specialist, addressed the Council explaining that the County is looking for ways to remedy the slag ditch. The granting agency has requested that they speak with the community to see what they feel about improvements to the slag ditch. Noting that part of the slag ditch is the County's and part belongs to the McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water District. Once she obtains direction from McGill Town Council, then she will take those comments to the Water GID. The slag ditch begins at Kennecott property, and runs down to 6th Street. Before the grant is awarded, there will need to be public scoping and environmental studies.

Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director, addressed the Council explaining they will probably close the area, build box type culverts, then make walking or bike trail. They are looking for creative ways to make improvements to the ditch.

Council Chairperson Ballandby agreed with the suggested box type culvert, then cover it. Possibly make a walking or bike trail, maybe a community garden in one area, a few benches for rest areas, few trees, and possibly handrail in the few steep areas.

REQUEST USE OF MCGILL SENIOR CENTER (OLD MCGILL HOSPITAL) TO BE USED AS A HERITAGE CENTER:

Keith Gibson, McGill Drug Store Museum, addressed the Council explaining that McGill needs a Heritage Center. His suggestion is to turn the Old Hospital/Senior Center into a family center. There has been a lot of interest in this area with people asking about McGill, he has been interviewed by a few magazines promoting McGill. He has already been collecting artifacts for the Heritage Center, and many people have been donating a lot of their historical items. This is McGill's history and McGill needs to begin preserving their history. He has been receiving donations for the McGill Drug Store Museum, one check was for \$10,000, and he can put some of those funds toward preserving McGill history in the Heritage Center.

The secretary explained that the County Maintenance Department checks the Old Hospital/Senior Center a few times each month; and McGill Town Council has been paying for the electric, heating, and water for the building. Even though McGill pays all the costs in operating this building, it is a County building, and the final decision lies with the Board of County Commissioners. She has also spoken with the person who obtained permission to operate a "Food Bank" out of the Senior Center, they noted they only need the building 2 days a month, and if they had one small room where they could store their merchandise, they would welcome the new Heritage Center.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos agreed with Mr. Gibson's idea of creating a Heritage Center, and she so motions to send correspondence to the White Pine Board of County Commissioners explaining that McGill Town Council supports turning the Old McGill Hospital/Senior Center into a Heritage Center. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Brenda McConaha addressed the Council explaining that they will be working with the Tourism and Rec Board this year for advertising of the Labor Day festivities, they will also be helping with the entertainment. They will be holding a raffle to help pay for both the bands, there will be booths as in the past, and food will be provided by the Town Council.

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

Dave Miller, Basin Engineering, addressed the Council explaining that he is still working on the engineering estimates for the third phase of the McGill Ball Park. He has gone out and re-measured the metal sign in front of the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building. He provided more accurate dimensions, but only one company (Rainbow Signs) responded.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that the McGill Town Council has always preferred to do business with local businesses. She would like to see a local business give cost estimates, that way the taxes come back to the town.

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

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos explained that she has spoken with Larry Manning about the sign to be placed on the shed Robinson Mining donated to the Town of McGill. Mr. Manning offered to make the sign thanking the mine at no cost to the McGill Town Council. She has also received information from a local person who makes wooden signs.

Council Member Jensen noted that is the same local business person she has been working with.

Council Chairperson Ballandby suggested that McGill have a separate sign commemorating the fallen officer.

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

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

The Council directed the secretary to invite Kyle Horvath, Tourism and Rec Board, to the next meeting, explaining that McGill is ready to work on their second mural by the Ball Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record.

Cynthia Angelopoulos	\$211.71
(reimbursement for Easter candy)	
White Pine Little League	\$300.00
(donation-homerun package)	
White Pine Chamber of Commerce	\$ 95.00
(annual dues)	
OPI	\$ 61.78
(monthly copy machine contract)	
Bradley's Bestway Market	\$ 17.76
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)	
C & B Auto	\$ 19.98
(wiper blades)	
CMC Tire	\$ 27.77
(tire repair)	

Council Member Maestes motioned to approve the bills as read.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos abstained from voting on the voucher made out to her.

Motion was carried by majority vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported there is an old jeep with no license plate behind the home at #32 Fourth Street.

There is also a green van with no license plate behind the home at #34 Fourth Street.

Also there is still an abandoned vehicle with a Nevada license plate # 934D30 at the corner of Avenue H and Third Street (this abandoned vehicle has been turned in before, but now it has flat tires)

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Memo to Maintenance re: key 8-6.
2. Letters to Little League & WP High re: Ball Park use.
3. E-mail from WP Maintenance re: signs, locks, and keys.
4. McGill-Ruth Water agenda.
5. Information on Proposed Slag Ditch uses.
6. Employment letters to park employees.
7. Secretary monthly report.
8. E-mail from Grants Office re: CDBG grants.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

Council Member Maestes reported that she was the victim of a dog attack, she called the Sheriff's Office, and she has noticed that the dogs are gone now.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Council Member Maestes reported that Matthew, Parks Manager, was not able to attend the meeting this evening. She reported that he has secured the restroom doors, he is working on the gopher problem, mowing the lawns, etc. She would like to get new stock gates at the south end of the Ball Park so the kids on 4-wheelers cannot drive on the lawns.

Public Works Director Calderwood explained that stock gates would cost \$400. Once installed, they can put the same locks on it to match all the other gate locks.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos explained there was a delay in Little League obtaining their key for the Ball Park. They had contacted her about getting another faucet.

Public Works Director Calderwood explained they could make a quick connect. He would suggest working with the McGill Parks Manager regarding installing the additional faucet.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos noted that things have not run as smoothly for Little League. They have suggested McGill acquire a drag to connect on the back of the mower/tractor.

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to purchase the drag for the ball park, install an additional faucet near the announcer stand at the ball park, and purchase 2 stock gates for the south corner of the ball park.

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported there are 2 months remaining in this year's budget. She would estimate there will be 2 more payments for revenues coming in. All McGill spending is within the budget.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No report given.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Chairperson Ballandby reported that the light is out at #5 Circle Drive. Lights from Avenue K and along First Street have not been changed to LED lights yet. The light at Avenue A and Third Street has not been changed to LED yet.

It was reported there are no street lights on the entire street behind #109 Fourth St. There are now several modular homes installed, but no street lights.

The Council directed the secretary to contact Jake at Mt. Wheeler to obtain a cost estimate on how much to install a new street light.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

The Council noted that the faded “No Parking on this Side of the Street” on South Sixth Street has not been replaced yet. Also, the “No Parking – Fire Lane” sign at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library has not been replaced yet either.

Public Works Director Calderwood assured the Council that he would check into this matter.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Member Jensen reported there were only 4 persons at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. They discussed reports of “egging”, and the committee began making preparations for the Bicycle Rodeo.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

It was reported that there was a new Easter Bunny who visited McGill this year. The egg hunt went very well. There were many donations and the Council will be sending out thank you cards.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that their organization assisted the Easter Bunny when he visited town. They are now beginning to work on Labor Day festivities.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

Keith Gibson, McGill Drug Store Museum, addressed the Council reporting that the Museum had received a large donation; they have been having walls washed, they will be painting, and doing a lot of major cleaning. They also will be purchasing a scanner to scan all the old records. The next grant they apply for will be to seal the outside walls, purchase a new water heater and new bathroom fixtures. They hope to be able to serve ice cream this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

There were no further comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further comments or business to be brought before the McGill Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.