

Council Chambers  
Monongahela, PA  
July 13, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Mayor Kepics asked to remain standing for a moment of silence for those killed in Dallas this week.

Public Forum:

Anthony Necciai, East Main Street, said he thought it was a disgrace that a property owner put siding on his building at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets. He said an amendment should be passed that if a property owner is going to improve his building, it has to be approved first by the city and the historical society.

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, informed the city about a website, [www.keep Pa beautiful](http://www.keep Pa beautiful), on which there is an ad for a grant for electronic removal and he thought the city could be interested in it. He said he agrees with the majority of the new chicken ordinance but a six foot fence isn't necessary or the special exception. He asked council to amend the ordinance to replace 6 foot fencing or enclosed coop and also make it a listed use instead of special exception and to table the motion until next May. He filed several right-to-know requests to not just record the council meetings but also the planning commission meetings, zoning meetings, work sessions and the police pension board meetings. He was informed they will not be available on line. He also requested the contents of all city emails and browser cookies and then submitted a hand written note to amend his previous request to date back five years. The City Clerk asked if this request should be on the legal form but Solicitor Bassi said to accept it.

Tim Caudill, Chess Street, informed council that on June 14 he, along with two other friends, traveled up and down Main St. and identified and listed all areas that need to be addressed and brought up to code. The three worse areas include the northeast corner of 11th and Main, the sidewalk at CFS Bank and the sidewalk near Chess Park that has a tree growing in it. He suggested that the city could apply for a Local Share Grant through the county that would allow the work to be done all at once and more quickly. Councilman Kulak said he would check with the county and if it qualifies, the city could proceed to file for a grant.

Michelle Parnell, Fourth Street, informed the city that the term of Mattie Grues on the Library Board has expired and she needs to be reappointed. The Library is applying for a Local Share Grant in the amount of \$27,000.00 and would like to have the city's support. She also informed council about a problem with destruction by juveniles at the Mounds all hours of the night damaging vehicles, etc. Chief Tempest said he is aware of the problem and several juvenile petitions have been filed, but the biggest problem is with the parents.

Terry Necciai, Meade Street, distributed his calendars and informed council that all the military banner locations are on the calendars. He said he attended a Rivertown meeting and received an application for a \$500.00 grant to do something whimsical for the city and is hoping the city would apply for it.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Caudill, seconded by Mayor Kepics, a design review committee for the Main Street Facade Improvement Program be approved with the following members, Ken Kulak, Tamie Mayton, Les Pemberton, Terry Necciai, Dan Tregembo, Andrew George, Dwayne Galla, Tiffany Fleet, Peg Brown, Charles Talbert, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Abstain

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4  
Abstain 1

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of June 8, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics commended the police department for getting heroin off the streets, announced he is having a meeting with the police chiefs and mayors in the valley on July 27 to discuss extreme emergencies and the beautification award for the month is at 704 Maple Drive.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill asked council to do what they have been doing as far as finances are concerned. It is mid year they are staying within their budgets.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Miller reported that the lights have been turned on at the tennis courts at the Mounds.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Kulak reported that he received a permit from PennDOT to add flag poles on the beautification project at the entrance to the city. They will be installed before Veterans Day.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Kepics, that council approve the facade grant program guidelines, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission for an amendment to the Zoning Code at Section 502.3(F).

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the recommendation from the City Planning Commission on the proposed amendment of Monongahela Zoning Code at Section 502.3(F) be accepted, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Solicitor Bassi said there are two other things he is proposing after the Planning Commission meeting and they are as follows:

Section 502.3(F) Paragraph 2 - change the word manure to feces

Paragraph 4 vi - eliminate the reference 6 ft. fence and add the word netted to Paragraph 4 iii.

Section 304.3(B)(1) Include the words "and Agricultural Use: after the words "Agricultural Operations."

1st reading of Bill 1-2016 Monongahela Zoning Code  
at Section 502.3(F)

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest reported that four new officers were hired and will be used to supplement additional scheduling and one full time officer, Pete Rocco, retired after 32 years service.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

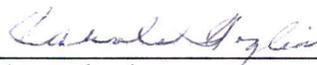
Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics then declared council adjourned.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk