

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 August 9, 2017 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

Public Forum:

Robert Cain, 362 Kennedy Road, Belle Vernon, told council he wanted to clear his name because a petition was submitted to council with complaints about him and his property at 145 Chess Street. He said all the rumors are untrue and he is not a bad landlord. Chief Tempest said most of the complaints he has received are not from the neighbors but are coming from within the home. Mr. Cain said he has started the eviction process and the hearing is scheduled for August 16.

Clayton Rump, 1138 Fifth Avenue, told council he has been maintaining a piece of city property next to his property and asked if the city could either give it to him or sell it to him. Councilman Kulak asked Solicitor Brad Bassi to explain the procedure to purchase city property. He said he should file a petition and if no neighbors have a problem with it, he then should present it to city council. Councilman Kulak said it had to be auctioned or bid. Mr. Rump also stated to council the city should not allow parking on both sides of 5th Avenue.

Mike Petrosky, 1032 Fifth Avenue, asked if the city could erect a stop sign or rumble strips to curtail the speeding on Fifth Ave. The Mayor replied that the city is currently conducting a study to change Fifth Avenue from a two way street to on way. Chief Tempest said a stop sign cannot be installed just to slow traffic and a study must be designed and justified in order to use rumble strips.

Terry Necciai, 400 Mease Street, informed council that it is now two years since the Main Street Program was created and is now 503C status. Joanna Pro from DCED was the speaker at the Chamber meeting, the facade program is moving along and interviews are being conducted for a new librarian.

John Mentzer, 825 Sampson Street, thanked Mr. Cain for evicting his tenants on Chess Street and asked the city to refrain from tar and chipping the roads in the future.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, 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 Miller, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following yeas and nays 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 Mayor Kepics:

Mayor Kepic reported he met with a representative from DEP concerning Route 481 where the road gave way with the possibility of getting the area shored up. He thanked the police department, fire department and emergency services for their work during the recent flooding and also the Monongahela Mariners for capturing part of the docks. The beautification award was awarded to 524 Parkway.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill reminded council that we are now halfway through the year and to continue watching their spending. He asked Solicitor Bassi the current status of the assessment appeals in Washington County. Mr. Bassi said they should be completed very shortly.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky reported he has again applied for a grant for replacement of the traffic signal at Ninth & Main Streets.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Kulak reported that the project for the painting of the traffic signals and lights will soon be underway. The Redevelopment project for paving will be completed soon and the city is finalizing their paving for the year also.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Miller said he would like to have a meeting with council and local residents about parks and recreation projects in the city. Councilman Kulak asked about a motion in the past about a proposal to create a recreation board. Solicitor Bassi said he would investigate it. Councilman Miller said he was asked by the Street Foreman to check on a price for a mower as the present one will cost about \$1,900.00 to fix.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest said he was asked by the fire department about closing Railroad Street from 2nd to 3rd on August 20 for a car show.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, permission be granted to close Railroad Street from 2nd to 3rd at noon on August 20, 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 Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, 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, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

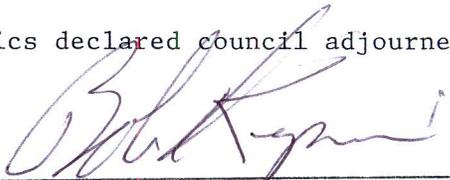
Yeas

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 declared council adjourned.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk