Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
October 11, 2017

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 October 11, 2017 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Councilman Caudill who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Public Forum:

George Eckert, President of MARC, thanked the Mayor, City Council and the Monongahela Police Department for their help with the 5K race on September 30 and also Al Viliky at the official starter. There were 112 runners with 92 from Monongahela.

Tim Parsons, 1123 Fourth Street, passed out copies of an affidavit that a police officer filed which he said was wrong and the Chief won't do anything about it. Chief Tempest said he would not take any action because of pending litigation. Solicitor Pappasergi and he would review the affidavit and advised Mr. Parsons to be present at the next work session of city city to get a response.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, informed council of an ongoing contest with the flower planters and said that greens will replace the flowere in the planters for the holiday season. Pumpkins will be hung for the halloween parade. He thanked the city for having the lamp posts painted and offered to help paint the parking meters.

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, said he was concerned about the speeding and traffic on the Avenues and suggested adding more stop signs and installing speed bumps. Chief Tempest said a traffic study would be required to add a stop sign but stop signs or speed bumps are not permitted to just slow down traffic. Councilman Kulak said that both E. Washington and Peters Township have speed bumps so Chief Tempest said he would research that.

Ryan Feld, President of Ringgold Youth Athletic Association, asked permission to improve the Mounds Fields by adding dirt, a fence and replacing the dugouts. Councilman Miller said it was no problem as long as the city received their insurance information but asked the Solicitor if the work would interfere with the street department contract by allowing others to make improvements to the fields. The Solicitor said he would check with the city's collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Feld said if these improvements could be made, then baseball tournments could be held at the Mounds.

Anthony Necciai, East Main Street, wanted to know who said the person wasn't going to continue putting the military banners together because he had no help. He said he inquired and the person never said this. He also said he was told the money was received to tear down the property on East Main Street. He was told that no money actually comes to the city but is controlled by the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

Jim Braum, Park Avenue, said he was concerned about the kids on bicycles riding in and out of traffic and on sidewalks. Chief Tempest said he hoped that once school started this would slow down but it hasn't. If they are caught by the police, their bicycles are confiscated and in order to retrieve them, they have to return with a parent to get them back.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Kulak, 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Kulak, 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 13, 2017. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Approval of agreement between City of Monongahela and Local Union 3403-59 for the period 1-1-2018 to 12-31-2022.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Veliky, the agreement between the City of Monongahela and Local Union 3403-59 for the period 1-1-18 to 12-31-22 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky said he would like to make a motion to extend a new contract for Aquatorium Innovations. Councilman Caudill questioned the motion stating he wanted the agreement to be reviewed by the Aquatorium Innovations.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission be granted to extend a new contract with Aquatorium Innovations, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the equipment rental agreement with the Municipal Authority 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Councilman Veliky asked council to re-appoint him as liaison to the Municipal Authority as he has been negotiating the contract with Carroll Township and his appointment expires at the end of this year.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, that Al Veliky be re-appointed to a four year term as a liaison to the Municipal Authority, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas	Abstain
Tom Caudill	Al Veliky
Ken Kulak	
Daryl Miller	

Total Yeas 3
Abstain 1

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

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Kulak reported on the presentation by Klavon Design Associates on the walkability study connecting the river to the business district. A public meeting must now be held in the future to review the suggested ideas.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Miller reported that the Hillcrest Park Project will be postponed until spring. He asked the Solicitor if the community could be asked for donations for new swings and a back stop. Solicitor Pappasergi said that if council creates a recreation board they can have a trust for those purposes. A draft of the formation of a recreation board was presented to council and after review could take action at the next council meeting.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest read a letter from Mon Valley Hospital commending the city for its actions concerning drug issues and said the hospital is in support of continuing K9 services should our canine officer Beny be retired.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Caudill, seconded by Councilman Veliky, all properly and approved bills 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was decared carried by Councilman Caudill and so ordered.

It was moved by Councilman Caudill, seconded by Councilman Kulak, 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

Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Councilman Caudill then declared council adjourned.

Tom Caudill
Councilman

ATTEST:
Carole Groglia
City Clerk