

Monongahela Fire Hall
Monongahela, PA
August 12, 2020

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 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., in Monongahela Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garry who led in the pledge to the Flag

The roll was called and the following present:

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller to amend the Agenda to add motions to begin condemnation process for 211 Ninth Street and to advertise RFQ for engineering services, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Public Forum

Beth Cushey, 625 Fourth Street, Monongahela, stated that since Memorial Day there have been not small fireworks but mortars being shot off by a particular resident between houses in the Avenues and Mounds area that are not 150 feet from houses. They set them off and her house and windows are shaking and is afraid of someone's house is going to catch fire.

Chief Harris states that they have been in the area and have spoken to several individuals but haven't found any evidence or debris from fireworks. Residents are encouraged to call 911 when it happens so that Officer's are able to visibly see the individuals in the act of setting off the fireworks and then they would be able to issue citations if needed.

Terri Necciai, 400 Meade Street, Monongahela, representing the Monongahela Library and Main Street Program. Stated that the Library has been open for curb side pick-up but will be opening for limited time in the stacks to get books and use of computers for a half hour by appointment.

He also stated that yesterday was the fifth anniversary for the Main Street Program. He would like to look at artists making banners and hanging them where the military banners are. They are given a blank canvas and they paint them and they could be hung.

George Eckert thanked Council for appointing him to the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Board. The board would like Council to send a letter to the Washington County Commissioners. The Freedom Transit receives \$130,000.00 from the County and the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority receives nothing. They are not looking for full funding but looking for \$15,000 to \$17,000.

He also stated that MARC had to cancel the Pooch Parade and the Town Hall Meeting. They are going to have the second movies in the Mounds next Friday and are going to show Finding Nemo and working on their Fall and Christmas Decorating Contest for this year.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Resolution 13 – 2020 – Winter Traffic Services “Municipal Snow” Agreement

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, Resolution 13 - 2020 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

First Reading of Ordinance 5 – 2020 – Repealing and replacing Chapter 21, Part 3 of the Monongahela Code of Ordinances regarding excavations in street.

Report of Mayor Garry

Mayor Garry asked for any corrections to the July 6, 2020, work session and July 8, 2020, Council meeting.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the minutes for the July 6, 2020, work session and July 8, 2020, Council Meeting 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Employee Handbook 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Mayor Garry then read a letter of condolence from our sister city in Italy to the family, relatives, and the residents of Monongahela for passing of Connie Russell.

Report of Accounts & Finance

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that a letter be sent to the Washington County Commissioners requesting they provide annual support to the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

He then asked the council to continue to be mindful of their spending as we don't know what the consequences of our collections will be over the next few months.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, advertise for RFQ's for Engineering Services, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Report of Public Safety

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, to begin condemnation process for 211 Ninth Street, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

She then stated that the public needs to get their Rental Inspections as we are behind due the Covid Pandemic.

Report of Streets & Improvements

The Street Department is getting everything done and wanted to thank Council for allowing them to get everything completed. The Liquid Fuels Paving Project is starting.

Councilman Polonoli stated that he spoke to the contractor and they are doing Decker Street and Stephens Plan are tomorrow and then Stockdale Avenue is Friday.

Report of Parks & Property

Councilman Polonoli stated that there has been a boat at the city's boat dock for over a month which they got out today. The owner was removing it and stopped to speak him and found out the boat was not functioning. He asked that anyone using the dock and if they have engine problem or breaks down and they will be there for any amount of time to contact City Hall or the Police Department to let us know what is going on. The City will work with you. If we don't know whose boat it is it could get removed. It is not long term docking.

He stated the fence has been installed at the Mounds for the baseball field and still need to work on the other dugout. The grass cutter has been doing a great job and he has been painting also.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the property damage release for the damaged light pole at the Aquatorium approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Report of Solicitor

Solicitor Kate let the record show that from 6:15 P.M. until 6:59 P.M. council was in executive session and discussed personnel matters.

The ad for the RFQ for Engineering Services will be in the newspaper either tomorrow or Friday at the latest.

Finally this is something that Todd or she can discuss with the Chief regarding the fireworks getting evidence and things we can do to help the police. Possibly taking pictures or video.

Chief Harris stated that is helpful and there is an officer in the area at all times and the response time is about five or ten minutes.

Councilman Kulak stated that the Chief put out a letter a standard letter that would be good if it could be put on the City webpage. It was a good letter that was kindly worded from the Chief that would be good to get out there.

Solicitor Kate stated that was a good idea but Todd should review it before to make sure all our bases are covered.

Report of Police Chief

Chief Harris thanked the Valley Gun Club for allowing our officers to use their facilities for Fire arms qualifications. He also thanked CFS Bank for their \$1,000.00 donation for the bullet proof vest fund that we have with the MARC Organization.

Finally on August 4th we had an armed robbery at the 711 and within six hours of the event the actors were in custody in Allegheny County thanks to a joint effort from our officers and other departments in the area. We are speaking with the FBI regarding possible federal charges.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Councilman Polonoli stated that he abstained from the vote on payment of the Fire Department bills only.

It was moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

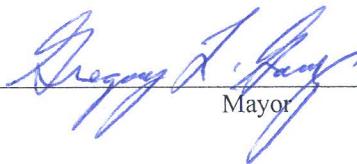
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Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

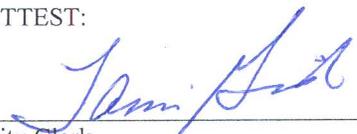
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Mayor Garry then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk