

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 January 10, 2018 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
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Solicitor Todd Pappasergi recommended that council go into executive session.

Public Forum:

Sarah O'Brien, 2nd Avenue, informed council she would like to conduct a fundraiser to raise funds to purchase a handicapped swing to replace the one that was damaged at the Mounds last year. She asked if there was an account set aside if someone wants to donate. The City Clerk said there always a budget set up for Parks & Property. However, we never receive money that we can put in a direct money item in the budget. We would need oa resolution or ordinance because that means amending the budget. Solicitor Pappasergi stated that if the city would create a Recreation Board, it would have its own budget and funds could be donated there. Ms. O'Brien also announced that pictures with the Easter Bunny would take place on March 24 at the Library.

Jim O'Brien, 168 West Main Street, suggested to council officers should walk the beat or ride bicycles to try to curtail those who ride their bikes illegally. Chief Tempest siad there have been no calls the last 30 days for kids riding their bikes illegally. Mr. O'Brien also if there was scheduled maintenance for pruning the trees on Main Street and Councilman Polonoli said he would look into it.

Lavonna Lazzari, 615 West Main Street, asked if there were any surveillance cameras on the streets which would held in the sidewalks being cleaned.

Jim Braum, 503 Park Avenue, commended the street department for their good work during the last ice storm. He informed council that the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club wrapped up their annual open house last week and there will be a train show on January 28 at the New Eagle Social Hall.

Robert Gilmore, 109 Cedarwood Drive, asked if everyone knew the dog ordinance because he was attacked by a dog on October 13 while delivering flowers to a residence. He said that because of the attack, he will be off work for 2 years and need 3 operations. Solicitor Pappasergi said the police will investigate and under the state dog law, if there is a dangerous dog, the police department will file a report with the Magistrate and Court of Common Pleas and it becomes a legal action.

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, he said he attended the last agenda meeting and liked what he hear and he is looking forward to when the announcement is made, he plans to stand up with a round of applause.

Tim Parsons, Fourth Street, asked Councilman Polonoli if he took the oath of office and read the constitution before he took the oath.

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
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 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 Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Resolution 2-2018 - CDBG funds for 2018

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolutuon 2-2018 be adopted as read, 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
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Letter of resignation from Ed Angell, Health Officer

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, the letter of resignation from Ed Angell, Health Officer, 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
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Letter of resignation from William Polonoli, from the Civil Service Board.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, the letter of resignation from William Polonoli from the Civil Service Board 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
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 13 and December 27. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Announced to council that by law, he performed seven weddings last year and received \$270.00

Asked Chief Tempest to outline the procedure for the hiring of new police officers.

Reported that former Councilman Al Veliky submitted a letter for the open position on the Civil Service Board. Councilman Polonolo suggested that we advertise for the position and offer it to everyone in the city. Solicitor Pappasergi said an advertisement is not required according to the 3rd Class City Code, but under the city's civil service ordinance, the vacant seat must be filled within 30 days. A special meeting will be held on February 1 to fill the position.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak told council that since he is the new director of Accounts & Finance, he will pick up when former Councilman Caudill left off and remind council to watch their spending.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilwoman Williams asked if the health officer position was advertised and reminded residential and commercial residents to keep sidewalks cleaned. She said she spoke with the Redevelopment Authority and was told that the property in question on East Main Street will be the first property to be town down.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Miller informed council that the street dept. will be purchasing a new Ford F550 dump truck through Co-Stars which will replace an old truck that will be put out for bid.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli asked about re-advertising the Armory for sale. Solicitor Pappasergi said since the prior sale fell through, there will be a new ad but the minimum bid for the property will now be \$5,000 and there will be deed restrictions that the property must be used for municipal or recreational purposes only. If not, the property will revert back to the commonwealth.

Mayor Kepics asked if the city could vote for the Municipal Authority to take over the sewer lines. The Solicitor said it will take a joint cooperative government agreement with the Authority but can be done.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, permission be granted to authorize the Solicitor to investigate turning over the sewer lines 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

Bob Kepics
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, all property 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
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 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
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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics then declared council adjourned.

ATTEST:

Carole Bogler
City Clerk

Mayor

Bob Kepics