Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
February 14, 2018

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 February 14, 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

Mayor Kepics asked those present to remain standing for a moment of silence for the recent school shooting in Florida.

Public Forum:

Al Veliky, representative from the Municipal Authority, summarized the Main Street Sewer Separation Project of the Municipal Authority which will help reduce the amount of stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system. This project will have a significant impact on the City of Monongahela and benefit the community by reducing the potential of combined sewer overflows into the Monongahela River.

Tim Parsons, 4th Street, said he was not happy with the right-to-know requests he submitted to the city. He said that the officials are required to sign affidavits prior to taking their oaths of office and that has not been done. Solicitor Pappasergi said that if he believes that anyone on council is not qualified to sit on their seat, the Third Class City Code provides other options.

Jim Braum, 503 Park Avenue, asked if the street department was aware of the condition of Chess Street behind Eat'N Park continuing to 4th Street. He also updated council there were 360 people who came into the city for the recent train show.

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, thanked the city from all the residents of Lawton Street for the start of the demolition of the burned house and said he would like the city to work toward making more available documents on the webside.

Demitri, East Main Street, said he is facing a humanitarian crisis regarding medical and financial problems and has exhausted all resources for help. When asked by Concilman Kulak to further explain he said it was a personal issue. Solicitor Pappasergi advised him to contact the Washington County Legal Aid or the Washington County Bar Association for help.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, distributed the monthly calendars and told council how pleased he was with all the cooperation with all the agencies in the city.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, 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

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 Kulak 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
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 Kepics and so ordered.

1st reading of Bill 1-2018 parking prohibited on Frye St.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January, January 10 and February 1. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Commended Officers George Schmetzer and Jason Miller for a job well done for apprehending the person who robbed Rite-Aid Pharmacy within 72 hours.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak said he had nothing to report regarding finances but wanted to pursue establishing a Recreation Board.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission be granted to establish a Recreation Board and appoint its members and the motion was denied by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas	Nays
Ken Kulak	Bob Kepics
Daryl Miller	Claudia Williams
	William Polonoli

Total Yeas 2
Nays 0

Councilwoman Williams said that since there is a new councilman in charge of Parks & Property time should be given to him to work things out.

Report of Public Safety:

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Mayor Kepics, that Stacy Bartkus be appointed as a representative to the Board of Health, 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 Councilwoman Williams seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that Carol Frye be appointed Health Officer, 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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Miller, to eliminate permit parking in the 100 block of Railroad Street effective March 1, 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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Councilman Williams announced that the Red Cross and volunteers from the fire department will be going door-to-door on Saturday March 24 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. to install free smoke alarms.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Miller commended the street department for a job well done during the first snow storm of the season.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli announced that the swing in question at the Mounds has been replaced and will be put up when the weather breaks. He is meeting with DCNR concerning grants and also with Mark Gadd concerning maintenance work at the parks. The Valley Inn Sportsmans Club will be stocking trout in Pidgeon Creek for the start of the opening trout season. The annual fishing derby at the Aquatorium will be June 9.

Report of Solicitor:

Solicitor Pappasergi said he was asked to investigate amending the zoning ordinance on riverfront to mixed use and light industrial. He said he had done preliminary research and could commence on the zoning amendment with a motion from council.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, that council proceed with Solicitor Pappasergi and Mackin Engineering in drafting the zoning ordinance amendment, 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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Solicitor Pappasergi said he has been discussing with Chief Tempest about re-vamping the bicycle ordinance. At the present time, if you are riding a bicycle you have to follow the vehicle code and will be subject to being cited. The new ordinance will be modeled under the State College one.

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
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 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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics declared council adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk
Carole Boyle