

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, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers. 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
William Polonoli

Councilman Kulak like to amend the agenda of the report of Accounts and Finance to seek tentative approval to award an alternate portion of the CBGB Paving Project.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the Agenda be approved with the amendment, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Public Forum

Ethan Gamble Monongahela Youth Man Street Program stated that they would like to have the Street Fair again this year and then turned it over to Terri to go into detail.

Terri Necciai stated that they are aware we don't know when we will be allowed to have large gatherings. He asked if Council could give alternative dates if July 4th would not work.

Councilman Kulak stated that it is too tentative right now to even comment at this point and Council agreed.

Terri Necciai stated that the Main Street Program needs to have a board meeting. He is currently gathering information such as how many businesses and employees we have down town. There are some refund programs for businesses and very few businesses have more than one or two employees so it is difficult to find match for that grant program.

He also stated that the library they have been asked about the library being a polling place and the board has to go over some things due to the guidelines given by the state library before they make that decision.

Councilwoman Williams stated that they have done a great job with the street fair and to not be discouraged and to go forward with their plans and hopefully they will be able to get the fair in something this year.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Garry, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
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 Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Mayor Garry

Council has agreed that the car cruises will resume and believe it will be Friday nights. He will contact Joe to find out the details so that we can look into liability insurance for the event.

Mayor Garry stated that we now have ID's for council and himself and suggests that everyone keep their ID on them you never know when you will need it and no one can doubt if you are a councilman or not.

He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the April 29, 2020, council meeting. There were none.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the minutes for the April 29, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Accounts & Finance

Councilman Kulak stated that we are doing well on receiving tax money in and will know more at the end of the month but right now there is no need to sound alarms that we are not receiving funds to keep the City functioning.

Second he raised the notion of passing a motion to accept the paving contract. The paving contract came under the original construction estimate but that an alternate price to do some subbase work to the roadways may amount to around \$16,000.00 to accept that alternate. The idea

would be to having CDBG monies from next year's allotment to pay for the subbase work. The price came in at a really good price.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that the alternate portion came in at a very good price for the subbase portion and the City would do a Resolution to transfer CDBG funds from next year's allotment to this year's allotment with approval from the Redevelopment Authority. We do not have the exact numbers right now so a full resolution tonight. The motion would be to tentatively approve that transfer contingent upon the review of the Solicitor and the Director of Accounts and Finance for ratification at next month's meeting once we have the final number. We need to get the paperwork going so that Rob can begin the process of getting that alternate bid awarded.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that the tentative approval of the alternate bid 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

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

Councilman Polonoli stated that he abstained from the vote for the alternate bid.

Report of Public Safety

Councilwoman Williams stated we are in the grass cutting and lawn maintenance season so please keep up with your grass so we don't have to send letters and to please maintain your property.

She also stated that any food left outside is a health and safety issues it will attract rodents. We know we have them and we will never get rid of them but let's not feed them.

Charlie will be scheduling rental inspection starting next week. He will have his PPE and taking his temperature. If you feel comfortable please call and schedule your appointment.

Friday there is a truck to trunk food drive at the Mon Valley Voc Tec hosted by Fourth Street Foods, Fourth Street BBQ and some other sponsors from two to six. They will be distributing breakfast bowls, sandwiches, mac and cheese, fresh produce, cookies, nutrition bars, snacks, and waters. This is to help families affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. So if you are in need please take advantage of this.

Councilman Kulak stated that the Greater Washington County Food Bank is also doing the truck to trunk meals. Go on their website and they will have the dates.

Report of Streets & Improvements

Mayor Garry asked Street Foreman Mark Gadd if all the Veteran's banners were up and Mark stated that they are up.

Councilman Kulak stated that we are required to do grass dumping and at the garage there used to be an area designated for grass dumping but now there is an area were all the debris is going. If you don't see the grass area put it where all of the debris is being dumped in one big pile.

City Clerk Gido stated that there seems to be a lot of people that are not residents of the City that are dumping. Just want to reiterate that this site is for City residents only.

Mayor Garry asked if signs should be put up.

City Clerk Gido stated that signs are part of the Recycling Grant and once the monies start coming in there will be signs posted.

Councilman Kulak stated that there are cameras.

Report of Parks & Property

Councilman Polonoli stated that there is a group of young ladies who will be planting the planters this weekend. He also thank the group that used to do the planters they have done a wonderful job. Also all the money for the flowers was donated and the only other area that they are waiting to work on is Chess Park as they don't currently have the money for the park.

He asked the solicitor to elaborate on what happens when we go yellow on Friday.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that when Washington County goes yellow many retail businesses can begin to open up in certain aspects especially if curbside pickup is available. There are certain business will have to remain closed under yellow such as salons. If you are a business in town please check your industry codes and match them with the governor's list of approved businesses. The City can not change that it is the governor's order that we do not have authority to change. Match your codes with the list if you have any questions to whether you are permitted to open and if so what you restrictions are and if you can only open for curbside pickup, etc.

He also stated that public gatherings will increase from ten people to 25 people as long as CDC regulations and guidelines are adhered to especially concerning social distancing. For purposes of City Hall and City facilities they will remain status quo for now the Mayor through Declaration of Emergency and of course council at a regularly called meeting can change things but as of now City Hall, Fire Station, and parks will remain closed until such time as we can determine that they can be open.

Councilman Polonoli stated we are at a bit of a standstill and that our grass cutter is out and he is doing a great job.

Report of Solicitor

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that back in March there is a pending written agreement between the City and Ringgold School District that formalizes the payment that Ringgold sends to Diana as Deputy Tax Collector and Mr. Sarver as the elected treasurer for the collection of taxes. The school district would like this agreement in writing to formalize what has always been the practice between the City and the school district for payment to them.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that the Agreement 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Police Chief

Chief Harris stated that PennDot is going forward with their click it or ticket seatbelt enforcement program that will run from May 18th through June 7th and we will receive federal moneys for that program.

He then thanked residents who have been calling regarding the ATV complaints in the area. They have been calling 911 letting officers know where they ATV's are at. The areas of concern are the downtown, up by Mounds Park, and Sixth Street. We have had four ATV's stopped, towed, and the driver's cited at this time.

Councilman Kulak stated that he noticed the docks have been put in at the Aquatorium and before we are all convened again are boaters going to be permitted to dock and come onto land until we officially open the docks and if not do we need to post the docks.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated he will look into the regulations for reopening and once it is researched we may need to post the docks.

Mayor Garry stated that council needed to have discussion regarding the 4th of July celebration.

Councilman Kulak stated that everything is on hold and spoke to the Chamber and he conveyed that it looked like it wasn't going to happen.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Comcast Agreement is a thorn in her side and wanted to know if council would have any input into it.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated he just received it four hours ago and it would be premature of him to say what affect the city may be able to do on the contract or if it is basically a formality that the City has to approve it. He will be consulting with Council to what they would like to do.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

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

It was moved by Mayor Garry, 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:

Yeas

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Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

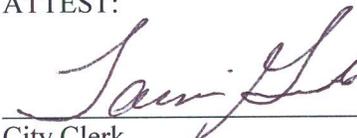
The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Garry and so ordered.

Mayor Garry then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk