

Council Chambers  
Monongahela, PA  
March 11, 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, March 11, 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  
Daryl Miller  
William Polonoli

#### Public Forum

Heidi Hoffman owner of Sweets By Mrs. C. and first I would like to thank the entire City for their support. She has noticed since she opened that the street lights are very dim. For the amount of street lights we have it should be very bright. Wanted to bring it to your attention and ask if anything is being done about this.

Mayor Garry states that she is not the only person who has inquired about that and it is being looked into.

Sheila Knizner, 784 Nevin Street stated that she e-mailed Councilman Miller and Mayor Garry on Thursday and not sure what the timeline response is because she got no response to her e-mail. Nevin Street is turning into gravel and a neighbor at the end thinks he owns part of the road and is filling it in with terracotta. It's not good for tires and it's a mess up there. All the streets around us have been paved and there has been a few repairs.

Councilman Miller stated he will speak with Mark Gadd and discuss it and see if we can get it on the list. She asked what the time line is for the list.

Mark Gadd stated that it is on the list. That he had spoken to her last fall and told her she would be on the list for this year.

Edward Knizner stated that they own the lot across the street and the Ordinance states that you can't build like a garage unless it has living quarters is that correct?

Solicitor Pappasergi stated with the Zoning Hearing Board you can apply for a variance that shows you have a specific hardship in regard to your primary property. In general you can't variance around something that just makes your life more convenient. He suggests contacting Code Enforcement.

Rob, 128 Elmcrest Avenue just wanted to mention about My Main Street. Looking to have a meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 400 Meade Street around 7 o'clock if you want to help improve town you are more than welcome to come. Definitely doing the Youth Street Fair this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street representing the Main Street Program and the Monongahela Library. Main Street Program received a \$10,000 grant from EQT for additional programs. The Façade Grant program is hard to make a match. They have to be projects where they won't throw away historic details but they can do just about anything else. There is enough money to do approximately seven more projects in the area between uphill side of Railroad Street and the downhill side of Chess Street between First and Fifth Streets.

He also stated the Library is still interviewing for a new staff person.

Colleen Arnowitz, 448 Fourth Street the intersection near McDonald's and KeyBank. Most of the time you can get into the middle to make the left turn but a lot of new drivers that don't know that and it blocks traffic there. At time there was a request about that at one time that was denied and wanted to know if anything else being done.

Councilman Kulak states it has been an issue with PennDot and they state that there is not enough room and we would have to forego the lighting and give up the parking spaces there. We can open that up again and talk with them and not sure anything would change. It's really not a designated turning lane.

George Eckert, Monongahela Area Revitalization Corporation. We wanted to announce a partnership with MARC and the Monongahela Police Department about going after new bullet proof vests for the Police Department. Trying to get matching monies for a grant.

Chief Harris stated that the Federal grant is \$6,500.00 which pays up to 50 percent of a vest so he has teamed up with Mr. Eckert and MARC to try to do some fund raising to collect enough money to replace the vests which are not currently up to date. The cost of the vests are between \$800 and \$1,200 per vest.

Chad Desantis, Decker Street. The discussion of the inability to build a garage across the street and urges the City to change it. If it can't be changed it should be considered to try and find a way to have an

