

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
February 13, 2019

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 13, 2019 at 7:00 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 announced that council went into executive session for property purposes.

Public Forum:

Scott Frederick, 105 Sequoyah Lane, informed council that Monongahela native Al Helfer will be honored at this summer National Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Helfer posthumously won the Ford C. Frick award for excellence in broadcasting. The honor for Helfer comes during the 150th anniversary of Major League Baseball as the same time as the Monongahela 250th anniversary and he would like to see Helfer recognized by the city. Council agreed to possibly having a proclamation prepared and for Mr. Frederick to pursue this on behalf of the city.

Gretchen Clegg de Lopez, 507 Second Street, asked if there was a follow up on the geological evaluation that was previously discussed. Solicitor Pappasergi said that after much discussion it was not in the city's best interest to pursue it. He advised her to seek assistance from her insurance company. She also informed the city there is a problem with rain water run-off which the city will monitor.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, reported that the facade project of the property at 3rd and Main has been completed. The Monongahela Main Street Youth Program has been collecting whistles and bells from steam boats and steel mills for a possible project during the 250th Anniversary. The youth have also been going door to door and asking store owners to participate. The Monongahela Library Board is planning a spaghetti dinner on March 31.

Jim Braum, 503 Park Avenue, reported that the Monongahela Main Street Youth Program is working on a two day street fair.

Aaron Benney, Assistant Fire Chief, gave the 2018 report of the fire department and said that the department is looking for new members.

Wanda Magone, Fourth Steet, explained to council that a cooperation, comprised of herself, Carol Frye, Susan Bowers and Martha Muniz, has been formed to coordinate the Monongahela 250th celebration. They have invited other non-profits in town to raise money for their organizations. She said they are grateful for the \$3,000 the city has contributed but she would like a special meeting with council as there are many logistics to consider. In addition, they cannot afford the security necessary for the use of the aquatorium for four days. Solicitor Pappasergi advised that an ad hoc committee should be formed which council will address later in the meeting.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, asked what happened to the CDBG funds that were allocated last month for Second Street. Solicitor Pappasergi answered that the city was advised by the Redevelopment Authority that the monies were not eligible for that type of project.

George Eckert, President of MARC, reported that the calendars for the 250th are low in supply and that MARC will again sponsor a 5K race August 10 at 8:00.

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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, 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 by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Resolution 2-2019 Easement & Right-of-Way over Lebanon St.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution 2-2019 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

Abstain

Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0
Abstain 1

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

1st reading of Bill 1-2019 DEP Resolution for grass

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that Ken Kulak be appointed primary delegate to the Mon Valley Alliance, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Abstain

Bob Kepics
Claudia Williama
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Ken Kulak

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0
Abstain 1

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 Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, that Mayor Kepics be appointed secondary delegate to the Mon Valley Alliance, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Abstain

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Bob Kepics

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0
Abstain 1

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 January 9, 2019. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics reported that he has been in contact with Connie Russell for Sister City regarding the 250th. The beautification awards will begin shortly.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak reminded council members to hold onto their purse strings.

Report of Public Safety:

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that Dr. John Holets be re-appointed to the Health Board, 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.

Tom Bonidie was introduced as the new rental inspector for the city.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Miller thanked the street department for their work during the recent snow storms.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli read a letter from Ringgold School District inquiring if the city was interested in purchasing Armstrong Field on Park Avenue.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, to decline the offer to purchase Armstrong Field, 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 Polonoli informed council he is trying to obtain a grant for playground equipment thru DCED as the city doesn't qualify for many other grants because of median income.

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 recommended and so mvoed by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission be granted to create an ad hoc committee for the 250th celebration to be comprised of council members Claudia Williams and William Polonoli, 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 then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk