Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
January 11, 2017

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 11, 2017 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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Public Forum:

Reverend Brent Furlong of Go Time Ministries told council he was interested in establishing a youth center in the location of the city's Armory on Second Street. He said he has many memories growing up spending time after school at the Armory. At the present time he operates a youth basketball program on Wednesdays which he rents from Journey by Grace, the current leesee of the Armory. If a purchase would be possible, Reverend Furlong said the current Greater Washington County Food Bank would remain at the Armory. Mayor Kepics said he would have the building appraised and then advertised for sale.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, permission be granted to have the Armory appraised, 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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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.

Scott Frederick, said he was a member of the Monongahela Main Street Program, whose purpose is to work together with the Chamber and City Council. He asked that council send a letter of support to Representative Bud Cook to have a satellite office in the city.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, said he was present to represent the future in supporting the Main Street Program. He said there are 11 buildings not occupied presently and he hopes we can move forward.

Chad Desantis, Lawton Street, asked the status of the property at 1135-37 Lawton Stret and Solicitor Bassi said he has reached out to the heir but has not had a reply back yet. He also asked if the city considered his prior suggestion of having two parking spaces in the city hall parking lot for an internet exchange space. Chief Tempest said the lot is under survelliance already but it would be up to council. Mr. DeSantis introduced Ringgold student Tyler Ryan who asked council about the possibility of building a skate park. He said he posted on the Mon City and New Eagle Scoop Page and there were many responses in favor of a skate park. Councilman Kulak replied that a skate park was always in the initial plans of the Aquatorium but when we sought consultation on the design of the park, it was determined to be a certain size based on population and area. A meeting was held with the railroad about opening and crossing of Third

Street but was then denied by the railroad. Councilman Kulak and former Councilwoman Claudia Williams organized a planning meeting with those who wanted the park but there was no committment or involvement and got nothing back. CDBG funds can no longer be used for recreation. It was suggested that Parks & Property Director Daryl Miller look into the request.

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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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 Councilman Kulak, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the folloiwng Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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.

The City Clerk said that since the city always has a lot of negativity towards it, she wanted to share a letter that was written to the editor in the Observer-Reporter newspaper. The letter hailed a sidewalk accessibility project and was written by Nan Sninsky who is the chief administrative officer for Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living. Councilman Kulak thanked Tim Caudill who helped spearhead this LSA grant and application and also thanked council for their willingness to go forward with this project.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 14 and December 28. There being none, the minutes were approved. He also reported that he performed 10 local weddings and 2 out of area weddings in 2016. Big's Sanitation will now be picking up TV's, computers, and other hazardous materials.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill informed council that the tax anticipation loan has been received and deposited in the city's general fund.

Report of Public Safety: None

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Kulak reported that the city solicited RFQ's for city engineering services. Three responses were received and after review, Mackin Engineering was selected to serve as city engineer beginning February 1, 2017.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Veliky, Mackin Engineering be retained as city engineer starting February 1, 2017, 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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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 Parks & Property:

Councilman Miller said he received permission from the fire department to use their flag pole to use as half-mast when the situation is necessary. He also said he would get together with those interested to discuss the skate park.

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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

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 declared council adjourned.

Bob Kepics
Mayor

Carole Gaylie
City Clerk