

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
July 8, 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, July 8, 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

Rob, 128 Elmcrest, thanked everyone that helped bid or small to make the street fair happen this year included the Police Department, Department, City Council, and everyone that donated baskets.

Terri Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Monongahela Main Street Program and Monongahela Area Library. He wanted to thank those who raised money for the new sign for the Library.

He also stated that the Street Fair did have it properly insured. There were two safety officers that handed out masks and there were signs posted at the corners that stated enter at your own risk.

He then stated that there are approximately nine possible applications for the Main Street Façade Program.

Norene Price, Potters House, Main Street, Monongahela. This year is the 30th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act. She was requesting the use of Chess Park for the event, the City waive the fees for use of the park and asked that the City sponsor the event.

There was discussion by Council to look into the request as there may be a cost to the City for insurance for the event, having a safety officer, and would it be within the mandates of the Governor's Office.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
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 Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Second Reading of Bill 3 – 2020 – Rescinding and replacing section 605.6(3) of the City of Monongahela Zoning Ordinance – Political signs

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, that Bill 3-2020 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 3 - 2020, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Second reading of Bill 4 – 2020 – Repealing and replacing in part section 106 of Parks and Recreation Code – Weapons and Explosives

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Bill 4 - 2020 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 4 - 2020, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Opening of Recycling Facility Paving Bids

Morgan Excavating, LP	\$22,826.50	10% Bid Bond
El Grande Industries, Inc.	\$22,633.60	10% Bid Bond

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the bid for Recycling Facility Paving Project be awarded to the lowest bid, El Grande Industries, Inc. for \$ upon verification from the Solicitor, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
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

Mayor Garry asked for any corrections to the June 8, 2020, work session and June 20, 2020, Council meeting.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Garry, seconded by Councilman Miller, the minutes for the June 8, 2020, work session and June 20, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Mayor Garry stated that we need to remove two parking meters and a section of curbing at the Parking Lot due to people blocking two dumpsters. The dumpsters will be placed into the two parking spaces so that the garbage company will be able to access them.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, to remove two parking meters and a section of concrete at 109 Second Street Parking Lot, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Garry, seconded by Councilman Miller, agenda be amended to include MOU for Part-time Police Officers and consideration of the ADA event at Chess Park, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Garry, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, Memorandum of Understanding to temporarily increase the part-time officers pay to \$20.60 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
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

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, to accept a Maintenance Service Agreement for the cameras, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Councilman Kulak stated that currently we are holding our own with the collection of taxes and wanted to stress our spending at this point as we are only half way through the year and not sure of the outcome of the pandemic and recommend that council hold to only necessities in spending.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, that the City look into hosting the ADA event at Chess Park, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Report of Public Safety

Councilwoman Williams stated at this time she has nothing to report.

Report of Streets & Improvements

Councilman Miller wanted to thank the Street Department for paving in the extreme heat and he appreciates all that they do.

Report of Parks & Property

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, George Eckert be appointed as the City's representative to the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Councilman Kulak wanted to thank Tom Caudill who served us and represented us quite well and was faithful to the Transit Authority and we owe him a thank you for all his years of service on the board.

Councilman Polonoli stated that on July 17th the MARC Organization will be having the first movie at the Mounds which will be Back to the Future. On July 26th from 12 to 4 at the Aquatorium is the VFW Touch a Truck Event. On August 9th Tri State Antique Fire Truck Muster will be at the Aquatorium.

He then stated that the City has been permitting Monongahela businesses put banners on the Aquatorium stage railing facing the river to try to attract boaters to come into town and support our businesses.

The grass cutter is painting playground equipment at the Hillcrest Park to get it ready.

Report of Solicitor

Resolution 11 – 2020 – Resolution to extend payment period of Mechanical Device Tax and Mercantile Tax.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 11 – 2020 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Resolution 12 – 2020 – Resolution to extend time periods for outdoor dining.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution 12 – 2020 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
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that Council was in Executive Session from 6:02 P.M. until 6:58 P.M. to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to this meeting.

He stated that Rental Inspections he would like the public to know that there are several delinquencies on inspections to please call Charlie to get that set up otherwise he is giving authorization to Council in August to begin litigation and enforcement actions.

On 211 Ninth Street the residential eviction and displacement is set to expire at the end of this week. There is a good chance that will be extended.

Finally there have been many complaints on fireworks. The general law on fireworks in the Commonwealth is that you can not shoot off fireworks within 150 feet of a structure. There is a progressive penalty for violation of this that begins at \$100 for the first offense and then moves up from there. Local law enforcement and code enforcement can enforce this. Also note if you are shooting off fireworks in an unreasonable manner or unreasonable time that can be considered disorderly conduct and be cited by the police department. The fine and penalty for disorderly conduct is significantly more than the fine for violation of the fireworks law.

Also we have had very dry and hot conditions recently. It is not out of the question for the Secretary of Agriculture or the DEP to put in burn bans. If you are shooting off fireworks during a burn ban that's a violation under the fire code and even a more significant fine and penalty.

Please be considerate to your neighbors and be aware the 4th of July is over so the enforcement of the fireworks provisions will more than likely be occurring.

Chief Harris stated that the officers have been lenient with 4th of July and gave out approximately 14 warnings but now that the 4th is over he expects the officers to be more diligent in their response and more than likely filing citations.

Report of Police Chief

Chief stated he attended a virtual use of force seminar and they discussed duty to intercede if they see another officer using unreasonable force. The City doesn't have that in our policy and would like Council's approval to work with Solicitor Pappasergi to writing this policy.

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

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

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

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

It was moved by Councilman Polonoli, 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

Greg Garry
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 Garry and so ordered.

Mayor Garry then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk