

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
July 12, 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 July 12, 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:

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, asked if there was a date set for the demolition of the house at 1135 Lawton Street and the house at East Main & Nelson. This project will commence when CDBG funds are received by the Washington County Redevelopment Authority. On behalf of Don Anderson at 104 Third Avenue, he reported a storm drain in front of that location that is overflowing. Councilman Kulak said he would look into it. Mr. DeSantis recommended to council to consider forming a citizen review board after previewing prior misconduct of three former Monongahela police officers. Councilman Kulak asked what would have been different in those three instances had the city had a review board. DeSantis said if nothing else, it would be a deterrent. Mayor Kepics said the police do a fine job. Chief Tempest said that if a resident has a complaint, they can come to the station and file a complaint form.

Karl Amoroso, Chess Street, thanked council for getting Main Street fixed and asked when Chess Street is being done. Councilman Kulak said the city is working on it but at the present there is a possible storm sewer collapse.

George Eckert, President of the Monongahela Area Revitalization Corp. (MARC), informed council that the 3rd Monday in September will be the town hall meeting with the county commissioners to address blighted properties. Plans are also in the process of securing naming rights for its 5K race.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, said he is glad to see so many things happening in this positive community and the calendar this month is about activities and people.

John Conte, Lawton Street, asked if there can be some boarding up on the ground level at the house at 1135 Lawton Street. The grass in the back of the house is 3 to 4 feet deep. Solicitor Pappasergi said there are property rights that we have to protect along with funding issues.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, 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.

Councilman Caudill said he is proud of the service the police provide to the city and anyone hearing this report can understand what I am saying.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Veliky, 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
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.

Requests for tax refunds due to assessment changes because of appeals to Washington County:

Diane Urrea	\$ 48.42
Christopher & Michele Davis	122.61
David & Julianne Eisel	71.34
Robert B. Patterson	519.16
Monvale Multiphastics, Inc.	1,314.73
Rite Aid of Pa.	4,154.52
Peter & Lisa Donina	143.00
Duritza Property LLC	2,763.94
Dawn Triscik	205.40
	<u>\$9,343.12</u>

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Caudill, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the requests for tax refunds 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.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of June 15, 2017. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Announced that the beautification award for the month was awarded to 513 Marne Avenue.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill reminded council of the upcoming conference of the Pennsylvania Municipal League in Erie in October.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Caudill, seconded by Councilman Veliky, that the city officially retain the firm of Bassi & Associates, 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 Public Safety: None

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Bid from Adam West Painting to paint decorative light posts and traffic signal posts at a cost of \$18,525.00

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Veliky, the bid from Adam West Painting at a cost of \$18,525.00, be accepted, 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 is tired of hearing people say there is nothing for kids to do because they destroy everything good. He reported that the new nets up at the Mounds have already been cut after having just been put up.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest reminded anyone who has a complaint with the police department to come to the station and file a formal complaint.

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 Kulak, 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.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk