

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
June 10, 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, June 10, 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.

Mayor Garry read a statement extending condolences to the family of George Floyd and truly hope that the racial divide in our country will be healed and that all racial injustices will eventually be overcome.

The roll was called and the following present:

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Councilman Miller is absent due to work restrictions but if he has the opportunity he will be calling in.

Councilman Polonoli stated he would like to amend the agenda adding the Senior Citizens Lease Agreement and to advertising for bids for the black top at the City Garage for the Recycling.

It was recommended and so moved by councilman Polonoli, seconded by Mayor Gary, that the Senior Citizens Lease Agreement and advertising of paving bids for the recycling facility at the City Garage be added to the Agenda 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Public Forum

Laura Magone stated that the VFW Banner program is popular in town and the residents appreciate the City Street crew efforts each year for putting and storing the banners. This year that 21 banners had not been hung due to the mountings being damaged and no funds to purchase materials. The Historical Society asked the public for donations to purchase the materials and received donations of \$2,020.00 and would like the City would hold the funds so that in the future repairs could be made.

Council had discussion regarding the monies and that the City should not be responsible for these funds as it is not a City program but a VFW program and the City shouldn't be stepping on anyone's toes.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that any agreement regarding these funds would have to be with the VFW and will need to look into this further.

Ethan Gamble Monongahela Youth Main Street Program wanted to announce that on July 4th evening they are having their second annual Railroad Street Fair on Third Street. He wanted to make sure that there would be no issues with council having the event.

Councilwoman Williams stated that anything on the sidewalk for a special event is ok as long as there is a clear walkway and you don't block the pedestrian traffic flow.

She also congratulated Ethan for his accomplishments and being inducted into the Naval Academy and we are proud to have him as a member of our community.

Councilman Miller called into the council meeting and stated that the Streets are his department and asked that he gets in touch with him to discuss further.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, on behalf of the Main Street Program and representing the Monongahela Area Library. He has typed a report that he will forward via e-mail. Ringgold Senior Class did a window display at 221 West Main Street and have distributed open signs to businesses that are visible from the street.

He also stated that there is a big rut on the street right of way where the water and gas companies have been working and needs to be leveled off.
Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Daryl 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

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 Councilwoman Williams, 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.

First Reading of Bill 3 - 2020 – Rescinding and replacing Section 605.6(3) of the City of Monongahela Zoning Ordinance – Political Signs.

First Reading of Bill 4 – 2020 – Repealing and replacing in part section 106 of Parks and Recreation regulation code – Weapons and Explosives

Report of Mayor Garry

Mayor Gary wanted to announce we have a request for use of the Aquatorium for Touch a Truck which would be emergency and military vehicles for the public to come and see and this is sponsored by Mr. David Thompson of the American Legion.

Councilwoman Williams stated that Aquatorium Innovations is working with the Legion and see no problem and welcome the event.

Mayor Garry then stated there will be Police Pension Board on June 11th at 3 o'clock.

Council had discussion regarding allowing restaurants to have outdoor dining. There is a section of the Zoning Ordinance that does address this and that they would need at least five feet sidewalk to allow for pedestrian passage.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Garry, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, the minutes for the May 11, 2020 work session and May 13, 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.

Report of Accounts & Finance

Councilman Kulak half the taxes have come in since May and we are holding steady and we aren't in any state of alarm right now. So hold tight on spending and unnecessary items not in immediate need.

Report of Public Safety

Councilman Williams stated that Code Enforcement has been working to address issues that have come up. We need property owners of non-owner occupied properties to schedule their annual inspections with Charlie. All three wards are due.

Report of Streets & Improvements

Councilman Miller stated that there is a lot of paving going on right now so he is asking his colleagues to hold off asking the Street Department to do work for their departments.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, that the City advertise for paving bids at the Recycling Facility at the City Garage, 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 Parks & Property

Councilman Polonoli thank everyone who donated for the flowers and their time for planting in the planters, Chess Park, and the triangle.

He also stated the MARC committee will be doing the movies at the Mounds and they are looking for sponsors. The first moving is Friday, June 19th and it will be Back to the Future.

He would like to announce that the VFW will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on June 29th and it is take out only.

The Lease Agreement between the City of Monongahela and the Senior Center at 102 West Main Street we need a motion.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Kulak, that the lease agreement for the Senior Citizens Center 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 Solicitor

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that the two ordinances that had first reading he wanted to make comment on Ordinance 4 which is the repeal and replace section 106 of the Parks regulations. All it does is repeal out language that the City can regulate the possession and discharge of firearms in the Parks. Otherwise the ordinance remains completely unchanged from its original passage.

Ordinance 3 the political sign ordinance is completely rescinded and being replaced with the constitutional norms for a political sign ordinance.

Report of Police Chief

The Click it or Ticket program was started on May 18th and most motorists have been in compliance.

Second multiple complaints early this year for fireworks being set off especially in the Mounds area. In review of the state law amended in 2017 officers at their discretion they can fine up to \$100.00

Mayor Garry asked Solicitor Pappasergi if the City building was officially open or waiting until Monday.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that all City facilities will be open at of 9 A.M. tomorrow morning.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, 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.

Councilman Polonoli stated that with the opening of City Hall the drop box will remain outside for anyone who wants to drop off payments. The next Council Meeting will be held at the Fire Hall and we will not be doing the call in.

It was moved by Councilwoman Williams, 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

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

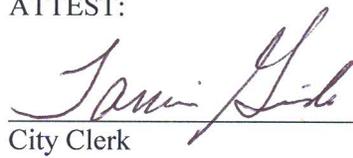
The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Mayor Garry and so ordered.

Mayor Garry then declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk