

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
June 13, 2018

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 13, 2018 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
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

At this time Council exited for executive session.

Before the start of public forum, Mayor Kepics presented a plaque to Monongahela Fireman Captain Brandan Miller for his outstanding humanitarian efforts in saving a young drowning victim.

Mayor Kepics reminded those speaking of the 3 minute limit.

Public Forum:

Sarah O'Brien, 2nd Avenue, asked if the grass and trash is taken care of when reserving Chess Park because it wasn't done for the pooch parade and if the rules for Chess Park will be changed. Councilman Polonoli answered that the grass was indeed cut for the pooch parade and the rules are in the process of being changed. She also asked if there is an ordinance for property owners not taking care of their properties. Councilwoman Williams said that a letter is sent first and after 10 days a citation is issued but a letter can't be sent until the grass is over the limited permitted.

Ms. Jackson, Lawton Street, asked if the empty lot at the corner of Lawrence & Lawton and also 1115 Lawton which is under foreclosure, are under the same process as explained above. Code Officer Pemberton said that it is but he did send a letter to Wells Fargo for 906 Lawrence and filed a citation but then had to withdraw the citation. Councilwoman Williams said if she had any further questions, she could email her at any time.

Steve Susick, 310 Vine Street, asked what is being done about the raw sewage running out on the street from 310 Anton Street onto Vine Street. He asked if he could get a copy of the city laws about sewage. Code Officer Pemberton said he talked to the property owner and she was to get a plumber on Monday. A DEP person was also on site and if the owner doesn't correct the problem, the house will be declared uninhabitable and they will have to move out.

Clayton Rump, Fifth Avenue, said he was following up on a paper alley that he previously inquired about to purchase from the city. Solicitor Pappasergi said the city can't get into a private sale until all avenues are investigated and exhausted.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, informed he represented the Monongahela Main Street Program at three different conferences over 9 days and passed out the monthly calendars. He now has a summer intern Myra Kay who is a graduate of Pitt in urban studies and will be going into its Master Program.

Fred Greely, 560 East Main Street, asked if there was anything in place for plans to rectify the flooding problems on East Main Street. Councilman Williams said that PennDOT is waiting for permits to clean the culverts, but Councilman Polonoli feels the problem comes off Cemetery Hill to Warne Street. Councilman Kulak asked if the city should get an engineer to investigate.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, 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 Councilman Polonoli, 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 7-2018 Greenways Trails Project

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Resolution 7-2018 be adopted as read, 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 8-2018 Community Block Grant

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Resolution 8-2018 be adopted as read, 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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Resolution 9-2018 Emergency Operations Plan

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 9-2018 be adopted as read 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.

2nd reading of Bill 2-2018 Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Solicitor Pappasergi said the bill cannot be acted on as there has to be a special meeting first.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that the second reading of Bill 2-1018 be tabled, 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 10-2018 9th Street Traffic Signal

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 10-2018 be adopted as read, 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.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of May 9, 2018. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics said he was happy to announce that after 8 years, the city is finally getting a new bridge by Cox Market which goes over to the Street Department Garage.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak said he had nothing to report except to watch each Council person's budget.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilwoman Williams commended Code Officer Pemberton for the job he is doing. Twenty-eight citations were sent to property owners along with inspections and permitted issued. He just completed a list of 23 abandoned vehicles on streets or private properties. Chief Tempest said it is under the Public Safety Department, but the police department handles this because of the license number and vin numbers. This work will be started as soon as the weather breaks.

Report of Streets & Improvements: None

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli asked permission to get an appraisal of Hillcrest Park and the Fifth Avenue property.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, permission be granted for an appraisal of a portion of Hillcrest Park and Fifth Avenue property, 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 reported that he submitted a grant for playground equipment and two pavillions and he thanked the street department and Les Pemberton for their help with anything he asks of them. He asked Chief Tempest to help with an issue at Westminister Playground regarding vehicles being parked there.

Report of Solicitor:

Solicitor Pappasergi said a meeting will be had within the next 30 days to finalize the zoning ordinance amendment and the sale of the armory is moving along.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest thanked the ladies who helped with the bicycle events and praised the fire department in their efforts in saving the drowning victim.

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 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
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