

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
March 14, 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 March 14, 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

Public Forum:

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, commended the city on its recent expansion of social media and suggested that ordinances, prior to passage, should be available to the public along with all city hires.

Kathleen Bordini, 123 Church Street, complained about a vacant house in her neighborhood that is a health hazard. The back door has been broken in, there are rats and raccoons along with a terrible stench. She said if the city cannot do anything she will contact the Board of Health. Code Enforcement Officer Pemberton said the owner passed away with no will and no family member wants to take responsibility for the property. Councilwoman Williams said she has the Solicitor looking into the law to see how the city can proceed with these types of properties.

James Braum, 503 Park Avenue, said that Park Avenue is like the Dayton International Speedway with the speeding and asked if more officers can be made aware of it. He also asked if council could keep the brick streets by removing the asphalt from them.

Tim Parsons, Fourth Street, said he saw where all signed an affidavit of residency and obviously you don't read it because you're not duly sworn in and it means nothing. He said he agrees with Chad that when these things happen with public servants, the public needs to know about it.

Michelle DeHosse, representative for Monongahela Area Library, thanked council, the police department and street department for addressing the parking issue at the library. She asked that the library be notified when the new street traffic signals are being installed in order for the library to coordinate their activities.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, thanked the city for their help to the Main Street Program with the planters. He presented a plaque to the city in honor of THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS OF WESTERN PA. ON BEHALF OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ALL AFRICAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL GUARD UNIT FROM MONONGAHELA COMPANY F, 10th REGIMENT, 8th DIVISION. Walter Neal, local historian, then displayed a banner the troops brought back from the United States' centennial celebration, which was held in Philadelphia in 1876.

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
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.

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

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 Bill 1-2018 No Parking Frye Street

Mayor Kepics said he is not happy with this ordinance, as it favors one particular property owner and who is to pay for road repairs from the tractor trailer running on the road. Councilman Polonoli said the neighbors park in their driveways and there hasn't been any prior problems.

It was recommended and so moved Bill 1-2018 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 1-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Nays

Bob Kepics
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 3
Nays 2

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

1st reading of Bill 2-2018 Amend zoning ordinance

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of February 14, 2018. There being none, the minutes were approved.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission be granted to purchase a new police car, 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 Accounts & Finance: None

Report of Public Safety:

Councilwoman Williams announced that the houses on the demolition list have all been torn down, only the clean-up and landscaping remain. She announced that the Red Cross along with volunteers from the Fire Department will be distributing smoke alarms on March 24 to residents of Monongahela.

Report of Streets & Improvements: None

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli announced that the Armory will again be advertised for sale, mulch has been donated and will be spread at the Mounds when the weather permits and he is calling for a public meeting on Wednesday March 21 for the assessment of equipment needed for the parks.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, permission be granted to advertise the Armory for sale, 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 Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest said that the residents of Black Diamond are very happy with the demolition of the house on Main Street and warned residents of the scams which are happening now at tax season and advised all to just hang up when this happens.

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 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:

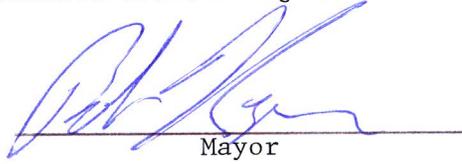
Yeas

Bob Kepics
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 declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk