

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
April 10, 2019

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 April 10, 2019 at 7:00 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:

Gretchen Clegg DeLopez, 507 Second Street, asked the Solicitor if he could explain why the hillside slide on Second Street is a private matter and he said that for purposes of public session the answer is no, but would be appropriate for an executive session.

Rose Andrako, representing the Monongahela-Donora Area Lions Club, said that the club has entered into a recyclable project with Trex for the collection of plastic bags and when enough bags are collected, Trex will donate a bench to the city. Councilman Polonoli said he will meet with her to determine the collection sites.

Senator Camera Bartolotta, congratulated Chief Brian Tempest on his upcoming retirement with a state citation and also had a state citation for Sgt. Dennis Mendicino.

Corrina Withrow, Sycamore Street, New Eagle, announced that the MARC organization will again be having free movies at the Mounds on June 21, July 19 and August 15.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Monongahela Main Street Program, has two applications for the facade project at 230 West Main Street and 173 West Main Street and asked for council support.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, speaking for someone who could not be at the meeting, he said that people were upset about the parking tickets that were given on 4th Street, asked for an update on the police body camers and cautioned council on voting yes on contracts which will be 10 years in length. Chief Tempest is looking into grants and if successful, the cameras can be purchased this year.

Bids for the 2019 City Paving Program:

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| Victor Paving & Construction, Inc. | \$114,933.31 | 10% Bid Bond |
| El Grande Industries, Inc. | \$118,963.25 | 10% Bid Bond |
| Folino Construction | \$125,605.82 | 10% Bid Bond |
| Morgan Excavatomg. L.P. | \$126,982.68 | 10% Bid Bond |

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the bid for the 2019 City Paving Program be awarded to the lowest bidder, Victor Paving & Construction, Inc. for \$114,933.31 upon verification from Mackin Engineering, 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 same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

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 6-2019 Earned Income Tax Collection

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 6-2019 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 7-2019 Ninth Street Traffic Signal Signature

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 7-2019 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 March 13, 2019. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics told Chief Tempest that he has been like a brother to him and he would miss him. He then asked Patrolman Harris to stand up and announced that he would become the new Police Chief effective May 2 and also Patrolman Lenzi will become acting Sergeant. The tasers are in but the officers have to be certified. Mayor Kepics said that the city should start fining those who don't pick up after their animals. Solicitor Pappasergi said the city already has an ordinance 1-2002 for this purpose. The beautification award has been awarded to Angelo's Restaurant.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak thanked Chief Tempest for his years of service and bringing honor and dignity to the city.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to forgo the construction permit fee for the project at the Aquatorium, 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 Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve the properties at 173 West Main Street and 230 West Main Street for the facade program, 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.

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

Report of Public Safety:

Letter of resignation from Tom Bonidie, Rental Inspector

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, the letter of resignation from Rental Inspector Tom Bonidie 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
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.

Councilwoman Williams gave a listing of some of the local businesses, Rite-Aid, McDonald's and Sheetz, to name a few, who have invested in our community and asked residents to support them. Councilman Kulak said he doesn't think those businesses would invest in our community if the city didn't already support them.

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Councilman Miller announced that the leaf collection disposal site at the city garage is for Monongahela residents only.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli reported that he is still working on the DCED grant, asked residents not to feed the ducks and geese at the Aquatorium and to refrain from calling city hall to find out where their military banners are located.

Report of Solicitor:

Solicitor Pappasergi reported there is a potential sale of five parcels being sold between 8th & 11th streets. On the city maps on paper 9th & 11th Street run to the river. The counsel for the buyer has requested the city to investigate vacating the paper streets and also any sewage issues.

It was recommended and so moved, permission be granted for the Solicitor to investigate any sewage issues and possible vacating of paper streets for possible sale of five parcels between 8th & 11th streets, 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.

Solicitor Pappasergi thanked Chief Tempest for a job well done and said that the Chief made his job much easier.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest reminded everyone that Saturday will be a very busy one in the city with the funeral for Sgt. Hamilton and the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and cautioned all to be careful.

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 carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Prior to adjournment Solicitor Pappasergi asked to go into executive session for personnel and litigation matters. After the session, there will not be any voting matters. Council will just adjourn the meeting.

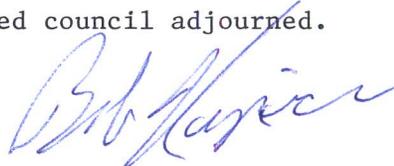
Upon council return from the executive session, it was moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas
Nays
Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

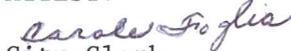
The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics declared council adjourned.



Bob Kepics
Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk