

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
March 13, 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 March 13, 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
William Polonoli

Public Forum:

Carol Frye, 826 Lawrence Street, speaking on behalf of the 250th Anniversary Committee, she thanked Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Polonoli for meeting with the committee. She said that the parade was being coordinated by Chris Bartkus and Vicki Sento and they are inviting any organization to march. They were contacted by the Ministerial Association and they will participate.

Gretchen Clegg De Lopez, 507 Second Street, said she has appeared before council five times and still doesn't have the answers to her questions. She also submitted a right-to-know request about an engineers report and there still isn't any such report. Councilman Kulak asked if this is considered more of a private matter or a public matter and Solicitor Pappasergi replied that it a private matter.

James Braum, 503 Park Avenue, asked about the condition of Walnut Street, Chestnut Street and Country Club Road. Councilman Polonoli answered that the roads in question cannot be paved now.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, speaking on behalf of the Monongahela Main Street Program and the Monongahela Library Board, said that there are 8 teams lined up for the planting of the flowers along the 14 planters along Main Street. The facade program is still in place but there are no applications. He asked council to do something for the residents by having classes on composting.

Joe Ravasio, 373 Crackerjack Road, asked if council could reconsider the new rental inspection ordinance as he feels the inspections are not necessary every year. He suggested council form a committee of rental property owners to decide a fair way that the ordinance would benefit both the city and property owners.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, asked Solicitor Pappasergi if the New Eagle Police Contract was not available for public information as discussed on Monday since it is a renewal of the same contract. Pappasergi stated that it is a new contract. Mr. DeSantis then presented the city clerk a right-to-know to provide all police municipal contracts on the city website.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yeas and Nays vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas
Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
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 Mayor Kepics, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

2nd reading of Bill 1-2019 DEP Resolution for grass

The City Clerk then read the three amendments in their entirety for Bill 1-2019.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, that Bill 1-2019 be adopted as read, and become Ordinance 1-2019, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Resolution 3-2019 Mon Valley Alliance Regional
Enterprise Zone Boundaries

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Resolution 3-2019 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Resolution 4-2019 Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Local
Match

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 4-2019 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Resolution 5-2019 PA. DEP Municipal Recycling Program
Grant Process

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Kepics, Resolution 5-2019 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Assessments and Taxes for year 2019

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Mayor Kepics, the Assessments and Taxes for 2019 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

Ken Kulak
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
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 February 13, 2019. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics made a motion to purchase a police car which will be unmarked and for use in Union Township. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Kulak said he would like to investigate more options.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, permission be granted to purchase three tasers at a cost of \$4,500, 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
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Mayor Kepics said he is obtaining information on the purchase of body cameras for the police and said the beautification award will begin next month. He asked Solicitor Pappasergi if a letter had been sent to Penndot about making 5th Avenue one way. A letter had been sent with no response so Pappasergi will send another one.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak said that Scott Frederick asked him to report to council about Al Helfer being inducted into the baseball hall of fame. It will be held on July 20 in Cooperstown, New York and Cooperstown has agreed to allow a banner representing our town. A buss trip is being planned for which further information will be forthcoming.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilwoman Williams informed council that the owner of 210 Ninth Street no longer wants his property and would like to turn it over to the city. Councilman Kulak asked if there were any liens on the property and Solicitor Pappasergi said that it was purchased at a repository sale and there were no liens.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that the city obtain ownership of 210 Ninth Street, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Nays

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Bob Kepics

Total Yeas 3
Nays 1

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

Councilman Kulak, in the absence of Councilman Miller, stated to council that a motion had to be made for Liquid Fuels monies to be used for paving various streets in the city.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, that permission be granted to use Liquid Fuels monies for paving various streets in the city, 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
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
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 Polonoli asked Solicitor Pappasergi if a letter had been sent concerning the city garage and he replied that a letter was not sent because the County Redevelopment asked the city to wait until their solicitor reviewed it. He also told council he is accepting bids for the repair of the storm drains downstairs and also for grass cutters for the summer.

It was recommended by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the city accept the New Eagle police contract with the city. Councilman Polonoli and Councilwoman Williams both said they had not seen or read the contract. There was no roll call.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above motion 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

Ken Kulak
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

Report of Solicitor Pappasergi:

Solicitor Pappasergi informed council there was a pending agreement between the City of Monongahela, Monongahela Municipal Authority, Carroll Township and Carroll Township Authority for the overflow of sanitary sewage.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the agreement between the City of Monongahela, Monongahela Municipal Authority, Carroll Township and the Carroll Township Authority for the overflow of sanitary sewage 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

Ken Kulak
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
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:

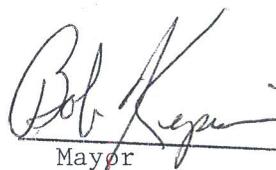
Yeas

Ken Kulak
Bob Kepics
Claudia Williams
William Polonoli

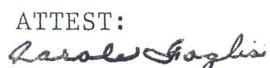
Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

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