

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, February 12, 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

The roll was called and the following present:

Greg Garry
Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that there needs to be a motion to amend the agenda.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Miller, to amend the agenda to include the hiring of the Rental Inspector, 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.

Public Forum

Sally Woods, 520 Chess Street, wants to thank Councilwoman Claudia Williams, Charlie, and Les for the outstanding job they did in correcting a rental property in her neighborhood that was leaking raw sewage. For the new Rental Ordinance it may not have been taken care of.

John Hess, 607 Fair Street, regarding a handicapped parking space on Fair Street the person who had it put in wasn't even handicapped and doesn't have a placard.

Chief Harris explained he wants to get together with the Mayor and Mark Gadd to go over all the handicapped spots are and map out all the locations to get a better handle of approving or not approving spots and can address it at that time.

Rob, 128 Elmcrest, Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club show last month and had over 500 people in 7 hours and wanted to thank everyone who helped in any way possible.

Also the My Main Street Program is looking at having the 4th of July being our second Street Fair and as soon as soon as he has any more information he will announce it.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Main Street program and the Library. The Library is looking for a librarian and are starting to review resumes and begin interviewing. There are four new board members and looking to restructure so they can do some fundraising.

The Main Street Program he has given invitations to their Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 so please come on Tuesday.

Russ Anderson formerly of 1008 Lincoln Street. Looking for his grandmother's truck which was removed from the house after a fire in the 1970's.

Council asked that if anyone would have any information regarding the location of the trunk to please come forward.

Aaron Benny, Assistant Fire Chief, 130 Church Street presented the Year End Fire Department report and thanked Council and Mayor for their support of the Fire Department.

Dana Walters Miller, 116 Waverly Street, wanted to thank the Chief for his handling of the funeral for Matt Smelser. Also thanked the Fire Department for the assistance.

John Glanneman formerly of 521 Marne Avenue, representing Troop 1448 of Monongahela the boys are here as part of an Eagle Required Merritt Badge the Communication Merritt Badge is required for any boy wanting to attain the rank of Eagle. One requirements in that workbook is for them to attend a public meeting such as this to learn, observe, and record what they see and hear from a communications standpoint. At their regular meeting tomorrow they will present and tell us what they saw, heard, and observed. Thanks to the Mayor and Council for allowing them to attend.

Report of City Clerk

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Ken Kulak, 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

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.

Second Reading Bill 1-2020 – Amendment to Salary Ordinance

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

Resolution 4-2020 – Annual Erection of Temporary Banners

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution 4-2020 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.

Resolution 5-2020 – Local Match for Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 5-2020 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.

Resolution 6-2020 – Amending the 2020 Budget for Veteran’s Day Parade

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 6-2020 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.

Letter from the Washington Tax Claim Bureau requesting a letter from the City to raise Repository Auction fees from \$500.00 to \$600.00.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Miller, that the City submit a letter to the Tax Claim Bureau approving the increase in fees, 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 Mayor Garry

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 11 and December 27, 2019, and January 6 and January 8, 2020 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Garry stated that there were two retirements in 2019 in the police department. The Monongahela Civil Service Commission has completed their examination process and submitted their results to council for consideration. At this time I submit the name of Chase Taylor to be hired full time.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, Chase Taylor be hired as a full time police officer, 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.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Garry, seconded by Councilman Miller, Todd Pappasergi be retained as the City's Solicitor, 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.

For those that do not know Todd is leaving Bassi Vreeland and Associates and moving forward to the Lynch Law Group.

Councilman Kulak asked if there were anything further the City needs to do.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that there is a transfer letter that Mayor Garry needs to sign.

Councilwoman Williams stated that this is a tuff position to be in as the Bassi family and firm are great community supporters and this is a tuff decision.

Councilman Kulak stated that this decision is without any negative reflection on the Bassi Vreeland firm. They have served the City for many years. It is that we are happy with Solicitor Pappasergi's performance with the City.

Solicitor Pappasergi thanked council for their vote of confidence. His decision to move on was not an easy one either. He is excited to stay with the City and we have a really good team a really good thing going on here in the City and he is happy to continue to be a part of this moving forward.

Report of Accounts & Finance

Just a reminder to keep spending under control. It's only February but keep that in mind.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Polonoli to make application for a general use credit card, 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 Kulak stated that he would like to put out an R.F.Q. for Municipal Engineering Services. It is time that the City looks at its options with municipal engineering. That he would like to work with the Solicitor to work on a Request for Qualification because we will base this on the qualifications of the firm not on a monetary basis.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that Councilman Kulak and the Solicitor on the R.F.Q, 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.

Councilwoman Williams stated that we currently use the engineers as our Zoning Officer as well so that would need to be considered.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that since Jenni Easton of Mackin Engineering is the appointed Zoning Officer by the City under the Third Class City Code we would have within the R.F.Q. the ability to have someone on staff to act as the Zoning Officer. Also until such time as R.F.Q.'s start coming in and a formal proposal is brought before council Mackin remains the City's engineer and nothing changes and that Mackin can submit their own R.F.Q.

Report of Public Safety

Councilwoman Williams stated that we are moving along just trying to keep the City safe. Would like to make a motion to hire our rental inspector. He has very successfully progressed through his probationary period and we need to hire him formally.

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

Councilman Kulak stated that he hears nothing but good on the streets of his cordialness and professionalism.

Councilwoman Williams stated he is doing an outstanding job. There are people who resist the ordinance itself but there are no complaints about Charlie.

She also stated that we are becoming a town of restaurants. We have Angelo's, Lenzi's, Eat N Park, the Ice Cream Shop that recently opened and seems to be doing well, the Hometown Deli, and most recently Hog Father's recently opened and was happy to see the place packed and most were from out of town so they are bringing in more out of town people into town.

Report of Streets & Improvements

Councilman Miller stated he would like to make a request to sell a water buffalo and trailer on Municibid.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Mayor Garry, that the City sell a water buffalo and trailer on Municibid, 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 Kulak wanted to thank Councilman Miller and the Street Department our first snow fall of the year and the streets were clear. They never disappoint.

Report of Parks & Property

Councilman Polonoli stated that he and Mark Gadd met with Brad Field from Ringgold Baseball team and they are going start the dugout. They will start on one and then the other in case of weather problems. This will begin as soon as the weather breaks.

Working on some other things with the parks but are currently in the planning stages.

Report of Solicitor

Solicitor Pappasergi wanted to thank Council again. Just a point of clarification the items to be sold on Municibid that will have to be publically advertised in the paper. Once it goes up on Municibid following the public advertisement it has to stay open for ten days.

Report of Police Chief

Completed the Department of Justice System Award Management registration or SAMS program which allows us to be eligible for Federal financial assistance and is completed and approved.

A patrol car was wrecked due to bad weather conditions and there were no injuries. Believe the vehicle is going to be totaled and looking at replacement vehicles.

There is a training seminar held by the D.A.'s Office focusing on intake procedures to the jail and other topics that Sergeant Lenzi and Chief Harris attended the four hour course. On January 30th the Mayor and Chief Harris attended a short presentation for Watchguard regarding in car and body camera integration.

Councilman Polonoli stated he forgot to mention that the City will be blocking off the entrances going down into the Aquatorium. We have had cars drive down there and one was stuck and had to be towed. It's all mud down there due to flooding and we clean it off for events and then people driving on tracking mud back on so there will be some type of barriers put up to prevent people from driving on.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, 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

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.

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