

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
September 11, 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 September 11, 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
William Polonoli

Members of the Monongahela-Donora Lyons Club were present to display the bench made by Trex with recyclable plastic bags. When another 500 bags are collected, the city will receive another bench.

Public Forum:

Vern Sibert, informed council she is starting a non-profit organization of employers and volunteers for the purpose of collecting trash along local highways and exit ramps and asked the support of council.

Gretchen Clegg de Lopez, 507 Second Street, reported to council there is still a water problem on Second Street and is still looking for any possible help with her recent problem.

Carla Roman, Ninth Street, said she is a crossing guard at Madonna Catholic School and asked if the cross walks could be painted. She complained about the condition of the house on Ninth Street and was told it was a historical problem and asked council to consider offering a discount to landlords who schedule and pay their rental property inspection in a timely manner.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, informed council that the City Clerk would be reading a request for a support letter for the Monongahela Main Street Program for an LSA grant and he summarized the facade program and new businesses.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, stated that in due process of law, he feels the new rental inspection program is a direct violation of the law.

George Eckert, President of MARC, gave his opinion of what could be done on the property of the yellow house on Ninth Street when it can be torn down.

Gregory Garry, 520 Fourth Street, asked if anything was ever checked about the lead in water not in the water supply, but in houses. Mayor Kepics said he would contact the water company with our concerns.

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 Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
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 Councilman Kulak, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

Letter of support for the Monongahela Main Street Program for "Downtown Vacant Properties Documentation and Investor Incentive Project"

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, a letter of support for the Monongahela Main Street Project 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

Planning Commission recommendation - Sheetz combining multiple lots into one parcel

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, the Planning Commission Sheetz recommendation 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

Resolution 13-2019 - LSA application for the Monongahela Storm Sewer Safety Upgrades

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Resolution 13-2019 be adopted 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

Resolution 14-2019 Amending Resolution 1-2006 Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, that Resolution 14-2019 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

Letter of resignation from City Clerk

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, the letter of resignation from City Clerk Carole Foglia be accepted with regret, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
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 August 14 and August 22, 2019. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Informed council he attended a meeting with Mark Gadd and Ken Hillman from Senate Engineers concerning the bridge at 12th and Chess and was told the bridge belongs to the county and there is no need for any work by the city. Announced that the Halloween parade is October 23 and trick or trick on Saturday October 26 from 6 to 8.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Kulak reminded council to keep a close watch on their budgets.

Report of Parks & Property:

In the absence of Councilman Miller, street department, announced that the blacktopping of streets is continuing throughout the city.

Councilman Polonoli reported there are problems with the kayak launch as people have been removing the rollers and pins and it becomes very expensive to replace. Councilman Kulak said that no-one should be on the launch docks if not there for launch purposes.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Mayor Kepics, to post new signage at the docks whereby anyone using the launch for any other reason will face a citation for trespassing, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

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

A letter was received from Senate Engineering advising the city that the bids for the Ninth Street traffic signal should be rejected as the bid exceeded the grant funds available for the project and re-bid with a revised scope.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Polonoli, seconded by Mayor Kepics, that the bid for the Ninth Street Traffic Signal be rejected, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
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 Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, permission be granted to re-bid for the Ninth Street traffic signal with a revised scope that includes overhead power supply to mast arms, 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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
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:

Announced that the Planning Commission will meet September 27, 2019 for the re-zoning hearing and council's hearing will be November 13, 2019. Final passage for the re-zoning will be at the November council meeting.

Report of Police Chief:

Reported about the complaints of recreational vehicles on city streets and advised residents to call 911 and announced that the police is currently working to have a facebook page operational.

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
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
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
Bob Kepics
Ken Kulak
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 3
Nays 0

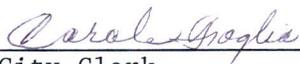
The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics declared council adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk