

Minutes for January 11, 2021 Work Session, gaveled into session at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garry who led in the pledge to the Flag.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, Monongahela Main Street Program. The Monongahela Facade Grant Program received an application from Mark Rabe for replacement of the awning which was accepted by the Main Street Program to be submitted to Council for approval.

Councilman Kulak stated that there will be some adjustments made to the budget for 2021 and questioned if adjustments needed to be made for the house on Ninth Street.

Council discussed and the City does not own the property and the demolition will be torn down with the CDBG monies. They also discussed that going forward using those funds to demolish properties that the City will put a lien against the property for the cost.

Mayor Garry asked when the City would be voting on the Consulting Engineers. Council discussed that several have not reviewed the RFQ's and they would need to do so prior to council meeting so that it could be voted on.

Councilwoman Williams expressed her concern that employees have not signed off on the Employee Handbook and a deadline should be set to sign and return the sign off sheet.

Council then discussed that the expiration of the Cares Act COVID-19 Quarantine pay. There are several employees who are currently off work due to COVID quarantining and they do not feel the taxpayers should not be paying additional monies for employees being off due to quarantining. The employees should be using sick days and vacation time.

Council then discussed the proposed amendment to the City's Transient Retail Business Ordinance and there needs to be further discussion before it would be voted on.

Councilman Polonoli presented Cooperation Agreement to council explaining that it is for the LSA Grant for the radios and safety equipment. It has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. The radios went through COSTARS and did not have to be put out for bid. The safety equipment for the Street Department is also ordered and the company it was purchased from will come out to train the crew how to use it at no cost to the City.

He then informed council that the City received only one letter of interest for the Library Board and will be on the agenda as well as appointments for the sewage authority board.

Councilman Miller stated that there is an issue with private plow companies and individuals plowing or shoveling snow out onto the street or up against the railroad tracks. He doesn't want them to do it and cause an accident and then the City be blamed for not clearing the streets and causing more headaches for the Street Department.

Chief Harris informed council that he has spoken to CFS Bank regarding the change of signatory's on the Police Equipment Fund and all paperwork has been submitted to the bank.

He also stated that there are two police vehicles available at this point and has contacted several leasing companies to provide quotes for leasing the vehicles and would like it to be on the agenda for Wednesday. The quotes will be forwarded to council for review.

Chief Harris informed council that we have been having issues with the cameras around City Hall and Crystalline came out and rectified the problems and he also had them look at the current cameras and they are going to give an estimate to replacing the cameras and head unit.

Finally he informed council he received from the Solicitor the Municipal Services Agreement for Charleroi using the holding cells. One of the items in the agreement is we can deny use of the cells any time for any reasons we deem necessary. It would be a cost of \$25.00 per hour with a minimum of four hours and each hour after that it would be an additional \$25.00.

Council discussed that Charleroi Regional Police do not have holding cells and they are currently using Monessen lock up and are being charging \$185.00 for anyone taken there and not sure what they charge per hour after the initial charge.

They will thoroughly inspect the cells to ensure that no one can be injured and that everything is safe and secure.

