

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 9, 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

#### Public Forum

George Eckert representing the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority stated he had distributed bus schedules to several locations so people will have access to the bus routes. Also Scott Frederick asked him to inform everyone that it is the 70 anniversary of the American Legion won the Pennsylvania State American Legion Baseball Title and would like the picture displayed somewhere for the public to view. Finally the Transit Authority wanted him to thank council for sending a letter to the Washington County Commissioners to encourage them to give financial support to the Transit Authority.

Mayor Garry stated that he would like to have a moment of silence for the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911 which will be on Friday.

Norene Potter, Potters House, Monongahela wanted to thank the City for considering having the 30<sup>th</sup> ADA Anniversary at Chess Park and is pleased to say the Main Street Program is going to sponsor them at some time in the future. She asked that the City continue to actively participate in replacing the sidewalks and making this City livable for people with disabilities.

Councilman Polonoli stated that there is community block grant monies coming in to do more cut outs and the sidewalk out here is going to be repaired but there was not enough funding to do everything. It is also the store owners and residents need to do their part as they are responsible for their part as the City isn't responsible for all the sidewalks.

Councilman Kulak stated that the City is committed to make our main streets and sidewalks accessible and will be evaluating each year to see the need and what monies are available.

Tim Tipton, 440 North Alexander Street, wanted to address the steps that have been closed and someone purchased a house at Pike Street and has blocked the steps. People actually use the steps and want those steps. The signs were there that it was closed and then removed and then put back up but the steps need to be replaced as this is the only safe way for residents to access the down town.

Councilman Kulak stated that the stairs cost triple to replace compared to a regular sidewalk and the City just does not have the funds to replace the steps at this time.

Code Enforcement Officer stated that a letter was sent to the property owner to remove the trees and it was returned due to a change of address and it is being mailed to the new address tomorrow.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that what is being said is that the City hears and understands the problem and when there is funding available they will investigated to be fixed. There are no funds available at this time for this type of project. The only other way is to divert city funds from something else or to raise taxes.

Councilman Polonoli stated that the steps are closed and that anyone caught using them can be arrested for trespass as they are closed. We have taken an action to close the steps down due to danger to the residents.

Mr. Tipton stated that there has to be a solution such as a crosswalk on Fourth Street to make it safer for the kids to cross the street. There is a sidewalk on Fourth Street but there is no crosswalk for the kids to safely cross the street.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that Fourth Street is a State Highway and the City can't touch Fourth Street.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Main Street program and Library. The Main Street Program has purchased tables and chairs for restaurants to put outside.

He then stated that the Library is struggling and are facing problems with the air conditioning and roof. They are dealing with constraints on their budget in all directions. Please do not cut their funding. The school district has stopped giving funding about eight or nine years ago and only receive minimal monies or no money from surrounding communities.

