

Council Chambers  
Monongahela, PA  
June 8, 2016

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 June 8, 2016 at 7 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Public Forum:

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, asked if there was any progress on the chicken ordinance and was told the Solicitor is still working on it. He also questioned the condition of the property at 1135-1137 Lawton Street where the grass has overgrown. The grandson who is in charge of the property lives in Florida and Chief Tempest said he would get his telephone number. Councilman Caudill asked if there was anything legal that the city could do. Solicitor Tongchinsub said there are new state regulations that makes it possible to file criminal charges against a property owner who ignores repeated attempts to correct the problems.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

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

Councilman Caudill questioned bicycle riders who ride on city streets and sidewalks doing tricks on them. Chief Tempest said we have an ordinance that restricts any riding of bicycles on Main Street from 5th Street to Sheetz.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Caudill, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
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 1-2016 MS4 Operation & Maintenance

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Kulak, Bill 1-2016 be adopted as read and become Ordinance 1-2016, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

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

2016-2017 Winter Snow Agreement with Penndot

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Caudill, the 2016-1017 Winter Snow Agreement with Penndot 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
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 May 11, 2016. There being none, the minutes are approved.

Mayor Kepics told council that residents have been requesting another dumpster for electronics disposal and he would like to charge a \$5.00 fee for each device to offset the cost of the dumpster. He said he would volunteer to collect the fees but council said that would not be a good idea since the gates are not locked at night. Councilman Veliky said that Waste Management, the collector for Carroll Township, picks up electronics at an extra cost of \$4.00 to each residence. Councilman CAudill said we should explore the possibilities and also ask Big's if this could be a negotiable item.

The beautification award for the month if 700 Mound Street and the fishing derby scheduled for June 11 would be rain or shine.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill reminded council members to follow their budgets to remain in the black for 2016.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky reminded all plumbers to renew their plumbers licenses and asked council permission to advertise bids for garbage collection with one company for both residential and commercial for 2017.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Kulak, permission be granted to advertise bids for the collection of garbage for both residential and commercial and to include electronic pick-up, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
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 Veliky, seconded by Mahor Kepics, permission be granted to advertise for the position of Health Officer, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

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

Report of Streets & Improvements:

Bid for Bituminous Fiber Reinforced Seal Coat

Russell Standard Corp.		
P. O. Box 802	\$95,773.95	10% Bid Bond
Mars, PA 16046		

Councilman Caudill asked if any of the streets were brick because when the utility companies dig up a street, the bricks never seem to be put back and he wants to insure that the brick streets are maintained. The streets with this bid are Meade, Lawrence, Grant, Ohio and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Caudill, the bid from Russell Standard in the amount of \$95,773.95 be accepted pending budget and Penndot review, 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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

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

Councilman Kulak thanked the Mayor for the electrical work done on the entrance island coming into town and also Peggy Brown and his mother for their work. There is still more work to do but will be finished shortly.

Councilman Caudill commended the street department for the appearance of the city for Memorial Day with the flags and banners.

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Miller thanked the Mayor for his work having the fountain in Chess Park working and all money that accumulates in the fountain will be donated to charity. He also thanked Mr. Kulak and his crew for their work on the entrance island. The Fits Program crew will be here before July 4th to cut the banks at the Aquatorium.

Report of Solicitor:

Solicitor Tongchininsub reported that Pa. law has changed in favor of more stringent property laws that will allow the city to go aggressively after property owners who neglect their property. Councilman Kulak said he has been meeting with Councilman Veliky and the Code Officer to discuss action options related to the new blight laws and this will be presented to council.

Since Terry Necciai was late to the meeting, he was allowed to distribute his monthly calendars and he also told of the upcoming tour to Sewickley.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, 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

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
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  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Ken Kulak  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5  
Nays 0

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

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Carole Goglia