

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, January 11, 2023 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  
Sarah O'Brien  
Daryl Miller  
Lee Mizwa

#### Public Forum

Christine Somales, 808 West Main Street, the yellow house on 9<sup>th</sup> Street is still there.

Councilwoman O'Brien stated that she has been in contact with the contractor and the Redevelopment Authority and he is on track and will be coming.

Cathy Cunningham, P. O. Box 117, Washington, PA stated that she is the unpaid humane police officer in Washington County and she would like to address the Mayor for his attention regarding a matter with the Police Department. She stated that prior to the current Chief of Police she has assisted the Monongahela Police Department for years and is appalled at the stance that the current Chief of Police has taken in not allowing officers to enforce PA Crimes Code Cruelty to Animals. She will continue to assist any police officer in any area but will no longer assist any of the Monongahela Officers due to the current atmosphere.

Chief Harris stated that he disagrees with the statement made as there is no standing order that the officers are not to enforce those laws. They will enforce the laws if the evidence rises to the level of the crime. He would like to meet with her and Mayor to discuss.

Ms. Cunningham stated that she would be happy to meet with the Mayor at any point but will not meet with the Chief of Police.

Laura Magone, 1006 Fourth Street, Monongahela, representing the Historical Society. They have a lot of renovations going on at this time, gift shop is open, and they received a grant from the Washington County Tourism to establish a Rebellion Room.

She also stated that they are a nonprofit and not required to pay property taxes. They value the services they receive from the City and would like to make a payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$100.00 to the City to show recognition for what they receive from the City. They encourage all other nonprofit and religious entities that also do not pay property taxes would consider making payments in lieu of taxes also.

Charles Martin, 1015 Coulter Avenue, Monongahela, stated that there is an issue with a property owner on Coulter Avenue who has been dumping paving millings, rocks, dirt over many years which is closing off and narrowing the street and he is having issues getting his tractor tailors in and out of his business.

Councilwoman O'Brien stated that she, Charlie, and Chris Spahr have been out there and it has been determined that the gentleman is dumping the debris on the City right of way which he is claiming is his property.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Monongahela Main Street Program informed everyone of upcoming events such as the Mounds Event in May, May 13<sup>th</sup> is the World of Chocolate, 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the Street Fair, Whiskey a taste of History and Horse Promenade in September, Halloween will be the jack-o-lantern hanging, and Merry Christmas Main Street would be November and December.

He also informed council of the Active Transportation Planning Project he encourages everyone to think of ways that they can be involved and there will be a webinar on January 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to one and on January 14<sup>th</sup> the consultants with a tour in the afternoon and a public meeting with the steering committee.

