

# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**JULY 14, 2020**

**7:00 PM.**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting
5. Approval of minutes from the July 2, 2020 meeting
6. Open the floor for public comment on agenda items only
7. Correspondence:

A Proclamation on the Occasion of Juneteenth, June 19, 2020

A Proclamation on the Occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Negro Leagues

I publicly want to thank the organizers of the Unity Cookout held at 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

I publicly want to thank the "Public Works Dept. for preparing the pavilion at the river launch for a picnic held for graduating seniors.

Letter from the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners

The 1998 GMC Truck, previously used by the Code Enforcement Department was sold for \$611.00.

In order for the City to fully comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Health orders and Centers for Disease Control guidance, the City implements this protocol. For purposes of this protocol, "probable" is defined as being symptomatic for COVID-19; "confirmed" is defined as a positive test result for COVID-19; and "close contact" is defined as being within 6 feet of a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 for about 10 minutes.



The City has received 7 applications for the Police Accountability Board. Council will interview the applicants in a couple of weeks. Appointments will be made at the August 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The City has received 2 applications for the Library Board. Council will interview the applicants next week. Appointment will be made at the August 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting

8. Old Business:

The City has received 72 resumes' for the City Clerk position as of June 14, 2020. Today was the final day to accept a resume'.

9. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun

Treasurer's report for the month ending June 2020

10. City Controller: Kevin Parker

Controller's report for the month ending June 2020

11. New Business:

**Mayor Matt Shorraw: Public Affairs**

A. Motion to hire Brandon Hiezelman to a full time police officer position. This promotion comes at the recommendation of Police Chief Smith.

B. Following is the Certified List of Officers that is eligible for promotion as prepared by the Civil Service Commission and recommended by the Police Chief.

Motion to promote Lt. David Yuhasz from Lieutenant to the rank of Captain

Motion to promote Officer Aaron Thompson from patrol officer to the rank of Lieutenant

C. Motion to advertise for a civil service test for full time police officers.

D. Motion to accept the resignation of City Controller, Kevin Parker effective July 1, 2020.

E. Motion to advertise for a new controller to replace Kevin Parker. Annual salary \$2,800.

F. Motion to approve (5) properties to be offered for demolition

(These properties will complete the previous year's listing of properties.)



683 Reed Avenue – 1017 Knox Avenue – 900 Knox Avenue

1212 Walnut Street – 20 Terrace Avenue

Council will begin to establish a new list of properties for the next demolition.

G. Motion to approve the exoneration of taxes for (3) properties that are owned by the City.

18 Elm Street	20-02-11-0-250	2012 to 2020	\$9,467.00
Summit Ave. (lot)	20-02-06-0-611	2018 to 2020	\$1,015.58
Summit Ave. (lot)	20-02-06-0-623	2018 to 2020	\$1,978.61

H. Motion to approve a handicap parking space for Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler at 487 Reed Avenue. Chief of Police has approved

I. Motion to approve a handicap parking space for Hope Magnone at 21 Washington Drive. Chief of Police has approved.

J. Motion to approve the final reading of the Fireworks Ordinance No. 5-2020. An ordinance established the procedure and providing for the promulgation of regulations for the City's issuance of licenses and permits for displays of consumer and display fireworks within the City, including a bond requirement; promulgating certain restrictions regarding fireworks displays and use; providing for penalties for the violation thereof; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

K. First reading of an ordinance 7-2020 of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 5- 2018 to make the failure to trim trees and vegetation affecting public rights of way a quality of life violation; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing an effective date.

L. First reading of Ordinance No. 6-2020 confirming current on-street parking restrictions, prohibitions, and regulations for portions of Fourth Street; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

M. Motion to approve Commercial Insurance Proposal, July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 (\$233,053.00 2019-2020 budget) VS (\$168,977.00 2020-2021 budget)

Savings of \$64,076.00 (Majority of the savings is in the Workers Compensation Ins.)

N. Police Report for the month of June

**Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets**



A. Street Report for the month of June 2020

**Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Department of Parks & Public Properties**

A. Parks and Recreation Report

B. Request was received by council to hold a Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Monessen City Park (lower field). Council will make a decision in August predicated on the COVID-19 situation.

**Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety**

A. Code Enforcement Office Financial Report

B. Code Enforcement Activity Report

C. Fire Departments Report

Fire Station No. 2 (Hilltop) received a new flat roof installation. We will now have to address the interior damages, from the prolonged roof leak, with our insurance company.

D. EMS Report

**Councilman Gil Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance**

A. Motion to approve transfer of funds from General Fund to Payroll & Health care \$115,000.

B. Motion to approve payment of invoices from General Fund \$427,779.04

C. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Parks \$2,739.50

D. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Recreation \$445.58

E. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Line Usage \$73,671.00

F. All invoices due for payment in 2020 are current

G. Large Account balances end of June

General Fund \$761,420.

Liquid Fuels \$234,834.

Parks & Recreation \$224,593.

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Note: Legal expenses Jan-June: \$16,000

Budgeted amount for 2020: \$82,000. 39% under budget year to date

Open the floor for public comment on any items you wish

Adjournment:

