

February 11, 2020 City of Monessen Council Meeting.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment by Ron Mozer, Tina Odell, Antoinette Young,, Ernie Telegraphis, ???  
Francowic, Brett Lopresti, Maria Scuteri.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to hire John Fredrick as a full-time Patrolman with the Monessen Police Department to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Keleman, in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement and all City policies and procedures. It has been verified that he has met all qualifications. Passed 5 to 0

New Business: Jerry Saksun gave treasurer report

Mayor Shorraw

Proclamation For Charles Keller for 50 years' service with the Monessen Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution 3 of 2020 A resolution by a municipality certifying provision of local match for state operating financial assistance with local funds in the amount of \$4932 for Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to ratify the purchase and upgrade of the police department's computer system. It will be paid from ArcelorMittal Grant and Asset Forfeiture funds earmarked by the DEA with a written contract from Kevin Iacovangelo. Passed 4 to 1

Motion to appoint Lois Thomas as the library liaison, as requested by the Library Board. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to assign plumbing inspector duties to K-2 Engineering in order to avoid duplicate services. Passed 3 to 2

Motion to appoint Delmar Hepple to the position of Municipal Fire Chief. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to recognize and declare the positions of City Treasurer and City Controller vacant, as required under the Third Class City Code, for failure to qualify for office with the submission of necessary affidavits of residency and bonds prior to taking the oath of office within the necessary time limits Passed 5 to 0



Motion to appoint Gerald Saksun to the office of City Treasurer for the remainder of his term and effective upon the provision of the required affidavit of residency and bond. Passed 5 to 0  
Motion to appoint Ted Harhai to the vacant position on the Refuse Authority, term to end December 31, 2023. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to approve agreement with Portnoff to collect delinquent garbage bills for the City of Monessen. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to introduce and conduct first reading of Ordinance approving collection procedures and adopting interest and schedule of attorney fees and charges to be added to the amount collected as part of unpaid municipal claims for delinquent accounts as Bill No. 1 – 2020. Tabled

Motion to appoint Mayor Matt Shorraw, Councilman Gil Coles and City Administrator John Harhai to the Police Pension Board for 2020. Tabled

Motion to request for proposals (RFP) from Auditing Companies. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to adopt a Social Policy governing City Employees. Passed 5 to 0

Motion to authorize WEC to advertise, open bids and recommend a low bidder for the demolition of the following arson dwellings: 908-910 Knox Avenue, 408 Reed Avenue, and 1000 Alaska Alley. Advertisement will be February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be open on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. WEC will identify the lowest responsible bidder recommend award to council soon thereafter. This project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Passed 5 to 0

Councilwomen Lois Thomas:

Street Report

Motion to authorize WEC to advertise, open bids and recommend a low bidder for the reconstruction of Grand Boulevard from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Extension toward Marion Avenue. Advertisement will be February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be open on March 4<sup>th</sup>. WEC will identify the lowest responsible bidder recommend award to council soon thereafter. This project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Passed 5 to 0

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski:

Motion to appoint Maria Scuteria as the City Controller for the remainder of her term and effective upon the provision of the required affidavit of residency and bond. 3 No to 2 Yes.

Parks Report



Councilman Don Gregor:

Motion to accept letters of interest and applications for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Monessen. Passed 5 to 0

Code Office Report

No Fire Report

No EMS Report

Councilman Gil Coles:

Motion to approve list of bills to pay upon receipt of funds. Passed 3 to 2

We are continuing to work with other banks to acquire the TAN note.

City Controller:

No report

Tim Witt: City Solicitor

No Report.

Public Comments:

Anthony Orzechowski:

Sunshine Law

Brett Lopresti Plumbing Inspector

Lou Mavrakis

Mark Colombo

