

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2020

7:00 pm.

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Orzechowski 5 -- 0
5. Mr. Kareem Straughn, 470 Donner Avenue
Ordinance No. 340-21 Street and Sidewalk Sales. Motion made by Councilwoman Thomas seconded by Councilman Orzechowski o permit Mr. Kareem Straughn to sale on the sidewalk. 5 -- 0
6. Open the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Comments by Ernie Telegraphis on repurpose of police cars and invoices paid. Catherine Tucker spoke to Kareem Straughn problem.
7. Correspondence:

A proclamation opposing The Indiscriminate Killing of Wildlife in The Form of Wildlife Killing Contests.
8. Old Business: None
9. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun Treasurer's report for the month ending May 2020. Motion by Councilman Orzechowski Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 - 0

10. City Controller: Kevin Parker
Controller's report for the month ending May 2020

11. New Business:

Mayor Matt Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. Motion to approve the repurposing of (2) police interceptor vehicles removed from service. (1) Fire Dept. and (1) Code Dept. seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- B. Motion for the sanitation of police vehicles – Ford Motor Company - no charge to the municipality. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- C. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2-2020 an ordinance of the council for the City of Monessen, Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing Ordinance No. 1-2019 of the City of Monessen. Seconded by Councilman Gregor No Councilman Orzechowski Councilwomen Thomas and Councilman Coles 2 to 3 Motion Failed.
- D. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3-2020 Fire and Burning Ordinance – an ordinance providing for and regulating the use of fires and burning by the establishment of specific regulations, exceptions, and definitions; providing for enforcement; prescribing penalties for violations; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing for an effective date. seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- E. Motion to approve Downtown Parking Ordinance No. 4-2020 An ordinance confirming current on-street parking restrictions, prohibitions, and regulations for portions of Eastgate Avenue, Rebecca Street, Monongahela

Boulevard, First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Seventh Street, Eighth Street, Tenth Street, Maronda Way, Donner Avenue, and Schoonmaker Avenue; establishing two-hour parking and eliminating metered parking for portions of Oneida Street, First Street, Second Street, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Wendell Ramey Lane, Donner Avenue, and Schoonmaker Avenue; confirming current off-street parking restrictions and regulations for various city parking lots; promulgating general parking regulations and restrictions; repealing inconsistent ordinances; and providing for an effective date. Seconded by Councilwomen Thomas 5 -- 0

- F. Motion to approve the removal of parking meters based upon the approval of Ordinance No. 4-2020. Seconded by Councilman Orzechowski 5 -- 0
- G. First Reading – Ordinance No. 5-2020 Fireworks Ordinance – 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. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- H. Motion to hire Cheryl Gordon to the position Accounting/Payroll Clerk. She will be a full time hourly employee at \$16.00 per hour, under the current Union Contract. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- I. Motion to advertise for the position of City Clerk. Salary \$42,000. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- J. Motion to lift the City’s March 17, 2020 Emergency Declaration effective June 5th, 2020. Seconded by Councilman Orzechowski 5 -- 0

- K. USDA project – Motion to approve the Bond Council Agreement for Jeff Mills, Cozen O’Connor Law Firm and to approve Legal Services Agreement for Tim Witt, Watson Mundorff LLP Law Firm. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- L. Motion to approve the Parkway Emergency Wall Repair Project to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Reynolds Brothers Inc. based on the unit bid price of \$34,800.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Thomas 5 -- 0
- M. Motion to adopt City of Monessen Police Accountability and Internal Affairs Policy. The Board will consist of five members with four community members and the mayor. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 -- 0
- N. Motion to advertise for the four community members on the Police Accountability and Internal Affairs Board with a staggered board. Seconded by Councilwoman Thomas 5 -- 0
- O. Police Report for the Month of May

Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

- A. Street Report for the month of May 2020
- B. Motion to approve a Resolution 7-2020 of the City of Monessen to issue a government obligation to finance a small capital purchase. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- C. Motion a Resolution 8-2020 of the City of Monessen to approve and enter into a lease purchase agreement with John Deere Corporation and Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company for a 444L wheel Loader. Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0

- D. Motion to approve advertising to sell our 2008 Street Sweeper on Municibid.(no cost to the city) Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- E. Motion to accept Glenda Mavrakis's resignation from the Library Board Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- F. Motion to advertise for the vacant Library Board position. Mayor Shorraw 5 -
- 0

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Department of Parks & Public Properties

- A. Park and Recreation Report
- B. Motion to approve a Resolution 3-2020 of the City of Monessen to issue a government obligation contract to finance a small capital purchase. Remove was voted on previously.

Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety

- A. Code Office Financial Report
- B. Code Activity Report
- C. Fire Report
- D. EMS Report
- E. Motion to sell the 1998 GMC Truck, previously used by the Code Department.
- G. Advertisement has been posted. Sealed bids will be accepted up to 10:00am. on June 19, 2020. Bid opening 10:00am Friday, June 19,2020. Seconded Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- H. Motion to accept a quotation for \$10,000 from Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc. to replace the roof for the Hilltop Fire Station. Seconded Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0

Councilman Gil Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve Transfer of funds from General Fund to Payroll & Healthcare \$110,000. Seconded Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0

- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices from General Fund \$197,840.18
Seconded Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Parks \$30,332.81 Seconded
Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Recreation \$397.92 Seconded
Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- E. Motion to approve payment of invoices for Line Usage \$16,773.00 Seconded
Mayor Shorraw 5 -- 0
- F. All invoices due for payment in 2020 are current.
- G. 2019 debt still pending:
 - Police Pension \$227,000
 - Refuse Authority \$138,000
 - Health Care Ins. \$140,000
- H. Large Account balances end of May
 - General Fund \$898,294
 - Liquid Fuels \$245,993
 - Parks & Recreation \$285,936
 - Line Usage \$129,000

Open the floor for public comment on any items

Ernie Telegraphis on Parking meters

Alex Dick of Castle Blood on Halloween Parade

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1. 901 Grant
2. Agape
3. 9th Street Park

Mr. Moser on cameras' on Best Medical Building

Councilwoman Thomas spoke on what was said at the executive meeting.

Adjournment: motion by Mayor Shorraw and seconded by Councilman
Gregor 5 - 0

