

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2020

7:00PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting second Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
5. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2020 meeting second Councilman Orzechowski 5 - 0
6. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting second Councilman Orzechowski 5 - 0
7. Open the floor for public comment on agenda items only
8. Correspondence:
 - A. Mon Valley Alliance mailed the City a new "Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone" brochure for 2021. Please read the information and determine if each of you can turn this tax credit program into a positive project for our businesses and the City of Monessen.
 - B. Monessen City Council Meetings Schedule for 2021
 - C. Monessen Non-Uniform Holiday Schedule for 2021
 - D. Old Business: N/A
9. Old Business: N/A
10. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun

Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 2020 second Councilman Gregor 5 - 0

11. City Controller: Rosalie Nicksich

Controller's Report for the month ending November 2020

12. New Business:

Mayor Matt Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. Motion to award the contract for 2020 CDBG Demolition and Site Clearance Project – Phase II to Reynolds Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsible, complete, qualified, and responsive bidder, based on their total bid price of \$68,888.00. second Councilman Orzechowski 5 - 0
- B. Motion to hire Tamika Arnold to fill the General Office position at \$14.00 an hour. second Councilman Gregor 3 – 2 No Orzechowski and Thomas
- C. Motion to accept the cancellation of health insurance for the City of Monessen by Benecon/PMHIC midnight 12/31/2020. second Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
- D. Motion to approve the health insurance contract with an interim health insurance carrier, UPMC, beginning 1/1/2021. UPMC has equivalent coverage as the outgoing carrier. second Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
- E. Motion to reappoint Fred Naccarato to the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority. (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Councilman Gregor 3 – 2 No Orzechowski and Thomas
- F. Motion to reappoint Paul Beradelli to the Mon Valley Sewage Authority. (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Councilman Gregor 4 – 1 No Thomas
- G. Motion to reappoint Karen Marinos to the Mon Valley Refuse Disposal Authority. (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) Councilman Gregor 4 – 1 No Thomas
- H. Motion to reappoint Angelo Loulis to the Public Library Board. (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Councilman Gil Coles 5- 0
- I. Motion to appoint Zachary Hursh to the Public Library Board.

(3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Councilman Don Gregor 4 – 1 No Orzechowski

- J. Motion to appoint Karen Cosner to the Shade Tree Commission (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) Terms to be determined by random drawing second Don Gregor 4 – 1 No Orzechowski
- K. Motion to appoint Mary Jo Smith to the Shade Tree Commission (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- L. Motion to appoint Marsha Adams to the Shade Tree Commission (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- M. Motion to appoint Marc Bellora to the Shade Tree Commission (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- N. Motion to appoint Valarie Weible to the Recreation Board (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- O. Motion to appoint ReAnna Merritt to the Recreation Board (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- P. Motion to appoint DeVona Carter to the Planning Commission (5- year term beginning 1/1/2021) rescind Don Gregor 5 - 0
- Q. Motion to appoint Milton Sanders to the Planning Commission (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- R. Motion to appoint Mark Shire to the Zoning Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 – 0 Duration of the term by random drawing by appointees.
- S. Motion to appoint DeVona Carter to the Zoning Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) rescind Don Gregor 5 - 0
- T. Motion to appoint TeQuerra Turner to the Zoning Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- U. Motion to appoint Jean Aiello to the Environmental Advisory Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- V. Motion to appoint Mary Jo Smith to the Environmental Advisory Board (3- year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 – 0
- W. Motion to appoint Marc Bellora to the Environmental Advisory Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0

- X. Motion to appoint Marc Bellora to the Environmental Advisory Board (3-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- Y. Motion to appoint Michael Kelly to the Redevelopment Authority (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 3-2 No Orzechowski and Thomas
- Z. Motion to approve Ryan Hess to the Police Civil Service Commission (5-year term beginning 1/1/2021) second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- AA. Motion to approve Resolution 23 – 2020 Establishing criteria for the selection and approval of solicitations, notices, and advertisements to be included in official City mailings, notices, correspondence, newsletters, websites, etc. second Don Gregor 3 – 2 No Orzechowski and Thomas
- BB. Motion to approve Resolution 25–2020 A resolution of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2021. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- CC. Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-2020 An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, for the year 2021. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- DD. Motion to accept and approve the engagement letter of McClure and Wolfe, LLP, for auditing services and to authorize and direct City officials and employees to take such actions as may be necessary for the completion and submission of required City audits. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- EE. Motion to approve the final reading for Ordinance 13-2020 An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing certain rules, regulations, and procedures for declaring particular properties as nuisance properties within the City of DD. Monessen: establishing procedures for issuing violations for nuisance properties; establishing penalties, enforcement regulations, and prosecution procedures; and providing for an effective date. second Councilman Coles 5 - 0

- FF. Motion to approve the final reading and adopt Ordinance 15-2020 An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing and implementing a program to charge user fees for the deployment of certain public safety services rendered by the Monessen Bureau of Fire and Monessen Departments 81-1 and 81-2, for the City of Monessen; and providing for an effective date. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- GG. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 16-2020 An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requiring the mapping and documentation of the existence and removal of abandoned underground facilities; requiring the mapping and documentation of replacement utility lines; establishing fines and enforcement procedures and penalties; and providing for an effective date. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- HH. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 14-2020 An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing certain rules and regulations regarding the prohibition of discrimination in housing, commercial property, employment and public accommodations based upon race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, handicap or disability, use of guide or support animals because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals; provide for the creation of the City of Monessen Human Relations Commission; providing definitions, providing for an effective date. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- II. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 19-2020 (1229) An ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, correcting incorrectly numbered ordinances by and for the City of Monessen; and providing for an effective date. second Don Gregor 5 - 0
- II. Motion to approve a portion of Sixth Street, from Donner Avenue to its Northern Terminus, the honorary name "John F. Kennedy Way", and to

purchase a sign stating such. Kennedy spoke to a crowd of 20,000 people at Sixth Street and Donner Avenue in 1962. second Don Gregor 5 – 0

JJ. Motion to approve the unnamed upper access driveway running through Monessen City Park, from Euclid Drive to City Park Road, the honorary name “Kisor Way”, and to purchase a sign stating such. The Kisor Family granted the land to the City of Monessen to develop City Park. Second Councilman Coles 5-0

KK. Police Report for the month ending November

Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

- A. Street Report for the month ending November
 - 1. The water company replaced (2) major water lines, Maple Avenue & Coolidge Avenue
 - 2. The water company paved both streets, no cost to the city.
 - 3. The gas company is going to replace gas lines (400 block of Mckee Avenue & Fourth Street)
- B. Redevelopment Authority Report (liaison)
- C. Library Board (liaison)
 - 1. The terracotta tile siding is being repaired/replaced as required.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Depart. of Parks & Public Properties

- A. Parks Report for the month ending November

Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety

- A. Code Enforcement Office Financial Report
- B. Code Enforcement Activity Report
- C. Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report for month ending November

D. Fire Department Report

Councilman Gilbert Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve payment of invoices- General Fund \$390,062.04 Second Mayor Shorraw 5 - 0
- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices- Line Usage \$ 28,662.10 Second Mayor Shorraw 5 - 0
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices- Parks Fund \$ 22,515.12 Second Mayor Shorraw 5 - 0
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices- Liquid fuels \$ 15,601.01 Second Mayor Shorraw 5 - 0
- E. Motion to approve payment of invoices- Recreation \$ 893.23 Second Mayor Shorraw 5 - 0
- F. Large Dollar Account balances, for the month ending November
 - Debit Service Fund \$457,172.34
 - General Fund \$336,690.03
 - Park & Recreation \$ 67,212.69
 - Liquid Fuels Fund \$ 53,575.49
 - Line Usage Fund \$ 35,586.94

13. Open floor for public comment on any item.

14. Adjournment