

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5-0
5. Open the floor for public comment on agenda items only
6. Correspondence:
 - A. Letter from the local "American Red Cross" to all elected officials.
 - B. Mid Mon Valley Turkey Drive, Saturday, November 21, 2020
 - C. Monessen's 1st Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Project!
 - D. City of Monessen Solicitor Expense Comparison 2020 versus 2019.
 - E. City of Monessen Major Fund Balance Comparisons through October 2020 versus 2019. You should have picked up a copy along with the agenda as you entered.
7. Old Business: N/A
8. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun (approved absence) Rosalie Nicksich
Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 2020 Motion by Mayor Shorraw seconded Councilman Gregor 5-0
9. City Controller: Rosalie Nicksich
Controller's Report for the month ending October 2020

10. New Business:

Mayor Matt Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. "Motion to approve a fifteen-foot alley located parallel to Alexander Avenue and Lookout Avenue, from Lockview Street to its northern terminus, the honorary name "Muzar Alley" and to purchase a sign stating such." Second Councilman Coles 5-0
- B. Motion to approve Articles of Agreement by and between the City of Monessen, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having its principal place of business at 557 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 15062, hereinafter referred to as Owner and W.E.C. Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with an office at 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 304, Bridgeville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to an ENGINEER. Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Phase 4 "9th Street, Delaware Avenue and Shawnee Park". Second Councilwoman Thomas -0
- C. Motion to approve Articles of Agreement by and between the City of Monessen, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having its principal place of business at 557 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 15062, hereinafter referred to as Owner and W.E.C. Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with an office at 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 304, Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as ENGINEER. "2020 CDBG Roadway Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 "Reconstruction of Euclid Drive from Grand Boulevard to Crest Drive". Second Councilman Coles 5-0
- D. Motion to approve Resolution No. 21 of 2020 declaring the intent of the City of Monessen to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition

of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008 (as amended July 23, 2009, March 28, 2019). Second Councilman Gregor 5-0

- E. Motion to approve Resolution No. 22 of 2020 declaring the intent of the City of Monessen to dispose of certain Municipal Records in conformity with prior City resolutions and the Municipal Records Manual. Second Councilwoman Thomas 5-0
- F. First reading of Ordinance No. 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; providing definitions, establishing a complaint and mediation procedure; providing for an effective date. Tabled Councilman Gregor 5-0
- G. First reading of Ordinance No. 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 Fire Department Companies 81-1 and 81-2 for the City of Monessen: and providing for an effective date. Second 5-0
- H. Motion to accept a donation of (2) vacant properties, to the City of Monessen, from Doreen and Darlene, daughters of Mathew Canestrone. (the properties are located on Moffat Street, across from Shawnee Park and along Soccer Field Road).
(Tax Map Nos. 20-02-08-0-382 & 20-02-08-0-384) second Councilman Gregor 5-0

- I. Motion to approve the exoneration of taxes owed, to the City, in the amount of \$140.10. (Tax Map Nos. 20-02-08-0-382 & 20-02-08-0-384)
second Councilman 5-0
- J. Motion to approve the exoneration of City taxes in the amount of \$5,525.73. Tax Map No. 20-02-03-0-023 Location: 541 Donner Avenue
The contractor will sign a developer agreement for the rehabilitation of the existing building. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- K. Motion to approve the exoneration of City taxes in the amount of \$4,136.42. Tax Map No. 20-02-03-0-105 Location: 361 Schoonmaker Avenue. The contractor will sign a developer agreement for the rehabilitation of the existing building. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- L. Motion to transfer the following properties, from the City of Monessen, to the Monessen Redevelopment Authority for sale to:
H&L Properties
447 Donner Avenue
Monessen, Pa 15062

Tax Map No. 20-02-08-0-219

Location: 305 Delaware Street (rehabilitate existing house)

Tax Map No. 20-02-08-0-181

Location: 420 Delaware Street (rehabilitate existing house)

second Councilman Gregor 5-0

- M. Motion to transfer the following property, from the City of Monessen, to the Monessen Redevelopment Authority for sale to:

Latayah Tom

1240 Highland Avenue

Monessen, Pa 15062

Tax Map No. 20-02-06-0-021

Location: 1238 Highland Avenue (vacant lot)
Monessen, PA 15062
second Councilman Gregor 5-0

- N. Motion to approve Julian Naphier for part time Prisoner Watch position.
(Chief Smith approved) second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- O. Police report for the month ending October 2020.

Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

- A. Street Report for the month ending October
- B. Redevelopment Authority report (liaison)
- C. Library Board (liaison)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Departments of Parks & Public Properties

- A. Parks Report for the month ending October
- B. Six new LED energy saving lighting fixtures were installed at the Monessen Public Library parking lot. Safety is no longer compromised. The City's electrician, Kevin Krise and his ingenuity, saved the City \$1,500.00 from the original quote. Thank you, Kevin
- C. Two new steel doors and frames were installed at City Park Ball Field concession stand. The doors were rusted, and someone rammed the doors trying to gain access.
- D. Shawnee Ball Field – Additional fencing installed this month, to eliminate the “quads” from continually entering and destroying the playing field.

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 October 2020
- D. Fire Department Report

Councilman Gilbert Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve payment of invoices – General Fund \$295,679.99
second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices – Line Usage \$ 16,014.36
second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Parks Fund \$ 2,940.77
second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Liquid Fuels \$ 13,378.47
second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- E. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Recreation \$ 426.01
second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- F. All 2020 invoices, due for payment, are current
- G. Large Dollar Account balances, for the month ending October
 - General Fund \$512,275.47
 - Debt Service \$454,605.17
 - Parks & Rec. \$ 88,705.77
 - Liquid Fuels \$ 69,125.03
 - Line Usage \$ 61,339.94

11. Open floor for public comment on any item.

Councilman Orzechowski made a motion to pay all 2019 unpaid invoices. Died for lack of a second.

12. Adjournment at 9:20.