

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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 Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0
5. Approval of minutes from the July 2, 2020 meeting Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0
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 100th Anniversary of the Negro Leagues

I publicly want to thank the organizers of the Unity Cookout held at 9th 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.

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

Fire Station No. 2 (Hilltop) received a new flat roof installation. We will now have to address the interior damage with the insurance company.

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.

Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. Then withdrawn until council talks to the Union.

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 11th Council meeting.

8. Old Business:

The City has received 57 resumes' for the City Clerk position as of June 11, 2020. Today was the final day to accept a resume'.

9. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun.

10. Treasurer's report for the month ending June 2020. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. 5 - 0

11. City Controller: Kevin Parker

Controller's report for the month ending June 2020

12. New Business:

Mayor Shorraw Public Affairs

A. Motion to hire Brandon Hiezelman to a full time police officer position. He has successfully completed his testing and interview process This promotion comes at the recommendation of Police Chief Smith. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 – 0

B. Following is the certified list of officers that are eligible for promotion as prepared by the Civil Service Commission and recommended by the chief of police. After discussion Councilman Orzechowski wanted to review so no vote was taken on promotion Lt. Yuhas to Captain or Office Thompson to Lieutenant.

C. Motion to advertise for a civil service test for full time police officers. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0

D. Motion to accept the resignation of City Controller, Kevin Parker effective July 1, 2020. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Coles. 5 – 0

E. Motion to advertise for a new controller to replace Kevin Parker. Annual salary \$2,800. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0

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

(These properties were taken from previous year's listings)

683 Reed Avenue – 1017 Knox Avenue – 900 Knox Avenue

1212 Walnut Street – 20 Terrace Avenue

Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Orzechowski. 5 – 0

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

Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

H. Motion to approve a handicap parking space for Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler at 487 Reed Avenue. Chief of Police has approved. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0

I. Motion to approve a handicap parking space for Hope Magnone at 21 Washington Drive. Chief of Police has approved. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Orzechowski. 5 - 0

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. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Gregor. 5 - 0

K. First reading of an ordinance 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. Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Coles. 5 - 0

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. . Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Orzechowski. 5 - 0

M. Motion to approve Commercial Insurance Proposal, July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 (\$168,977.00) (-26%) from 2019-2020. . Motion made by Mayor Shorraw seconded by Councilman Orzechowski. 5 – 0

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 and 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 the 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 Department Report -- Fire Station #2 Hilltop received a new flat roof installation. We will now address the interior damages, from the prolonged roof leak,

D. EMS Report

Councilman Gil Coles: Department of Accounts and Finances.

A. Motion to approve transfer of funds from General Fund to Payroll & Health Care \$115,000. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.

B. Motion to approve payment from General Fund \$427,779.04 Seconded by Mayor Shorraw Yes Shorraw, Coles and Gregor, No by Orzechowski, Councilwoman would not vote.

C. Motion to pay Invoices for the Parks \$ \$2,739.50 Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.

D. Motion to approve payment of Invoices for Recreation \$445.58 Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.

E. Motion to approve payment of Invoices for Line Usage \$73,671.00. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.

F. All Invoices due for payment in 2020 are current.

G. Large account balances for the end of June

General Fund	\$761,420
Liquid Fuels	\$234,834
Parks & Recreation	\$224,593

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

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

Open floor for public comment.

1. Kareem Straughn Knox Street is terrible
2. Ernie Telegraphis wants more information

Mayor Shorraw made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Coles at 8:35.