

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2021

7:00PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting second 5-0
5. Open the floor for public comments on agenda items only (3 minutes)
6. Correspondence:
 - A. This correspondence serves as acknowledgement of the recommendation to appoint Mr. Michael N. Singel to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Monessen City, Westmoreland County.
 - B. Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes for May.
 - C. Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes for April
 - D. Juneteenth Proclamation (June 19, 2021)
 - E. A Juneteenth Ceremony will be held at the City Hall Courtyard on June 19, 2021 at Noon.
 - F. Joseph's Nursery informed the city, 20 benches have been purchased through donations. Benches will be placed throughout City Park, 9th Street Park, and 6th Street Park. Several benches were recently installed at the Amphitheater. Anyone interested in donating a tree or bench may do so by contacting City Hall.
7. Old Business: n/a
8. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun motion Mayor Shorraw second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 2021
- 9. City Controller: Rosalie Nicksich
 - A. Controller's Report for the month ending May 2021
- 10. New Business:

Mayor Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. Motion to approve advertising for an expired term on the Police Civil Commission. (Term expired January 31, 2021) second Councilwoman Thomas 5-0
- B. Motion to increase the hourly pay rate for Marlene Thorpe to \$12.00 per hour beginning the next pay period. Not to exceed 29.5 hours per week. Any applicable overtime beginning more than 40 hours per week. Second Councilman Orzechowski 4-1 Councilman Gregor No
- C. Motion to approve Red, White and Blue Prayer Meet at the City Park walking track on June 30, July 1, July 2, 2021. The period from 5:00 to 9:00 pm all three days. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- D. Motion to approve acceptance of proposal from McGowan Governmental Underwriters for Worker's Compensation for period July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022. Annual savings of \$52,587.00 Second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- E. Motion to approve giving a portion of 4th Street from Donner Avenue to its Northern Terminus, the honorary name "Albert Lexie Way". As a shoeshine, Mr. Lexie raised over \$200,000 in tips, and donated them to Children's Hospital. Second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- F. Motion to approve giving a portion of 2nd Street from Donner Avenue to its Northern Terminus, the honorary name "William Miller Way". Miller was Monessen's first Fire Chief in the early 1900's. Second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- G. Motion to forgive City Property Taxes for 484 McKee Avenue, Tax Map No. 20-02-03-0-343. Development Agreement has been signed and a copy of deed has been submitted. Second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- H. Motion to forgive City Property Taxes for 642 Knox Avenue, Tax Map No. 20-02-06-0-215. Development Agreement has been signed and a copy of the deed has been submitted. Second Councilwoman Thomas 5-0

- I. Motion to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor vehicle at \$43,811. (Co-Star pricing from C. Harper). Finances will be handled as a loan over four years. This vehicle is to replace a totaled vehicle. Restitution claim has been filed with Westmoreland County Office of the District Attorney. TABLED
- J. Motion to approve the lowest responsible bidder, Urban Design Ventures, LLC. for Planning Services & General Consulting to assist the City of Monessen to administer the FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 CDBG Programs. Councilman Gregor 5-0
- K. Motion to approve the lowest responsible bidder, W.E.C. Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services to the City of Monessen for FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 CDBG Programs. Second Councilman Orzechowski 5-0
- L. Motion to approve replacing the unsafe sidewalk on the right side of Donner Avenue. The lowest responsible bid was received from Joseph's Nursery (\$21,000.00) to perform the work. Second Gregor 4-1 Councilman Coles NO
- M. Motion to adopt Resolution 16 of 2021 a resolution for the purpose of purchasing surveillance cameras and related equipment to enforce the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. Westmoreland County District Attorney intends to distribute \$19,975.00 to the City of Monessen. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- N. Motion to adopt Resolution 17 of 2021 a resolution to Reimagine Appalachia in support of a Federal Appalachia Climate Infrastructure Plan. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- O. Motion to adopt Resolution 18 of 2021, a resolution to authorize applying for and accepting the first disbursement of the American Rescue Plan municipal funds; to deposit such funds into a separate account for administration and accounting purposes; to authorize the opening of such account; to authorize the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk to execute such forms and documents as are necessary to receive such funding and opening such account; and to authorize City officials and employees to take any actions to effectuate this resolution. Second Councilwomen Thomas 5-0

- P. Motion to adopt Resolution 19 of 2021, a resolution of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accepting a Blight Remediation Grant award from the Commonwealth Finance Agency. Motion Councilman Gregor 3-2 councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Orzechowski NO
- Q. Motion to approve advertising the acceptance of bids for the 500 Donner Avenue stabilization project. Motion Councilman Gregor 3-2 councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Orzechowski NO
- R. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1238 (final reading) an ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance 5 of 2004 (ordinance 1073) and any subsequent amendments pertaining to the Uniform Construction Code of the City of Monessen; and providing for an effective date. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- S. Ordinance 1239 (first reading) an ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing certain rules and regulations regarding dogs, cats, and other domestic and non-domestic animals in the City of Monessen; rules and regulations regarding the keeping of dogs and cats in the city; rules and regulations of certain exotic animals; establishing penalties and enforcement regulations; and providing for an effective date. TABLED
- T. Ordinance 1240 (first reading) an ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, dissolving the Master Plan Conference; repealing ordinance 11 of 1967 (ordinance 654) providing for an effective date. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- U. Motion to appoint Julian Naphier to the vacant young adult position on the Youth and Young Citizens Board. Second Councilman Gregor 5-0
- V. Motion to appoint Marsha Adams to the Youth and Young Citizens Board second Councilwoman Lois Thomas 5-0
- W. Police Report for the month ending May 2021

Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

- A. Streets Report for the month ending April 2021

- B. Maple Avenue paving will be completed this week. (Water Dept. project)
- C. Motion to approve the lowest responsible bidder El Grande Industries, Inc. of Donora. They bid \$155,781.50 to perform the paving project. A total of five companies bid on the project for Euclid Drive. Second Mayor Shorraw 4-1 Councilman Coles NO
- D. Library Board Report (liaison)
- E. Redevelopment Authority Report (liaison)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Department of Parks & Public Property

- A. Parks Report for the month ending May 2021
- B. Motion to approve Cummins Inc. Planned Equipment Maintenance Agreement. Term is for 5 years (2021 – 2025) Payments – (pay as you go) Annual payment is \$932.74. This will guarantee the maintenance on the generator for the Public Safety Building. Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- C. Grills (5) have been purchased for City of Monessen Parks
(1) Herman Milhalich River Launch (1) Ninth Street Park (3) City Park

Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety

- A. Code Enforcement Office Financial Report ending May 2021
- B. Code Enforcement Activity Report ending May 2021
- C. Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report ending May 2021
- D. Fire department Report ending May 2021
- E. Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for May

Councilman Gilbert Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve payment of invoices – General Fund \$220,091.20
Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Line Usage \$118,177.28
Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Debt Service \$100,823.20
Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Park Fund \$ 20,409.87
Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0

E. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Recreation \$ 197.08
Second Mayor Shorraw 5-0

F. Large Dollar Account balances, for the month ending May

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| 1. General Fund | \$767,274.25 |
| 2. Debt Service | \$437,937.63 |
| 3. Parks & Recreation | \$103,992.88 |
| 4. Line Usage | \$ 92,574.53 |
| 5. Liquid Fuels | \$ 65,520.05 |

11. Open the floor for public comment on any item (3 minutes)

12. Adjournment: 8:35