

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Present in person Mayor Matt Shorraw, Councilmen Gil Coles and Don Gregor, Treasurer Jerry Saksun and Controller Rosalie Nicksich. Present on phone Councilwoman Lois Thomas and Councilman Anthony Orzechowski.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Executive Session was held at 6:30 regarding a personnel issue
5. Approval of minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting seconded Councilman Gregor 5-0
6. Ernie Telegraphis is granted time to speak to council, about the current political climate, locally and nationally
7. Open the floor for public comment on agenda items only (3 minutes)
8. Correspondence:
 - A. Proclamation on Black History Month
 - B. The City's 2019 audit will be completed by April 30, 2021. The Department of Community and Economic Development has unflagged Monessen City based on the completion date. We will receive all state and federal monies.
 - C. The City's 2020 audit will be completed by July 30, 2021.
 - D. City of Monessen 2020 Legal Expenses vs. 2019 Legal Expenses
 - E. Monessen City closed on the Community Bank property (next door). The City is the owner of the property effective January 29, 2021. Thank you to Community Bank for the donation and years of service to the community.
 - F. Monessen Comprehensive Plan 2030 (Final Plan) is on City's Website.
 - G. Reanna Merritt's complaint against Ed Lea of the Recreation Board.
Monessen Recreation Board 2021 Meeting Schedule – They will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Location: City Hall

- H. **Monessen Planning Commission 2021 Meeting Schedule** - They will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Location: City Hall
- I. **Monessen Environmental Board & Shade Tree Commission Joint 2021 Meeting Schedule** - They will meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Location: Monessen Public Library
- 9. Old Business: n/a...Councilman Orrzechowski Insurance
- 10. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun
 - A. Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 2021 seconded by Councilman Don Gregor 5--0
- 11. City Controller: Rosalie Nicksich
 - A. Controller's Report for the month ending January 2021
- 12. New Business:

Mayor Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2021, A Resolution of the City of Monessen approving that certain Equalization Tank Agreement with the Mon Valley Sewage Authority and to authorize and direct certain City officials and employees to take related actions. Seconded Councilman Gil Coles 5-0
- B. Motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2021, A Resolution of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a grant application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Strategic Management Planning Program. Seconded Councilman Gil Coles 5-0
- C. Motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2021, A Resolution of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing procedures for conducting recreation board financial transactions; establishing procedures for facility rentals at the Monessen Civic Center; repealing inconsistent resolutions; and providing for an effective date. Seconded Councilman Don Gregor 5-0
- D. Motion to adopt Resolution 6 of 2021 An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of understanding between the

Westmoreland County Land bank and the City of Monessen, A Municipality in Westmoreland County. Seconded Councilman Don Gregor 5-0

- E. Motion to conduct the second reading and to enact Ordinance 1231 of 2021 An Ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, re-establishing a blighted property review board by and for the City of Monessen; re-establishing a purpose; re-establishing rules and regulations governing the board; providing definitions; providing procedures for the determination, acquisition, and reuse of blighted property; establishing an appeal process; establishing additional board functions; repealing Ordinance 5 of 2008; repealing Ordinance 7 of 1978; and providing for an effective date. Seconded Councilman Don Gregor 5-0
- F. Motion to advertise to appoint three (3) at large community members to the Blighted Property Review Board. Seconded by Councilman Gil Coles
- G. Motion to remove Anthony Orzechowski as liaison to the Recreation Board Seconded by Councilman Gil Coles 3-1 Councilman Lois Thomas No Councilman Tony Orzechowski abstained.
- H. Motion to appoint Don Gregor as liaison to the Recreation Board. Seconded by Councilman Gil Coles 3-2 Councilman Tony Orzechowski and Councilman Lois Thomas No
- I. Police Report for the month ending January

Councilwoman Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

- A. Street Report for the month ending January
- B. Library Board Report (liaison)
 - 1. Library annual budget
- C. Redevelopment Authority Report (liaison)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Depart. Parks & Public Property

- A. Parks Report for the month ending January

- B. Recreation Board Rentals for month of January (\$740.00)
- C. Recreation Board January meeting minutes

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
- D. Fire Department Report

Councilman Gilbert Coles: Depart of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve payment of invoices - General Fund \$120,728.20
Seconded by Mayor Matt Shorraw 5-0
- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices –Line Usage \$ 72,317.76
Seconded by Mayor Matt Shorraw 5-0
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices – Park Fund \$ 17,894.50
Seconded by Mayor Matt Shorraw 5-0
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices – Recreation \$ 759.83
Seconded by Mayor Matt Shorraw 5-0
- E. Large Dollar Account balances, for the month ending January
 - 1. General Fund \$307,509.87
 - 2. Line Usage \$ 59,045.48
 - 3. Health Care \$ 18,784.51
 - 4. Parks & Recreation \$ 12,518.18
 - 5. Debt Service \$ 11,653.85

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

14. Adjournment: 8:48