

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2021, meeting. Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
5. Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2021, meeting. Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
6. Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2021, meeting. Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
7. Monessen Volunteer Fire Dept. Steve Gaydos request to speak to council
8. Open the floor for comments on agenda items only (3 minutes)
9. Correspondence:
 - A. A Proclamation Declaring Arbor Day in the City of Monessen.
 - B. Holiday Events, Saturday, December 4, 2021, for the City of Monessen
 1. Parade to begin 11:00 am. Line up 10:30 am. Boat Launch to the Library.
 2. Library events following parade.
 3. Human Relations Commission will hold "A Holiday in the Park" at Monessen City Park from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
 4. Monessen City Park, Bon Fire to be held at the fire pit.
 - C. Annual "leaf collection" will be held this month.
 1. Bagged leaves should be placed at the curb for pick up by "Public Works Department."
 2. Raked leaves should be raked to the curb for pick up.
 - D. Human Relations Commission Meeting minutes are available for September 13th and September 20th, 2021 meetings.
10. Old Business: None
11. City Treasurer: Gerald Saksun

- A. Treasurer's report for the month ending October 2021. Motion by Mayor Shorraw seconded Councilman Gregor 5 - 0
- 12. City Controller: Rosalie Nicksich
 - A. Controller's Report for the month ending October 2021.
- 13. New Business: Mayor Shorraw read a letter from the auditors in regards to the audit.

Mayor Matthew Shorraw: Public Affairs

- A. Motion to give Center Drive the honorary name Stephen N. Major Sr. Way. Second Councilman Coles 5 - 0
- B. Motion to authorize and approve obtaining an appraisal from Valbridge Property Advisors of Pittsburgh for the property located at 557 Donner Avenue and to advertise for the solicitation of bids for such property in accordance with the Third Class City Code. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.
- C. Motion to approve Resolution 32 of 2021 a resolution adopting the letter of responsibility by the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for an application to Pennvest to undertake the Monessen Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 4 Project. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.
- D. Motion to approve Resolution 33 of 2021 a resolution of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the City of Monessen to submit an application to Pennvest to undertake a water/sewer system improvement project. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.
- E. Motion to accept Façade Grant Program application for the following Downtown business: Nefertitis Place.
Applicant will be required to provide an equal match to the funds they receive, as per grant guidelines. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.
- F. Motion to approve a request for a handicap parking space in front of 638 Reed Avenue. Police approved. Second Councilman Coles 5 – 0
- G. Motion to approve a request for a handicap parking space in front of 33 Aliquippa Avenue. Police approved. Second Councilman Coles 5 - 0
- H. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$5,833.87 to the City of Monessen
Tax Map No: 20-02-07-0-621

Property: 20 Linden Avenue

Real Estate Lien Certificate dated 10/01/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and the Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

- I. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$2,840.91 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-07-0-455

Property: 221 Luce Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/15/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and the Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

- J. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$4,771.35 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-15-0-022

Property: 1435 Rostraver Street

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/15/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

- K. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$10,089.67 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-07-0-565

Property: 46 Reed Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/01/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

- L. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$3,431.75 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-06-0-339

Property: 606 McMahon Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien certificate dated 10/22/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

- M. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$1,460.60 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-06-0-198

Property: 519 Ninth Street

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/22/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Second Councilman Coles
5 - 0

N. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$12,389.80 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-07-0-205

Property: 515 Summit Avenue

Real Estate tax Lien Certificate dated 10/15/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman
Gregor 5 - 0.

O. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$2,359.98 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-06-0-367

Property: 1140 Reservoir Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/01/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Second Councilman Coles
5 - 0

P. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$1,216.57 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-10-0-199

Property: 1036 Leeds Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/15/21.

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Second Councilman Coles
5 - 0

Q. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$1,248.83 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-03-0-207

Property: 512 Schoonmaker Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/22/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Second Councilman Coles
5 - 0

R. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$3,426.34 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-06-0-267

Property: 1201 Reservoir Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/22/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman
Gregor 5 - 0.

S. Motion for forgiveness of taxes \$8,193.53 to the City of Monessen

Tax Map No: 20-02-03-0-361

Property: 454 McKee Avenue

Real Estate Tax Lien Certificate dated 10/15/21

Attached is a copy of the Deed and Development Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

T. Motion to approve Quitclaim Deed by and Between the City of Monessen and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Monessen for the following:

Parcel ID: 20-02-07-0-047 known as 406 Fourth Street. Seconded by Councilwoman Thomas 5 – 0.

U. Motion to approve Quitclaim Deed by and between the City of Monessen and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Monessen for the following:

Parcel ID: 20-02-06-0-749 known as 621 Chestnut Street

Parcel ID: 20-02-06-0-760 known as 624 Chestnut Street

Parcel ID: 20-02-06-0-762 known as 616 Chestnut Street. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

V. Motion to approve WEC, Inc. to advertise the CDBG Demolition Project for the following locations

1220 Knox Avenue 540 Chestnut Street

511 Summit Avenue 28 Schoonmaker Avenue

210 Reed Avenue 213 Reed Avenue

109 Elm Street 217 Parente Blvd.

301 Lenawee Avenue 336 Franklin Drive

417 Pearl Street. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

W. Motion to approve the Blight Plan Proposal from Westmoreland County Planning, which will further build on the 2019 Blight Inventory Project, as well as the City's new comprehensive plan. Seconded by Councilman Gregor 5 – 0.

X. Police Report for the month ending October 2021

Councilwomen Lois Thomas: Department of Streets

A. Streets Report for the month ending October 2021

B. Library Board Report (liaison)

C. Redevelopment Authority report (liaison)

- D. Further discussion regarding the stop signs at the intersection of Donner Avenue (PA 906 South) & Fifth Street.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Department of Parks & Public Property

- A. Parks Report for the month ending October 2021

Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety

- A. Code Enforcement Office Financial Report for month ending October 2021
- B. Code Activity Report
- C. Fire Department Report for month ending October 2021
- D. Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report for the month ending October 2021

Councilman Gilbert Coles: Department of Accounts & Finance

- A. Motion to approve payment of invoices – General Fund \$252,829.59. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.
- B. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Line Usage \$ 58,413.54. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.
- C. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Park Fund \$ 27,712.65. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 4 – 1 No Councilman Orzechowski.
- D. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Liquid Fuels \$ 2,025.07. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.
- E. Motion to approve payment of invoices - Recreation \$ 464.83. Seconded by Mayor Shorraw 5 – 0.
- F. Large Dollar Account balances, for the month ending October
 - 1. Debt Services \$544,660.48
 - 2. General Fund \$172,322.42
 - 3. American Rescue \$170,459.30

4. Line Usage \$ 30,773.08

5. Parks & Recreation \$ 24,465.74

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

15. Adjournment: 8:55