

# **MONESSEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 27, 2022**

**6:30 P.M.**

## **ROLL CALL**

**PRAYER: PASTOR JOHN CUSTER, ORCHARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Motion to approve January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.
2. Motion to approve January 5, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Motion to approve January 13, 2022 Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.

## **GUESTS:**

1. Presentation by Robert Tamburo of CMU – Monessen Mobility
2. Presentation by Michael Foreman of DCED, Monessen's option between Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) of Act 47.
3. David Barbe, CEO Forth Street Foods, potential owner of multiple houses in Monessen.

**CITY TREASURER GERALD SAKSUN**

Treasurer's Report

## **CITY CONTROLLER ROSALIE NICKSICH**

Controller's Report

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MAYOR RON MOZER – PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

##### **Monthly Report/Correspondence**

- State Ethics Commission – Volunteer work to repair City Cameras

#### **MOTIONS:**

1. **Motion to advertise for a City Administrator in prevailing Newspapers addressing all of Western Pennsylvania at a starting salary ranging from \$50,000 to \$65,000 per year based on experience.**
2. **Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 1255:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNT, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ACT AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT TO BE DATE AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2021, BAN AND AMONG THIS BOROUGH, THE CITY OF MONESSEN AND THE MON VALLEY REFUSE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY AND RATIFYING SUCH EXECUTION AND DELIVERY AND FIXING THE CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, THE DURATION OF THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT, THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE POWERS AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**

**DELEGATED IN THE AGREEMENT; THE MANNER AND EXTENT OF THE FINANCING THE AGREEMENT; THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT; AND SUCH OTHER POWERS AS MAY BE DEEMED RELEVANT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CARRYING ON THE FUNCTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR BUSINESS LIKE EXECUTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

**3. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1255.**

**4. Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1256:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1252 APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH DURING THE YEAR 2022.**

**5. Motion to approve the advertising of Ordinance No. 1256 in the Mon Valley Independent.**

**6. Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1257:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1244, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, PARTS, EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, AND DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AND NECESSITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**7. Motion to approve advertising of Ordinance No. 1257 in the Mon Valley Independent.**

**8. Motion to advertise for an RFP for CDBG Consultant**

9. **Motion to advertise for RFP for Auditing Services for the 2021 Audit.**
10. **Motion to accept PennVest Financing in the amount of \$2,370,000.00 at 1% interest for a period of 20 years in relation to Phase 4 of the Sewage Rehabilitation Project.**
11. **Motion to authorize WEC to prepare specifications and place Phase 4 of the Sewage Rehabilitation Project out to bid.**
12. **Motion to approve the purchase of 920-922 Knox Avenue, Parcel ID 20-02-06-0-181, from Maruice L. Rice and Rella M. Rice for \$2,000.00 to use the property for the installation of a sewage line as part of Phase 4 of the Sewage Rehabilitation Project.**
13. **Motion to appoint Billy Hans to the Redevelopment Authority to fulfill the term vacated by Ron Mozer expiring on 12/31/22.**
14. **Motion to appoint Pino Cianfione to the Mon Valley Refuse Authority for a 5 year term concluding 12/31/2026.**
15. **Motion to appoint Alan Ducan Sr. to the Police Account & Internal Affairs board for a 5 year term ending 12/31/26**
16. **Motion to appoint Lillian Hurst to the Environmental Advisory Board to fill a vacant position ending 12/31/25**
17. **Motion to reappoint Frank Lopresti to the Blighted Property Review Board for a 5 year term ending 12/31/26**
18. **Motion to appoint Joe Bozik to the Public Library Board for a three year term ending 12/31/24.**
19. **Motion to re-appoint Darryl Ray to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending 12/31/25**
20. **Motion to hire Bailey Adams to satisfy the requirement of “Prisoner Watch” at the rate of \$9/hr with a 2 hour minimum.**

**DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE: COUNCILMAN  
ANTHONY ORZECOWSKI**

**Monthly Report/Correspondence**

**MOTIONS:**

**1. Motion to Pay bills from the General Fund totaling  
\$60,737.10**

Herald Standard in the amount of \$45.56  
Herald Standard in the amount of \$84.13  
Trib Total Media in the amount of \$285.00  
Xerox Financial Services in the amount of \$294.14  
PA One Call System Inc. in the amount of \$7.30  
Shamrock Chemical Co. in the amount of \$154.00  
Guardian Protection in the amount of \$41.48  
Mon Valley Independent in the amount of \$1079.25  
Armory Locksmiths in the amount of \$638.75  
Hill International Trucks LLC in the amount of \$13,744.75  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$10.10  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$13.09  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$13.37  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$14.42  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$21.20  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$36.97  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$118.34  
Peoples in the amount of \$244.57  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$564.65  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$7.46  
Dominion Energy in the amount of \$231.72  
Dominion Energy in the amount of \$568.28  
Mon Valley Sewage Authority in the amount of \$81.00  
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Mon Valley Sewage Authority in the amount of \$87.78

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W.B Mason in the amount of \$479.84  
UPMC Health Plan in the amount of \$24,884.50  
PA Connect in the amount of \$859.95  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$10,262.27  
WEX bank in the amount of \$2523.80  
AFSME Health & Welfare Fund in the amount of \$1016.40  
Hill International Truck LLC in the amount of \$1007.96

**2. Motion to pay bills from Parks Fund in the amount of \$161.28**

West Penn Power in the amount of \$7.54  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$12.75  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$13.27  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$16.00  
West Penn Power in the amount of \$29.22  
Mon Valley Sewage Authority in the amount of \$82.50

**3. Motion to pay bills from Recreation Fund in the amount of \$672.59**

Dominion Energy in the amount of \$502.08  
Comcast in the amount of \$89.51  
Mon Valley Sewage Authority in the amount of \$81.00

**4. Motion to pay WEC \$100,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan to be reimbursed upon receipt of funding for the Sewage Project.**

**5. Motion to reject sale of repository property by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau:**

a. 20-02-03-0-168, 130 Donner Ave for the amount of \$1600.00

**6. Motion to accept sale of repository properties by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau:**

a. 20-02-03-0-182 155 Schoonmaker Ave in the amount of \$200.00

- b. 20-02-10-0-052 1319 Sycamore St in the amount of \$1,611.00

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY JOHN NESTOR**

**Monthly Report/Correspondence**

**MOTIONS:**

1. Motion to extend offer of employment to Marvin Davis on a part time basis, at will, with no benefits as Code Officer at the rate of \$16/hr.
2. Motion to advertise Civil Service Exam for the Police Department.

**DIRECTOR OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
LOIS THOMAS**

**Monthly Report/Correspondence**

**MOTIONS:**

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**DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY DON  
GREGOR**

**Monthly Report/Correspondence**

- Snow removal at City Park Walking Track

**MOTIONS**

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**New Business**

1. Discussion between DCED STMP Program or Act 47.

- 2. Hiring of City Administrator.**
- 3. Processing of PNC Interim Loan for USDA Sewage Project.**
- 4. Establish new Tax Forgiveness guidelines in cooperation with the Monessen City School District.**
- 5. Evaluate CDBG Consulting.**
- 6. Evaluate Lobbying Agreement**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **ADJOURNMENT**