

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 13, 2022
6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present Don Gregor, Lois Thomas, John Nestor, Anthony Orzechowski Ron Mozer

2. PRAYER (Reverend Bass, Gates of Heaven Church of God in Christ)

Our father who art in heaven ... (rest is muffled)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Jan 5th and Jan 10th minutes)

5. OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

(Comments by Ron Mozer, this meeting was not properly advertised as a voting meeting and hence it will be treated as a work session)

6. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and revise budget and tax levy in occurrence with 3rd class City Code 11810 concerning amending the budget. (Comments by Ron Mozer, the revised budget will be made available at the next meeting. The budget uses a consistent number for the value of a millage and funds will be separated where restricted use is required, such as the line usage fund.)
2. 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 City Sewage Project.

(comments by Ron Mozer explaining the line running underneath this property which has collapsed and is of no value to anybody other than the city. Ron Mozer continued talking about the offer by PNC bank as provider for the interim loan solution for the USDA sewer project. Also explained the PennVest project which also kicks in towards the end. Explained the USDA requirement for the Interim loan and how its paid for through the line usage fee. The reason why we want to wait until Feb for introducing an ordinance to accept the PNC offer in order to better time the project. He also explained the 32 month time limit and the need to include everybody. Current status, WEC will be paid ARP money to paid and then returned to the ARP fund once the loan is in process.)

(Linda Lacey questioned the length of the line and where it runs. Ron indicated a future presentation by WEC to better lay out this project. McMahon was a different problem. Lines were failing back in 1992 or 1995. Problem is extreme and required.)

3. Motion to hire Marvin Davis as Code Enforcement Officer and to encourage and pay for continued learning programs in order to obtain required certifications and to stay abreast of changes in governing law and the rate of \$40,000 per year. (Ron Mozer explained the applicants for the Code Officer, over 110 that had no understanding of the job of Code Enforcement . Marvin will be considered in the future, K2 will be used to handle anything he is not capable of. Don Gregor questioned full time verse part time, Ron Mozer agreed to talk to Marvin to resolve this. John Nestor clarified the need for a Code Officer to enforce safety.)

(Ron Mozer stressed the need for a City Administrator, explained the DCED's ideas. Something that may take a couple of months and I'm in need of help, the one person who applied was Greg Mertz on City Council in Greensburg but has no experience as a City Administrator and DCED wants a bigger search.

Councilwoman expressed a question about if he might consider a temporary position but it was pointed out he has another job and a temporary job is not likely to be accepted).

4. Motion to hire Buzzy Byron as Plumbing Inspector at the rate of \$1,500 per year paid \$375 per quarter. (skipped, not discussed)
5. Motion to appoint Pino Cianfione to the Mon Valley Refuse Authority effective 1/1/2022 for a 5 year term concluding 12/31/2027. (Skipped, waiting for additional applications)
6. Approve sale by the Westmoreland County Tax Claim office of the following properties: (Ron Mozer discussed the need to act on the following properties. Explained how the Tax Deed Office worked and our need to act on the following properties. These are repository properties available to anybody but has to have School and City approval. Nestor asked if these are part of the Tax Forgiveness plan. Ron explained the need to get School and County buy in the plan, and what might happen without this. John Nestor talked about the agreement and how it is enforced. Critical that we have the program well defined and followed. Comments from the audience asked about contacting the School District themselves, Ron Mozer explained the need to have our solicitor. Ron & Lois

explained some of the issues and asked if the owner got notice. We indicated we did not believe so)

1. 20-02-10-0-052 1319 Sycamore Street, Monessen, PA 15062 to Weavers Professional for the bid price of \$1,611.00.
2. 20-02-03-0-182 155 Schoonmaker Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 to Karen Marinos for the bid price of \$200.00.
3. 20-02-03-0-168 130 Donner Ave, Monessen, PA 15062 to J.J. Bizelia for the bid price of \$1,600.00.

(Ron Mozer commented on MLK day on Monday, Lois indicated that February is Black History Month and how we might combine the two).

7. Motion to appoint William Hans to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Monessen to complete the term vacated by Ron Mozer effective 1/1/2022 for the term ending 12/31/2022.
8. Motion to reappoint Frank Lopresti to the Blighted Property Review Board effective 1/1/22 for a term of 5 years ending 12/31/26
9. Motion to appoint Edward Lea to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Monessen for a term of 5 years beginning 1/1/22 and ending 12/31/26.
10. Motion to hire Bailey Adams to satisfy the requirements of "Prisoner Watch" at the rate of \$9/hr with a 2 hr minimum.
11. Motion to appoint Alan Duncan Sr. to the Police Account & Internal Affairs Board effective 1/1/22 for a term of 5 years ending 12/31/26.

12. Motion to appoint Lillian Hurst to the Environmental Advisory Board effective 1/1/22 to 12/31/25 to fill a vacant position.
13. Motion to appoint Lillian Hurst to the Shade Tree Commission effective 1/1/22 to 12/31/25 to fill a vacant position.
14. Motion to appoint Joe Bozik to the Public Library Board effective 1/1/22 for a term of 3 years ending 12/31/24.
15. Motion to revise work schedule for Director of Recreation (Julian to be part time employment limited to less than 29 hours per week.
16. Motion to pay WEC \$100,000 to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan funds for services provided as part of the City wide Sewage Project to be reimbursed once the project receives funding.
17. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 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.
18. Motion to advertise Ordinance 1256 and amended budget in the Mon Valley

Councilwomen Lois Thomas: Directory of Streets

Councilman Don Gregor: Director of Parks and Public Properties

Councilman John Nestor: Department of Public Safety

Councilman Anthony Orzenchoski: Department of Accounts and Finance

Gerald Saksun: City Treasurer

Rosalie Nicksich: Controller

9. Public Comment

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10. Motion to adjourn