

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**CITY OF MONESSEN**  
**CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**JUNE 23, 2022**  
**6:30PM**

**1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.**

**Present: Councilman Anthony Orzechowski**  
**Councilman John Nestor**  
**Councilman Don Gregor**  
**Councilwoman Lois Thomas**  
**Mayor Ron Mozer**  
**Controler Rosalie Nicksich**

**2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY PASTOR TERRY JOHNSON OF THE WAYMAN MONESSEN, A.M.E CHURCH OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA.**

Prayor offered by Councilwoman Lois Thomas instead

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, JUNE 9, 2022.**

Correction by Councilman Gregor, President of Number 1 fire department made the presentation.

Motion Nestor  
Second Thomas  
Unanimous Yes

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

Comments by Earnie Telegraphis, 25 Rex. Accused council of buying spree also that the annex was too expensive to correct. Mayor explained mold report showed very little issue and Orzechowski corrected him on the buying spree.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

A PROCLAMATION OFFERED BY MAYOR MOZER CELEBRATING THE OBSERVANCE AND COMMEMORATION OF JUNETEENTH IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN AS THE OLDEST UNITED STATES CELEBRATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY AND MARKING ITS ANNIVERSARY IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN WITH A PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT AND AN OBSERVANCE OF THE FREEDOM, CULTURE AND EMPOWERMENT OF OUR FELLOW AFRICAN AMERICAN CITIZENS.

A PROCLAMATION AND TRIBUTE OFFERED BY MONEESEN RESIDENT BILL HANS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE OVER 70 YEAR HISTORY OF NUZZACI'S PIZZA SHOP IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN, AND ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GREAT SADNESS, ITS RECENT DECISION TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS IN THE CITY, AND RECALLING THE YEARS OF GREAT FOOD OFFERINGS AND SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MONESSEN. A MOTION WILL BE OFFERED LATER IN THE SESSION TO PLACE A SIGN AT 6<sup>TH</sup> AND KNOX COMMEMORATING THE BUSINESS BY NAMING IT "NUZZACI WAY".

Councilwoman recognized Julian for his hard work in coordinating the Juneteenth celebration. Mayor reminded everybody that there will be a community event on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the boat launch starting with a fishing contest in the morning and concluding with an old fashion Fireworks display after dark.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

## **7. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN**

Solicitors Report for the City of Monessen ending June 23, 2022

Solicitor Dalfonso reported on the Planning Commission and the new zoning ordinance. There will be at least one more meeting. The Planning Commission once forwarded to City Council will again hold public hearings and council vote prior to becoming law.

## **8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER**

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31st, 2022 was provided at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Council.

No Report

## **9. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER**

The Controller's Report for the month ending May 31st, 2022 was provided at the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the City Council.

Controller questioned the need for a separate bank account to support the Garbage Bill collection. She pointed out that it was not a tax but rather a service that was provided and could be considered income. Councilman Orzechowski insisted that it should be kept separate.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs**

a. Motion to place a sign at 6<sup>th</sup> and Knox commemorating the over 70 years of business of Nuzzaci Pizza Shop in the City of Monessen, and renaming the area "Nuzzaci Way" in their honor.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

b. Motion to award the McKee to 4<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsible bidder, El Grande Industries, Inc. for the lump sum cost of \$154, 425.00 upon receipt of the required insurance and bonding.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Unanimous yes

Motion Passed.

c. Motion to Approve Fair Housing Resolution No. 8 of 2022 that delineates that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing or construction of housing is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. (The Federal Fair Housing Act), and resolves that the City of Monessen will assist all persons who feel that they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, or ancestry.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

d. Motion to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2022, as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monessen approving a statement of goals in compliance with the National Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises, Executive Order 11625, for the City of Monessen, PA, and to promote the total volume awarded to Minority or Women Owned Businesses to approximate the goals set forth under this Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

e. Motion to pay for repairs of International Truck, Model 7400 SFA 4x4, currently in the service of the Monessen Public Works Department by Hill International Trucks, NA, LLC. in the amount of \$12,971.42.

Mayor: Prefer to table

Motion: Councilwoman Thomas

Second: Councilman Nestor

Motion Passed.

Question: by Nestor. Will this delay cause issues with other equipment go up? Thomas pointed out that it would not be needed to the fall:

Motion to Table: Thomas

Second by Nestor:

Orzechowski, Yes, Nestor Yes, Mozer Yes, Gregor No.

Motion Passed.

f. Motion to pay for repairs to Vac Con Truck Water Pump #GP7145 to Hydra Service Inc. in the amount of \$16, 910.00.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

g. Motion to create a separate Bank Account within the account structure of the City of Monessen for a Refuse Bank account, with

all collections, deposits and transactions relative to Refuse and Garbage Collection Activities being a part of this account structure.

Motion by Councilwoman Thomas

Second by Councilman Nestor

Question by Councilman Gregor, WHY. Councilman Orzechowski pointed out it should not technically be used for anything other than the garbage. Gregor wanted to know if everything was going to be put in a separate account. Orzechowski pointed out it should not be used for payroll as it has in the past. The city needs to learn to survive on its own.

Thomas yes, Nestor Yes, Orzechowski Yes, Mozer Yes, Gregor No.

Motion Passed.

h. Motion to purchase and create a debit card for the City of Monessen with the Community Bank, based upon the General Fund Account of the City of Monessen, for necessary transactions with a limit of spending of \$1000.00 per day. The card will be utilized by Council Finance Director, Anthony Orzechowski, and City Administrator Michael Korposh for all necessary and required purchases requiring the utilization of a debit card under the current fiscal spending policies and procedures of the City of Monessen.

Motion Councilwoman Thomas

Second Councilman Nestor

Mozer, suggestion to restrict this to Michael Korposh.

Orzechowski agreed. Also amended to be City Administrator without the name Michael Korposh

Motion amended to “Motion to purchase and create a debit card for the City of Monessen with the Community Bank, based upon the General Fund Account of the City of Monessen, for necessary transactions with a limit of spending of \$1000.00 per day. The card will be utilized by the City Administrator for all necessary and required purchases requiring a debit card under the current fiscal spending policies and procedures of the City of Monessen.

Motion: Councilwoman Thomas

Second: Councilman Gregor

Unanimous yes

Motion Passed.

i. Motion to purchase a Dehumidifier to address mold issues at 557 Donner Avenue, and to also schedule a follow up inspection with an appropriate professional to provide an assessment of the mold and water issues at the structure at the present time. The pricing for 3 potential Dehumidifier units, and for 3 potential professional site visits to examine the facility will be provided to the City Council Finance Director for his approval.

Motion: Councilwoman Thomas

Second: Councilman Nestor

Questions: Gregor do we have to go out for bid, Solicitor it is Council’s discretion. Clarified to be a request for proposals.

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

j. Motion to Advertise for a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer within the City of Monessen, with Salary based upon qualifications and experience.

Motion: Councilwoman Thomas

Second: Councilman Nestor

Questions: Gregor, when you say salary are we going to offer a monthly, Nestor: I was thinking this would be a part time job;

Mozer: I want to point out that Code Enforcement brought in a check for \$90,000 yesterday. Code Enforcement is not about bringing in money but enforcing code. Gregor again: are we going to offer a salary or hourly? Nestor, Part time and an hourly rate.

Amend Motion changed to “Motion to advertise for a part time deputy code enforcement officer within the City of Monessen, with salary to be hourly based upon qualifications and experience.

Motion: Councilman Nestor

Second: Councilwoman Thomas

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

k. Motion to forego “ReTap Fees” for Domenico’s on Grand, 1562 Grand Boulevard, Monessen, PA to replace an old tap to the sewer line that is no longer functional.

Motion: Councilwoman Thomas

Second: Councilman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

l. Motion for Second Reading and final passage of Amendment of Ordinance 1254, the Line Usage Fee per Ratepayer.

Motion Councilwoman Thomas

Second Councilman Gegor

Unanimous Yes



Motion Passed.

m. Discussion items by Mayor Mozer on the development of Planning Development and Zoning issues within the City of Monessen, the recent establishment of a Grant Advisory Alliance within the City with both our religious community and our private and public sector grant support groups, Discussion of proper payment of expenses and outlays for buildings and structures under the control of the City, Discussion of the current Purchase Order Procedures within the City of Monessen, and Discussion of the Policies and Procedures relative to the proper maintenance of all property, vehicles and equipment under the direction and control of the City of Monessen.

Mozer: This is a long agenda so I am not going to go into detail on everything unless there are questions. Discussion on the Planning Commission will be taking into account many things not obvious to day such as autonomous cars. Also discussion on the vision of what the city will look like after the county demolition of the blighted houses. That is not the end of all ends, we have to address the remaining houses and find grants to help residents out. To that end I have been in contact with HUD, United Way, County Housing Authority, along with all the clergy of local churches in the area where demolition will be most prevalent.

**Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance**

a. Motion to move \$61, 628.79 from the General Fund to the Payroll account.

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Thomas

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

b. Motion to pay invoices from the General Fund in the amount of \$37,423.53. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as "Attachment A".

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

c. Motion to pay invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of \$298.19. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as "Attachment B".

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Thomas

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

d. Motion to pay invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of \$1,413.68. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as "Attachment C".

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

e. Motion to pay invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$35, 831.79. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as “Attachment D”.

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

f. Motion to pay invoices from the Line Usage Fund in the amount of \$10, 175.00. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as “Attachment E”.

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

g. Motion to pay the invoices from the Grant Fund in the amount of \$1, 495.00. The invoices are referenced and attached to the packets of the Mayor and Council as “Attachment F”.

Motion: Councilman Orzechowski

Second: Councilwoman Nestor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

Orzechowski: And these are the balances of the funds:

Grant fund: \$63,3899.78

General Fund: \$876,937.36

ARP: \$44,213.65

Debt Service: \$525,905.16

Liquid fuels: \$20,533.85

Park Fund: \$85,500.17

Health Fund: \$8600.91

Payroll: \$11,546.09

Fire: \$18,410.99

### **Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements**

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending May 31, 2022

Thomas: Streets department emptied garbage 2x week, performed 100 PA One Calls, opened boat launch facilities, mowed the parks and used street sweeper as required. They planted flowers at the Eastgate memorial.

### **Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety**

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending May 31, 2022

Recited Public Safety report and financial reports.

Police Proceeds \$2390.45

Mon Valley EMS:184

Fire Report

John had a general discussion on some of the fees that Code Enforcement has for rental and vacant property. Solicitor indicated it could be changed via resolution. Nestor also talked about rodents and pests and methods of controlling them. Mozer indicated that Pigeons were now inside the building of BG. Nestor suggested we address this during the next meeting. Thomas indicated there was a dead snake on the sidewalk in front of her

house. It was agreed that we need to address this during our next meeting.

a. Motion to pass Amendment of Chapter 300 of the City Code of Ordinances, the Quality-of-Life Ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Nestor

Second: Councilwoman Thomas

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.

**Councilman Donald S. Gregor, Director of Parks and Public Property** Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending May 31, 2022.

Don presented a parks report.

Discussion on the batting cages requested. He suggested we contract somebody to build a permanent structure rather than some inexpensive kit. He will make a motion at the next meeting.

## **11. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM.**

Earnie Telegraphis wanted to know who on council was selling tickets to the Kennywood Monessen Picnic.

Chris Paglia 110 Grand Ave. Update on the Madison Memorial Park and expressed thanks to those that worked on the project. The Flag Pole is now in. Norman Madison is very happy. Suggested an informational sign near the flag pole with three sections, one telling the story of Madison, the middle about the desert storm, and the third about the quarter master section that suffered the worst during the war. He provided a sample of the material that the sign would be made of. A proposal will be presented.

Joe Altimire of the downtown fire department expressed concerned that the fire truck was still waiting on repair. Council reassured him that Council was in contact with the shop and that there was no issue. The shop indicated that they would issue the inspection without holding for payment. Mark was very insistent and argumentative over the issue. Why this is an issue was unclear. The City guaranteed payment, the insurance company would pay the bill. Orzechowski agreed to pay it from general fund and get reimbursement from the insurance company. Mark continued to be argumentative.

Linda Lacy 1624 Maple Ave, indicated she needed something to eliminate insects in the city parks.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion John Nestor at 7:37 PM

Second Don Gregor

Unanimous Yes

Motion Passed.