

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
JANUARY 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Lois Thomas, John Nestor, Don Gregor, Anthony Orzechowski

2. PRAYER

Pastor Tim Burton

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1252, an Ordinance of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the Municipal Government, hereafter set forth during the year 2022.

Motion: Tony Orzechowski, Second John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1252.

Motion John Nestor, Second Anthony Orzechowski, Unanimous Approval

3. Motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1253, an Ordinance of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving specific sums fixing the tax rate for the year 2022.

Motion Lois Thomas, Second John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

4. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1253.

Motion: John Nestor, Second Lois Thomas, Unanimous Approval

5. Motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1254, an Ordinance of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing spending and accounting provision for portions of the City's Sewer line usage fee, per Ratepayer.

Motion Anthony Orzechowski, Second Lois Thomas, Unanimous Approval

6. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 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.

Motion: Anthony Orzechowski, Second: Lois Thomas

Questions: John Nestor questioned the dumpsters at the schools and the pickups, disappointed in the way the school district is treated. Mozer explained

he had met with the owner of County Hauling and they were working to fix the problem. Solicitor pointed out that this was an ordinance for the Intergovernmental Cooperation and not about how they picked up the garbage. Mozer continued that we actually were unaware of who was contracted to pick up garbage for the first week of the year. There was lots of confusion. Also pointed out the contract was exclusive and all garbage was to be handled by County Hauling.

Unanimous Approval

7. Motion to advertise Ordinance 1255 in the Mov Valley Independent Newspaper.

Motion: John Nestor, Second Lois Thomas, Unanimous Approval

8. Motion to award the 2021 CDBG Demolition and Site Clearance Project – Phase 1 to the lowest responsible bidder, Ritenour & Sons Construction Company Inc., based on their unit bid of \$84,000.00

Motion: Lois Thomas, Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

9. Motion to add Councilman Anthony Orzechowski and Mayor Ron Mozer as authorized signatures on all City of Monessen bank accounts and remove all other account except for the Controller and the Treasurer.

Motion: Lois Thomas, Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

10. Motion to terminate the services and request final invoice itemizing all charges with Special Council Romel Nicholas from Gatenes Tucceri and Nicholas and to withdraw the City's participation of Civil Action 4071 of 2021 in the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas.

Motion: Anthony Orzechowski, Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

11. Motion to terminate the services and request final invoice itemizing all charges with Special Council Romel Nicholas from Gatenes Tucceri and Nicholas with regard to alleged improper recording at City Hall.

Motion: Anthony Orzechowski, Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

12. Motion to accept the non-rescindable resignation of Ron Mozer from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Monessen effective January 2, 2022

Motion: Lois Thomas; Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

13. Motion to renew agreement for Julian Naphier as the Director of Recreation at the rate of \$10/hr with a 30 hr maximum work week to be paid \$5.00/hr by the City and \$5.00/hr by the Recreation Board.

Motion: Lois Thomas, Second: John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

14. Motion to allow City Clerk the ability to spend up to \$100 per event with a \$300 per month maximum without approval from Director of Accounts and Finance.

Motion: Lois Thomas, Second John Nestor, Unanimous Approval

15. Motion obtain estimates to conduct mold remediation in 557 Donner Avenue.

Motion Anthony Orzechowski, Second John Nestor

Questions: Don Gregor wants to amend the motion to include structural report.

Motion to obtain estimate to conduct mold analysis and structural report on the building at 557 Donner Avenue.

Motion: John Nestor, Second Lois Thomas, Unanimous Approval

Resolution 1 of 2022, A resolution of the City Council of Monessen, Westmoreland County, State of Pennsylvania authorizing the borrowing and mandating the repayment of funds from the city's line usage fund on an emergency basis to meet the city's payroll needs

**Whereas** on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 Mayor Ron Mozer was notified that there were insufficient funds within the city's general fund and payroll fund for payroll expenditures that are scheduled to be paid on January 6, 2022. and,

**Whereas** to meet these payroll requirements council must borrow funds on an emergency basis from the city's line usage fund and,

**Whereas** the drawing is being done on emergency basis because employees will not be compensated for their labor provided to the city of Monessen and,

**Whereas** in order to borrow the funds from the line usage fund the city is required to pay back the line usage fund with six percent interest now,

**Therefore** be it resolved by the council of the city of Monessen is hereby be it resolved by the council of the city of Monessen is hereby resolved this following:

Section 1: of the council does hereby authorize the borrowing of \$65,000 from the line usage fee in order to make payroll expenditures on January 6, 2022.

Section 2: council does hereby mandate that the borrowing of \$65,000 dollars be repaid to the line usage fund with six percent interest by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Section 3: this resolution shall become effective immediately.

Section 4: any resolution or part of our resolution and conflict awareness (muffled)

I left the rest of this open for any of the council members that would like to say anything.

Hearing none I will open the forum to public comments.

Comments are very muffled do to poor acoustics, Somebody made a comment about the \$190,000 owed of the Health Center but not due until July. Another comment about the garbage collection and the payments of five to ten thousand dollars a day being collected.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and revise budget and tax levy in occurrence with 3<sup>rd</sup> class City Code 11810 concerning amending the budget.

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
10. Motion to adjourn