

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF MONESSEN
CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2022
6:30PM

- 1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.**
- 2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY REV. JOHN F. CUSTER PASTOR, ORCHARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA.**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, NOVEMBER 10, 2022.**
- 5. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE**
OLD BUSINESS N/A
- 7. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN**
- 8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN (REPORT WAS PROVIDED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022)**
- 9. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

- a. Motion to approve the use of the Monessen City Park by Monessen VFW Post 1190 and American Legion Post 28 to include at a minimum the Walking Track Area, the Amphitheater and the Ball Field on May 20th, 2023, to celebrate Armed Services Day and the City of Monessen for purposes of a display from all branches of the Military Services. This would include helicopters, drones and assorted military gear. The intent of the event is to instill, honor and celebrate Monessen's patriotism, pride and love of country.
- b. Motion to announce The Thrill of Hope Monessen Christmas Celebration on December 3rd, 2022, beginning at 10 am with Breakfast with Santa, at the Monessen Civic Center, a 12:30 pm Christmas Parade from Donner to 6th Street, Fun Christmas Activity for Kids at the His Place Restaurant and the Monessen Library from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. A Christmas Community Prayer Service at 3:30pm and Christmas Caroling and Cocoa will be held at the Monessen Civic Center all at no cost.
- c. Motion for a second reading and final approval of The Revised Zoning Ordinance for the City of Monessen.
- d. Discussion on the developments of the Monessen Economic Development Day Long Seminar to be held at the Monessen High School Auditorium on January 20th, 2022, from 9:00am to 4:00 pm.
- e. Discussion on the redirection of the Recreation Board and The Civic Center in the City of Monessen, and the plans for the City to assist in the promotion, increased income generation and

coordination of all recreation and park activities over the course of the next year and beyond.

f. Motion to use CFA grant funds left over from the 500 Donner demolition to demolish the 544 Donner structure. The CFA has approved the use of the funds for this purpose.

g. Motion to apply for State ARP funding set aside by Senator Kim Ward to pay WEC engineering for work done to demolish 500 Donner.

h. Motion to ask GPI to develop the specifications and RFP for contracting a company to demo 544 Donner. GPI has agreed to do this at no cost.

i. Discussion on the current activities of the County RDA/Land Bank. The County of Westmoreland Development Authority won the wager of getting the old newspaper office on 6th street demolished before the City had 544 Donner demolished. They are also committed to removing:

- 348 Indiana
- 332 Franklin
- 452 Motheral
- 506 3rd Street
- 937 Grant
- 452 McKee

All of the above referenced projects are fast tracked items belonging to the County Land Bank. The county has already spent some 17% of the money set aside for demolition, it is up to us to keep on top of the list and get as much done as we can before the funds are depleted.

j. Motion to identify and submit demolition orders and right to demo to the County of all City owned property that is both blighted and vacant. This includes such city owned structures as the Donner side of the Parking Garage, and blighted city owned houses in residential areas.

k. Motion to accept ownership of commercial property which has been issued demolition orders for property owners unable to finance demolition on their own. These properties must meet the qualifications and requirements of the County of Westmoreland for demolition.

l. Discussion on current activities.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of \$34,759.60. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A".

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of \$803.54. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B."

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant Fund in the amount of \$928.54. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment C".

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of \$333.30. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment D"

d. Motion to transfer \$3000.00 from the General Fund to the Healthcare account.

e. Motion for first reading and authorization to advertise Ordinance 1262, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH DURING THE YEAR 2023.

f. Motion for first reading and authorization to advertise Ordinance 1263, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending October 31st, 2022.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending October 31st, 2022.

Councilman Donald S. Gregor, Director of Parks, and Public Property

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending October 31st, 2022

11. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM.

12. ADJOURNMENT