COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

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OCTOBER 12, 2023

6:30PM

Meeting call to order by Ron Mozer at 6:30pm.

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Roll call by Michael Korposh – Anthony Orzechowski present – Lois Thomas present – John Nestor present – Donald Gregor absent – Ron Mozer present.

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY LOIS THOMAS COUNCILPERSON, CITY OF MONESSEN. Opening prayer offered by Lois Thomas.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Mozer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2023. Motion to approve minutes of previous session by John Nestor – seconded by Lois Thomas – vote 4 – 0.

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

Ernie Telgraphis – page 3 what is resolution for city council for the program modification for CDBG Grant (Ron Mozer – this is hearing about the change to the program) you are going to make a change without telling us about it (Lois Thomas – it's in the package – is this not about using the left over funds for the kitchen) one thing for hearsay and one thing to have it in black and white – I did not see any detail in the packet (Anthony Orzechowski – I would have asked the same question when it came up – not sure just ask) seems like you guys operate – who is this guy on page two – he got a sweetheart deal for $539 (Ron Mozer – he is the one that won the

bid at the county) how many people where there – just one person – he had nobody against him (Ron Mozer – any of the repository properties, you can go on line with Westmoreland county and you can make a bid on any of those properties) did you know people made an offer for the property (Ron Mozer – anyone can bid on the properties) how many people knew about this (Ron Mozer – it's on line – not my problem) yes it is your problem – you are voting on it (John Nestor – when you have property on the repository, you will get more money if the property is sold) income – how much (John Nestor – is zero better – right now we have zero – at least can generate some money – come on Ernie) so someone can buy a property and put a cat house in (John Nestor – let's think about this logically – if someone was going to put a cat house in a property – as long as they are paying taxes) you guys are immoral as well (Lois Thomas – here is the resolution) gives to Ernie.

Moe Gallis – former resident and business owner – while Ernie has you on page 3 – Pino are you here – ok in the back – just reading last month's meeting minutes – I was not here – you accused the mayor of being a liar and working with a fake newspaper (Ron Mozer – that is not on the agenda) (Lois Thomas – he is talking about the minutes) (Ron Mozer – ok – go ahead) Pino's comments last month – you are a liar and the newspaper is fake and if you have anything fake about the newspaper let me know right here to my face – speak up (Pino Cianflone – your paper is not printing what is going on) (Ron Mozer – lets maintain order) give me an example (Pino Cianflone – XXXXXXXX) (Ron Mozer – stop it right now – stop it right now) go on the record that he does not have an example – can you give me an example (Pino Cianflone – every week XXXXXXXXXX) (Ron Mozer – come on – let's back it down) I don't want to fire him up I just want to get to the bottom – you did not say anything to any value (Ron

Mozer – hey) (Pino Cianflone – you are a fake and you are a liar) no you are a fake and a liar (Pino Cianflone – I'm not a liar) you can have the microphone next (Ron Mozer – one at a time) it's all yours (Pino Cianflone – I don't need the microphone to talk - XXXXXXXXX) (Ron Mozer – let's get control of this again – hey both of you can leave the building at this point – either sit down and follow the decorum or you will both be asked to leave the meeting) (Pino Cianflone – XXXXXXXXX) (Ron Mozer – any questions about the agenda – no you do not have the floor – I will give you the floor – no – no – no – I'm sorry be quiet – wait your turn) (Pino Cianflone – why did he get to talk before the agenda) (Jospeh Dalfonso – the meeting minutes were on the agenda)

Delmar Hepple – on that 2019 – Exhibit 2 – can someone tell me the three items that are on it (Ron Mozer – the fire department – the civic center – the roads) that's fine.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – none.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. **REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.** Joseph Dalfonso – I worked on the houses for the demo hearing for November 9th at 5:30 – all things are put together – the city administrator has the legal ads and the code enforcement office has the property postings.

8. **REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER.** Gerald Saksun – garbage fee and city real estate taxes collected for the month of September 2023, garbage fee – current - September $3,100.00 – year-to-date $343,804.00 – 2023 budget $325,587.00 – garbage fee delinquent September - $6,334.24 – year-to-date $49,551.27 – 2023 budget

$80,780.00 – amount collected by Portnoff - September $4,822.45 – year-to-date $18,471.29 (included in the total above) penalty and interest Portnoff September $271.73 – year-to-date $2,788.63 – 2023 budget $2,145.00 – garbage collected for next year 2024 – September $25.00 – year-to-date $1,550.00 – 2023 budget $1,385.00 – total garbage fees collected – September $9,459.24 – year-to-date $394,905.27 – 2023 budget $409,897.00 – city real estate taxes current – September $7,421.18 – year-to-date $1,974,008.36 – 2023 budget $2,013,724.00 – city taxes prior year collected by the city – year-to-date $8,673.30 – 2023 budget $5,503.00 – subtotal year-to-date $1,982,681.66 – delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland Tax Claim Bureau (quarterly) year-to-date $166,447.44 – 2023 budget $167,423.00 – total year-to-date taxes $2,149,129.10 – city real estate tax distribution as of September 30, 2023 – general fund year-to-date $1,379,351.64 – 2023 budget $1,400,947.79 – debt service year-to-date $374,330.33 – 2023 budget $380,191.09 – library year-to-date $40,701.50 – 2023 budget $40,677.22 – park year-to-date $188,298.20 – 2023 budget $191,907.90 – total year-to-date $1,982,681.67 – 2023 budget $2,013,724.00 – real estate transfer tax - September $4,292.59 – year-to-date $48,041.53 – 2023 budget $89,333.00 – earned income tax – September $83,842.24 – year-to-date $546,005.73 – 2023 budget $513,898.00 – mercantile tax – September $418.22 – year-to-date $18,769.87 – 2023 budget $22,579.00 – local services tax – September $2,310.70 – year-to-date $58,865.57 – 2023 budget $53,357.00 – tax certifications – September $640.00 – year-to-date $17,740.00 – 2023 budget $21,940.00 – municipal lien letters – September $975.00 – year-to-date $12,900.00 – 2023 budget $14,775.00 – line usage account – unsewered payments – September $50.00 – year-to-date $10,643.00 – line usage fee –

September $76,935.10 – year-to-date $677,196.95. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

9. **REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.** Rosalie Nicksich – general fund CFS Bank checking account – bank reconciliation as of September 30, 2023, – beginning bank balance as of August 31, 2023, - $740,600.67 – deposits $399,986.04 – expenses $265,021.86 – ending balance as of September 30, 2023, $875,564.85 – outstanding checks $289,236.43 – no outstanding deposits – reconcile balance to bank statement $586,328.42.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. ***A TOWN HALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL ON OCTOBER 19TH, AT 6:00PM.*** Announced by Ron Mozer. Everyone is welcome to come. You can call the office with ideas for the topics to be discussed. Because of the Halloween parade on Thursday October 26th, we are having the next meeting on Wednesday October 25th. Mark your calendars. There will be no meeting on the normal Thursday, it will be on the day before, Wednesday. (Anthony Orzechowski – will it be advertised) it will be advertised (Anthony Orzechowski – we will need to make a motion to have it advertised).
b. **Mayor Mozer's Discussion of items and a status report relative to Actions taken by the City of Monessen during the period of September 28th, 2023, to October 12th, 2023, Agenda matters for the meeting of October 12th, 2023, and any additional issues capable of being addressed by the City of Monessen during this period.** The city administrator and I had a meeting with Senator Ward and Davanzo – we think there are good things coming to the

city as a result of that – time will tell – above and beyond that there will be no clock – but I am going to reinforce on thing – there will be no comments on things that the council cannot act upon – there will only be items – we are not going to talk about the school – we are not going to talk about the redevelopment authority – we are not going to talk about Nehemiah – we are not got to talk about any of those things – the newspaper – only the things the council can act upon – that is the extent of that.

c. **Mayor Mozer's Proclamation to celebrate Friends of the Library Week in the City of Monessen during the period of October 15th to October 21st, and to thank them for all they do to make our Library and community work better to the benefit of all our fellow citizens in Monessen.** Read by Ron Mozer – Friends of the Library – Office of the Mayor – Whereas, the Friends of the Monessen Public Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great – providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's activities, and special events throughout the years. Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; in the words of library advocate, Andrew Carnegie, "A library outranks any one thing a community can do to benefit its people." Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, reader's advisory, and children's services; Whereas, the Friends' gift of

their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all, in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; Now, therefore, I, Ron Mozer, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2023 as Friends of Libraries week in Monessen, Pennsylvania and I urge everyone to join the friends of the Library and thank them for all that they do to make our library and community so much better. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Monessen to be affixed this 10th day of October 2023.

c. Motion to release Parcel Number 20-02-06-0-174, Knox Avenue in the City of Monessen from the Westmoreland County Property Repository to the high bidder on the property made by Allandale Maul in the amount of $539.00. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor (Ron Mozer – there is no way we could deny any property from being sold to anybody for fair housing rules – if we did nothing at all it would still be sold to them – we just speed thing up a bit) vote – 4 – 0.

d. Motion to develop the Civil Service Promotional Test Requirements and procedures for the Monessen Police Force for utilization prior to January 1st, 2024. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to approve Payment Requisition No. 11 and related certificates in the amount of $671,987,42 for the Phase 3A and Phase 3B work performed during the month of September 2023. The invoices for approval by Council are attached to this agenda as "Exhibit "1". The invoices and specific amounts requested are delineated as follows:

- **WEC, Inc Construction Phase 3 Invoice for work performed from 08/05/2023 to 09/01/2023, in the amount of $15,650.02.**
- **WEC, Inc. Resident Project Representative Invoice 1 from 08/21/2023 to 09/01/2023 in the amount of $31,356.00.**
- **Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3A Cured-In Place Pipe 8" to 24" from 08/28/2023 through 08/31/2023 in the amount of $11, 317.50.**
- **MCSP, Inc. Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3B Centrifugally Cast Concrete Pipe 36" to 84" from 09/04/2023 through 09/29/2023 in the amount of $613,663.90.** (Anthony Orzechowski – before she reads the next one (item e.) I would like to table this until next meeting) (Ron Mozer – the only concern I would have with that is that this is a contract payment that it is pretty much assured - we would process them in a timely fashion) (Anthony Orzechowski – I appreciate that but, your and my name is going on it and before I sign it) (Ron Mozer – you had it before to read it) (Anthony Orzechowski – I did not have it) Motion by Anthony Orzechowski to table item e on the agenda until next week – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2023 of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monessen approving the program Modification to the FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Resolution is attached to this Agenda as Exhibit "2". Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $29,375.80. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $573.95. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $1082.82. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment C". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to transfer $65,569.80 from the General fund to the Payroll Account Fund. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to transfer $3,300.00 from the General Account to the Healthcare Account. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse Account in the amount of $355.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "D". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $12, 406.01. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "E". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Fund in the amount of $4,495.21. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "F". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

Account balances – American rescue $236,668.02 – grant fund $53,974.56 – line usage $722,117.34 – debt service $1,090,267.87 – general account $477,396.75 – liquid fuels $150,433.28 – refuse $113,493.14 – fire escrow $20,993.64 – healthcare $5,317.45 – parks $49,003.74 – payroll $3,258.88 – recreation $3,986.03.

Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending August 31st,2023. Lois Thomas – I would like to defer to the next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending August 31st, 2023. John Nestor – I would like to hold my report until Wednesday October 25th meeting.

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

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending August 31st, 2023. Donald Gregor is not here to give his report.

11. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS, RESPONSIBILITY, STATUTES, CODES AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

Ernie Telgraphis – who is responsible for the Nehemiah group – did anybody here (Ron Mozer – that was a concept I promoted) so it was just you (Ron Mozer – I am not part of the committee any more) you are not (Ron Mozer – no I am not) so why does this letter soliciting businesses to come to a meeting on the 18th using the letterhead of Monessen and when through the postage meter of Monessen – what was that all about – he sent it to all his friends – you can not assume the authority is good honest people (Ron Mozer – already Ernie – settle down) you did something illegal (Michael Korposh – no it was sent on Nehemiah stationary – not Monessen) you used the letterhead of Monessen and the meter – the Monessen taxpayer money – you know how to twist things – they think you are doing a good job (Ron Mozer – ok settle down) (Anthony Orzechowski – does anybody know anything about this) (Michael Korposh – we sent out a letter for a meeting to form a merchant association) (Anthony Orzechowski – who is we – I have two questions – is the address of the city hall on this and is this our postage because Quadient is our postage) (Michael Korposh – the city of Monessen is promoting this) (Anthony Orzechowski – you can not hand out flyers without council approval – I don't care who they are – this is the first time I saw this – I know nothing about it) (Michael Korposh – it came out exactly as you said – we are promoting the merchant association within the city of Monessen) promoting a religious group (Anthony Orzechowski – no – it's the merchant association) (Michael Korposh – we were doing this as a part) are they incorporated (Michael Korposh – they are in the process) so we are funding them (Michael Korposh – we are not funding them) (Ron Mozer – settle down) (Anthony Orzechowski – calm down and let's ask questions) (Lois Thomas – the letter is to promote

the business association not the Nehemiah group) (Michael Korposh – yes) but they are the key – they are not even incorporated yet (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't know who authorized it) the mayor – the dictator (Anthony Orzechowski – calm down – when did this go out) I got it last week because of my newspaper (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't know what to say – does the solicitor have something to say – we cannot use city postage to send out something like this that has nothing to do with city business – we can't do that - ever) (Michael Korposh – so to promote a merchant association) (Anthony Orzechowski – for one thing it would have to be councils approved to do it) that's right (Anthony Orzechowski – what was the cost for this) they don't know (Michael Korposh – it's in the postage meter – that was the only cost) (Anthony Orzechowski – how many were sent out) I heard there was 100 (Michael Korposh – no maybe 200 to 220) wow (Anthony Orzechowski – 220 times 60 cents plus) (Pino Cianflone – was the list handpicked) (Michael Korposh – no we sent it to a list of merchants we have in the city) there are no 220 merchants in the city (Michael Korposh – Ernie let me make this – I will reimburse out of my pocket the cost of the postage) no the mayor should (Michael Korposh – and we will be cancel the merchant association meeting for the 18th - I will pay that out of my pocket – if we have to come back and make a motion – but I will do that right now, no tomorrow – I will cancel the meeting for the 18th – that will satisfy council)XXXXXXXXX(Michael Korposh – whoa – whoa – I am reimbursing the city tomorrow) we are talking legal formation for this group (Michael Korposh – I am going to reimburse the city) (Ron Mozer – anything else you want to talk about) yes – the cleaning machines in Monessen – why is he going backwards) (Anthony Orzechowski – he may have been

unclogging the machine) no I heard the one (Ron Mozer – are you sure it was the city sweeper not the Coke plant) what does the Coke plant have to do with it (Ron Mozer – they operate a sweeper too) anyway – I heard the one brush on the one side does not work so he has to go backwards to get the other side of the street – if that's the case – why do we have a machine that is not fully functional working on the street (Ron Mozer – I was not aware of the problem) (Lois Thomas – if they do not tell us they need a brush fixed – Rodney keeps us up to date on things – if we need a brush fixed he would have told us – he is pretty good at that – he tells us when we need things) people need to look into it because we run the city with the little pet peeves (John Nestor – was this down town) yes (John Nestor – it was probably the Coke plant) no (Lois Thomas – he is good at letting us know if he needs something) (John Nestor – the Coke plant goes up there too) I don't know – anyway – one more simple questions – the controller, the finance person just give us numbers – how do we compare to last year – are we par or are we above – what is that – people fall asleep – like church – people fall asleep when they are talking about the glory of god – where are we as far as compared to last year (Ron Mozer – very similar – very similar) wait a minute – don't answer that – look in the books – you did not do the mathematics – you just cover your butts (Ron Mozer – just settle down) you have any idea – they don't seem to know what is going on (Anthony Orzechowski – we are not at the same place we were last year) below (Anthony Orzechowski – at little bit but there are reasons for that) but the public needs to know this – they think everything is hunky dory.

Pino Cianflone – I got a question for you – you hand me a paper for garbage authority so we can help – you basically lied to me

and to everyone that was here because I said at the meeting – if you look at the minutes – I would do the job of the code enforcement and his assistant for free – I don't want their job – that is their job not my job – I am not looking – I am retired – (pointing to Moe Gallis) you wanted to know when we told a lie – this gentleman over here wrote a letter and you never printed it (Ron Mozer – we are not going to talk about the newspaper) every meeting (Ron Mozer – excuse me – excuse me – we are not going to talk about the newspaper) let me finish – how the hell (Ron Mozer – that is nothing we have control over) let me ask one thing (Ron Mozer – he talked as part of) wait a minute – you let him talk without any reason or him to talk on your agenda today (Ron Mozer – I tried to stop it) he is one of your friends (Ron Mozer – secondly he pointed out that it was in the meeting minutes and that was part of the council meeting) you are full of bologna – you know you are full of bologna – bottom line is this (Ron Mozer - listen– come on- no – no) I would like to have a newspaper after every meeting (Ron Mozer – we are not going to continue this) what's that (Ron Mozer – we are not going to continue this) (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm going to jump in on this – we hear the same shitty thing every two weeks about the same problems that 99% have nothing to do with this council – ok – this council and the people on this council bust their ass for the city of Monessen and their employees) (Ed Lefevre – it's a joke) (Anthony Orzechowski – it's a joke – then run for office – I just about had it from everyone - I've got the floor) (Ron Mozer – he has the floor) (Anthony Orzechowski – if you want to talk afterwards you can knock yourself out – you know what – I don't want to hear it) (Ed Lefevre – I don't want to here you) (Ron Mozer – then walk out) (Anthony Orzechowski – don't let the

door hit you in the rear end (Ed Lefevre – don't get smart) (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm being direct – I am tired of it – for what we put in and for what we bust our butts for – for what – to get ripped every two weeks – on something that does not make sense because we can not control (Ed Lefevre – that's untrue – help me present) (Anthony Orzechowski – when you come up to the podium, you can talk – if there is a problem with that, oh well – Pino is talking) I'm not done – this is America – the United States of America (Ed Lafevre – the first amendment) I served under that flag – all I am saying (XXXXXXX) (Anthony Orzechowski – stop it) (Lois Thomas – I'm going to say something – if someone body does not mind – I want to say something right now – please – I have been sitting there – I'm a Christian – that has nothing to be with being on council – but there is a verse that says "Be slow to speak and be slow to wrath" I had to write this down – I sat at the meetings over the last few months – I sit here – I listen to comments on items – that's fine – I comment on portions of the meeting – I was slow to wrath when things were said to people and about people – there is a time to be silent but also a time to speak – and I want to speak tonight – there are probably some of you in here today) xxxxxxx (Lois Thomas – let me finish mine – I often don't say anything – let me finish mine please – let me finish mine) but I have the floor (Lois Thomas – this is getting out of control – I'm not going to be long – maybe some of you won't agree with what I am going to say but I truly feel – we come together as one – but it does not seem like too many people want to be one with suggestions and solutions to problems – and support and encourage one another and end up being part of the problem – we beat each other down – we as a community can help move Monessen forward – maybe not as quick as your would

like but we did not get this over night and believe me it's not going to change overnight – it's going to take a lot of time and energy from the council and all of us and the residents of the city to see that Monessen turns around for the good – we city council, the mayor, the city administrator – we can't do it alone – we just can't – we need all of you – every single person living in Monessen to do what he or she can – whether you are a man, woman, boy or girl we need to donate our time and energy to the good of Monessen – all this fighting, bickering, name calling, finger pointing – all it is going to do is spread like cancer and it already is – cancer is deadly and very debilitating – individually as a whole we need to make a commitment today to stop all this and come together as one – there is an old adage that goes united we stand – divided we fall – if we don't unite and come together and stop all this fighting and negativity in the city we are going to fall – it has to stop – this has been happening over the past couple of months and it seems you are putting gas on the fire and you want it erupting all over the city – come with solutions to help us do things that are right – we are willing to listen – we don't have to agree on everything – we don't even have to like each other – but we can work together for Monessen) I agree (Lois Thomas – I do too Pino) applause (Lois Thomas – I agree with some of the things you say but we can not do it this way) been here for 2 ½ years – newspaper has not said one bad thing about you (Ron Mozer – we are not going to go there) it does not make any difference – I'm going to say it (Ron Mozer – I would like to make a motion to adjourn this meeting – we can continue this discussion at another time) that fine if you don't want to listen – go there an explain why there is a division – unless you listen (Anthony Orzechowski – but you keep saying the same thing) what same thing (Anthony

Orzechowski – about something we don't have control over) but the newspaper – I don't even mention that it's a fake newspaper – unless they do a newspaper report (Ron Mozer – we can't change that) tell the truth (Ron Mozer – we have no control over the newspaper) (Jospeh Dalfonso – this is not going to be a public debate – that is not the purpose - what is council up here is saying is bring things that the city can control) let me finish (Joseph Dalfonso – quickly – there are other people that want to speak – did you hear me Mr. Harhai – there are other people that would like to speak – there is no order in these meetings anymore – give us something that is useful) being you said for that last several months (Lois Thomas – we need to come in here with ideas that we can help the city not the negativity) how can you do this when you got the three stooges working with you (John Nestor – thank you so much Pino but we are going to let the next person come up to speak) we value your opinion - you are not going to stop – if that's how you are going to run your meeting by cutting people off (Joseph Dalfonso – Pino you are ruining it for everyone else) I just want to ask a question (Joseph Alfonso – you have been up here to 10 minutes repeating yourself) she talked (Pointing to Lois Thomas) (Ron Mozer – she is council and she can talk as long as she wants) we work together (Joseph Dalfonso – that is what I am suggesting here) there has not been any solutions – you guy's solutions comes from the same people that brought the town down (Ron Mozer – they offer solutions) they brought the town down – that's what I can tell you – you can do whatever you want to do – I agree with you – I allow you to say (Ron Mozer – please sit down) that's fine (Ron Mozer – please sit down) I don't need you lying to me (pointing to Moe Gallis) (Ron Mozer – please sit down) (Jospeh Dalfonso – listen – the council is

going to make a motion to defer the rest to the next meeting – they are permitted to do that – they can keep deferring comments on non-agenda items until infinity – can we have some decorum please) (Ron Mozer – thank you).

Brett Lepresti – I was just riding through town and I wanted to stop at the meeting – those building are still there and the rubbish is still there (Ron Mozer – the contract has been issued for those and they have a total of 90 days to complete the project – my understanding is they are to be here next week to start demo of the buildings) I thought maybe because of the insurance (Ron Mozer – the county is doing it) that's why it took so long – I thought maybe it was the insurance.

Ted Harhai – I don't know if I am going to fall the parameters but I want to correct Orzechowski from the last meeting when he said that Mavrakis did not appoint himself to the redevelopment authority – in the newspaper it say "Mavrakis appointment himself (Ron Mozer – and there is nothing that can be done to change that – so it's past history) no, no, no, wait – you have to look at the past so you don't make the same mistakes (Ron Mozer – absolutely) and we have been making this mistake since 2017 with Mavrakis (Ron Mozer – I promise I will not appoint myself to the redevelopment authority) I would still like to see him removed since he was not to be there (Ron Mozer – he has since been reappointed) not Sharrow's fault because as soon as he got in he got legal council to have Mavrakis removed – now we suffer because Mavrakis does things without council approval (Ron Mozer – the redevelopment authority is not under our control right now) under your control (Ron Mozer - is not) why not (Ron Mozer – they are an authority) who appoints the authority (Ron Mozer – the council) than you – there is some disparity from

people around the city that I have done nothing for the city (Ron Mozer – let me – go ahead) I'll start - boat launch $1million, the river launch – I made a comment - funny things about that is it would be great if we got a restaurant down there – you see there is a very nice restaurant down there – Eastgate War Memorial we did a rehabilitation – not sure of the cost – right across from Rite Aid – one thing you did good was cut those trees down of the seven people who will killed in the shuttle accident – we had no salt shed (Ron Mozer – let me make a couple comments before you go too far – every meeting minutes you had is on the website of the City of Monessen.com – no where in there does it talk about the boat launch in the minutes when you were mayor) I was a state representative (Ron Mozer – no where in there did it say you were the mayor – nothing the in minutes at all) I was a state representative (Ron Mozer – no where in the minutes) I know I had a lot to do with that – I am not sure who the mayor was at the time – I know I had a lot to do with the boat launch - $200,000 donated by Mihalich – added $800,000 and got help from Barry Stout and we got the boat launch done – Mike is that right (Michael Korposh – I was there – a lot of help from senators) we acquired that money and I wanted to get a restaurant down there and they laughed – at that end of town (Anthony Orzechowski – what does this have to do with) I don't want an atta-boy (Ron Mozer – give us something that we can do right now) Rite Aid came to town – that improved the Eastgate section of town – public safety building – I got $1million – Mary Jo Smith was the mayor – the library $1million to refurbish (Ron Mozer – that was bond money) no I matched their bond money – Fred were you working at that time (Anthony Orzechowski – what does this have to do with now – we don't care what happened in the

past) you have a food store here for 23 years because I helped bring it to town (Anthony Orzechowski – do you want a proclamation) I don't want anything from you (Anthony Orzechowski – then why are you telling us all this) because people said I did nothing – the guy behind the Facebook – I did nothing for Monessen (Anthony Orzechowski – is that a public forum) yes – a second education building $500,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – post it on Facebook) I don't do Facebook – people bring it up to me a show me what they say about me – a particular person (Anthony Orzechowski – please don't waste council's time trying to expound on what you did – congratulations on what you did) why can't you do it then (Ron Mozer – I am not a state representative) I did that also with working in unity with the city until Mavrakis (Ron Mozer – everything is on the minutes - we can see what was done) we got the stadium done – distressful city funding (Ron Mozer – I would like to point out a couple things first off – one of the things you did was the Linden park – you ran a few things that were pretty good – you identified the Linden park had a high school) Linden school on Rostraver (Ron Mozer – you made the comment you would have developers build houses there – 25 years later we do not have any houses there but we have somebody that wants to build houses now and yet you are going after them – I don't understand that) no, no, no, different housing #1 – go up to the old junior high school lot – you want first time home buyers – are they nice homes – answer me – are they nice homes (Ron Mozer – they do not follow the current code – county housing is building more housing and buy more homes this year) (Anthony Orzechowski – one more time - what does this have to do with council) (Linda Lacey – I want to say one thing – everyone up there on council grew up in Monessen except

you – you don't know the history of Monessen) (pointing to Anthony Orzechowski) what does that have to do with anything (Linda Lacey – your are a councilman you should know your city) I'll finish quickly – about the sewage system – what is going on – ok Mavrakis refused to do the federal mandate and they did not do it – now we are working on it in 2023 – should have been done earlier (Ron Mozer – should have been done in 2000) when I got the money – tried to get them to move a little bit (Ron Mozer – my time machine does not work) ok we got $30 million – Charleroi Monessen bridge – the last project funded an additional bay up at #2 fire station – you should have done the LSA grant – housing – last project – I was out of office – the 4 year plan started 2020 – 4 year plan – you don't do LSA but you work with Kim Ward and Davanzo and we get a big whoo hoo moment and we are going to get a big fund – we are not going to spend this money – we are going to get all this money – just to look good (Ron Mozer – we are going to try to rebuild the city) ok – I don't buy that (Ron Mozer – I can point out that you did not do an audit that I can find for 1998 and 1999 and 2001 you ran a deficit) one thing you said is you don't go back – the letter when I got the light removed on 6th Street – ask Gerald Saksun why it was removed – Gerald what year was the light removed (Gerald Saksun – about the time you said) a little thing like that – that is why I came here – I did help the City of Monessen – when I first saw you, you had a deer in the head light look – don't tell me about unity – being fair – being transparent – you guys are not transparent – you got the first guy into council and you recruited Lois – August 1st of 2018 (Lois Thomas – I have something to say about that – no one recruited me – god recruited me – I going to tell you whether you want to here it or not – I was sitting in my office at my job and god

told me – I looked at the newspaper on the day of the deadline – and god told me to go for the appointment of city council – I love Monessen – I was born and raised in Monessen – you can say what you want to say but I know who my god is and I know what god told me to do – you can spread your rumors all you want – I don't care about the rumors – I never said anything about the rumors because I knew how and why I did what I did) you opened up the bible and it said to run for city council (Lois Thomas – the lord told me – he put into my spirit – you don't believe the lord can put something in your spirit for you to do something – that's up to you but I know god will put it in your spirit – but whether you believe it or not that's fine with me – I know what god told me to do – you guys can talk negative about god all you want – I don't say anything about what you believe in so don't say anything about what I believe in – thank you very much – I don't say a thing about your beliefs – don't say a thing about my beliefs) (Ron Mozer – does anyone have anything else) XXXXXXXXX (Ron Mozer – thank you)

Ed Lefevre – I don't think god should be brought into a meeting (Ron Mozer – what is the first things that happens in the senate every single day) that does not mean I agree with that (Ron Mozer – maybe not but they say a prayer – first thing they do every single day before they do anything else – they say a prayer – supreme court the first thing they do before they do anything – they say a prayer – when I decided I wanted to do prayer before the council meeting I did some research – the are two cases erupted from this - Lancaster and upper state New York – it went all the way through the supreme court and the supreme court of federal government and the supreme court said there is a separation between church and state) exactly (Ron Mozer – but

there is not a separation between god and state – the pledge of allegiance to the flag – there is no separation by god and state period) no – our founders created a secular government – this was not mentioned at the convention in 1787 about god because I read through that (Anthony Orzechowski – I am not understanding – what is your complaint) I'm not complaining (Anthony Orzechowski – then what) when I come to a secular council meeting – that is what it is – church and state – I don't come here to hear about prayer and god – I come here to learn about what is going on with the business in Monessen (Anthony Orzechowski – ok that's fair – so you are uncomfortable about that part) no I'm not uncomfortable (Anthony Orzechowski – so maybe you can come in after that part is already done) no (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm just suggesting) that is a good suggestion (Anthony Orzechowski – the pledge and all – you do what you want) no I served 6 years in the United States Army and the loyalty to that flag is here and what I suggested about the flags in Monessen – nothing was done (Anthony Orzechowski – you were appointed) no I rescinded – let me finish – I backed out of that but I still love the idea (Anthony Orzechowski – you just admitted you were appointed and you backed out) no I was not appointed - I was suggested – I did refuse – but there probably was someone who could have got into the slot (Ron Mozer – always someone else) or a council member that could have followed through with that – for personal reasons I refused – do you keep in touch with the EMS here (Ron Mozer – yes I do) let me ask you this – I may be wrong here, I probably am wrong – I have come to the conclusion the EMS service seems to be inadequate (Ron Mozer – this is happening all over the state) will you let me finish mayor (Pino Cianflone – you said you listen – no

you don't – why don't you let him finish) let me finish – I just came to a conclusion that the EMS Service is inadequate for Monessen – I'll tell you why – I've known for a long time a EMS worker for Rostraver and I just saw him recently and he mentioned to me that Monessen EMS Service could not cover 5 calls two weekend ago – you know who took over – Rostraver EMS – yesterday I looked out my window in the rear and Rostraver EMS was brining my neighbor home – I thought to myself why isn't that a Monessen truck – just my observation – is Monessen EMS have problems financially (Ron Mozer – I don't know – I have no control over them) you said you knew them (Ron Mozer – I know Michael Speigel – coordinator for Monessen EMS response – this is something entirely different) so you are not interested in (Ron Mozer – I do know Monessen EMS has a cooperative agreement with West Newton and several others – I know there are times when they go to these other areas – they take care of their patients when they have the same need) my wife has (Ron Mozer – all this stuff is available from 911) let me tell you about Monessen EMS service – over the past 10 years my wife had an occasion to be transferred to other hospitals – I don't remember one Monessen truck coming – not one – I had one come from Brownsville – I had one come from Rostraver – I should have kept track of this (Ron Mozer – just out of curiosity – not to interrupt – they also sent a letter out to all residents soliciting for subscriptions to) I always support them – they don't seem to support me and my wife (Ron Mozer – this is something you need to take up with them) you have no influence – I thought earlier in the year you and someone else was going down there to talk with them – Allegheny Health System withdrew (Ron Mozer – I will do again like I did once before – I called 911 services and got

a list of all the calls that went through the 911 service – who responded and what the time was for the response – I generated a report – this has been a couple of months – but it really showed who was responding to and what the ratio was – maybe it is time to do that again) I would like to see a report like that (Ron Mozer – I will do that again) ok – did you ever see and you will tell me to go to EMS – did you ever see a profit and loss statement for that service (Ron Mozer – they are a private company – I would not have access to that) you just told me you knew about them – you said you have no idea (Ron Mozer – it is a private entity – I don't have access to their books) you don't (Ron Mozer – I don't) are you interested in that (Ron Mozer – it's none of my business – I am interested in whether they respond or not – that is something I will determine through 911) you are looking at a resident that I can tell you that they don't respond (Ron Mozer – I can get those – they have given them to me in the past – I will do that again – the next council meeting, I will have that – it can be part of the discussion we have at the town hall meeting) (Pino Cianflone – and the three people will show up) let me ask this – in relationship to council business – back in July you had one meeting for the community block grant – as I recall that $307,965 – how much of that is remaining (Ron Mozer – that is 2023 money and all the money is still remaining – we don't have access to that money yet) from July (Ron Mozer – we won't have access till spring of next year – 2023 money we will not have access until 2024) all block grant work that way (Ron Mozer – yes they do – there will be public hearing when we do that as well) this is not criticism – but I know what your statement will be – but it was written in the paper – in March it reported in the paper about the Westmoreland County's Share Account – I remember reading in

the Mon Valley Independedt – I was too busy with a new administration – fine – but here would be my answer – had a financial council meeting do the paperwork (Ron Mozer – who was that) Mr. Orzechowski (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't know what you are talking about) do you think that is funny (Ron Mozer – no) what's the problem (Ron Mozer – first off – back up – in January we were broke – DCED came to me twice – not once) I don't think we were broke – as I recall (Ron Mozer – we were very broke) a very good report in January (Ron Mozer – no – no) you said we were in a positive area (Ron Mozer – first off we are talking about January 2021 – you are getting your years confused) no I'm talking about 2022 (Ron Mozer – no 2022 was when they awarded the grants for the 2021 applications) but other boroughs got the money (Ron Mozer – yes – in 2021 when the applications were due I was struggling to keep the city alive) but you have a financial councilman (pointing to Anthony Orzechowski) (Ron Mozer – all – everyone on council put their name on the list) when a person runs for council member then that council member is responsible in this case for filling out such an application (Ron Mozer – perhaps – but no one had the time to do it and it did not get done) thank you (Ted Harhai – can I say something) (Ron Mozer – just one time to the podium) (Ted Harhai – 2021 you were broke – my brother had $400,000 in a kitty – did you not meet with my brother John and ask him how much money they had right before you took office (Ron Mozer – the money was not there) (Ted Harhai – because you took) (Ron Mozer – it was not there) (Ted Harhai – you told him to take the money and pay the bills – so you don't want to hear that) (interrupted by John Nestor – motion to adjourn the meeting 7:45pm – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski) (Ted Harhai – you

don’t want to hear that) – vote 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned while Ted Harhai was still questioning the mayor.

12. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn meeting by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.