COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

6:30PM

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

PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY OF MONESSEN WILL BE HOLDING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023, AT 5:30 PM AT CITY HALL AT 575 DONNER AVENUE, MONESSEN, PA TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Ron Mozer announced there was an executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

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. THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SESSIONS OF NOVEMBER 9TH, 2023 AND THE NOVEMBER 20TH, 2023 SESSION WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE MONESSEN CITY COUNCIL AT DECEMBER 7TH, 2023 SCHEDULED MEETING.

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

Ernie Telegraphis – before I get started, was the executive session published in the newspaper (Ron Mozer – the executive session does

not have to be published – they are not open to the public) explain to me this advertising for the sale of the building next door – do you have a buyer (Ron Mozer – not yet) how much money is going to go into advertising - $2,000, $3,000, $4,000 (Ron Mozer – not that much but there is some) will we just advertise in the Mon Valley Independent (Ron Mozer – by law we have to advertise in the newspaper) just one – how are you going to get anyone from that (Ron Mozer – then we will go to the next step) what is that – will that be next year (Ron Mozer – as soon as possible) what does number "K" on page three, what is that all about (Ron Mozer – something that took place many years ago – we are trying to wind that down) wind what down (Ron Mozer – what was done) (Jospeh Dalfonso – Alumisource in 2020 was provided a redevelopment capital grant – this cooperation is required by city of law – Alumisource and Economic Group of Westmoreland County – industrial development county organization) how does Alumisource benefit from cancelling (Jospeh Dalfonso – Alumisource is still there – this is a three years old) how does this effect Monessen (Joseph Dalfonso – that is the whole purpose for this type of grant – they put money into the infrastructure for the facility down there) who gets the infrastructure (Joseph Dalfonso – Alumisource through a grant) is this what the mayor is leading to when he said there is hope for jobs (Joseph Dalfonso – this is a grant that has been here for years) is that what was behind that comment you made (Ron Mozer – no) about this industry coming in – do you have jobs coming in (Ron Mozer – this is not) they are not talking about adding any new jobs (Ron Mozer – that is not what I was talking about) all I know is this – if you are giving sweetheart deals to corporations – you have to stress that more than half of their employees are to be from Monessen – otherwise all the property and school taxes are going to where they

live – that is like shooting yourself in the foot – people in Monessen shoulder the taxes (Ron Mozer – I understand taxes quite well) why are all these major corporations have less than 5% of the employees coming from Monessen (Ron Mozer – that is not on the agenda – what else do you have on agenda items) this is part of it with Alumisource – whatever Alumisource gets out of this – they are going to add some employees and it's not going to help Monessen (Ron Mozer – you missed the point – this was done in 2020 – three years ago) you are not saying how you are going to finalize it – that's what I asked you – how is Alumisource benefiting – can you tell me who is going to benefit – we go in negotiations for what (Ron Mozer – can you answer this any better) (Joseph Dalfonso – I think it was explained adequately) (Ron Mozer – ok thank you).

Linda Lacey – I just want to go on with what Ernie said – Alumisource was sold – how can this apply (Ron Mozer – whether it was sold or not – it is still Alumisource – it's on the building) the sign may say that but it does belong to Alumisource – it belongs to Simms in Australia (Ron Mozer – Simms owns Alumisource) (Joseph Dalfonso – Alumisource is still operating) I understand under Simms – Simms is the corporate owner for Alumisource (Ron Mozer – yes) they are still going to work on it because it is still Alumisource (Ron Mozer – it has nothing to do with Alumisource – it was in 2020 and money was made available to them to do some development) but it was sold (Joseph Dalfonso – they are still going to be operating) (Ron Mozer – they are still going to be operating – they are still paying the debt) I a little bit confused (Ron Mozer – understand) Alumisource is just a name (Jospeh Dalfonso – it's a name) and Simms owns it – the grant is going on a name – I'm a little confused about that (Ron Mozer – ok) they don't know (Ron Mozer – we know quite well) I don't understand that one.

Ted Harhai - the former owner of Alumisource owns the building – He owns the building – he sold the business within the building (Ron Mozer – I believe that is correct) there is a smelter that is going to be built (Ron Mozer – this is to reinforce the building) it is for the owner of the building or for the owner of the business in the building – I understand what R-Cap is – I understand all that (Joseph Dalfonso – it was for improvement to the property – they put in concrete slabs to store aluminum – this may have happened before that transfer – like I said this was in December 2020) actually it did.

6. CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence of The Mon Valley Refuse Disposal Authority of November 6th, 2023, and November 14th, 2023, and the Correspondence of Vito C. Beneccio and Simone Stepoli. Ron Mozer - the letter from the Mon Valley Refuse Authority – for the refuse authority – a donation – person who wants to do a project at the civic center – looking for an approval.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. **REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.** Joseph Dalfonso – we talked about the Alumisource grant already – I worked with the Economic Growth of Westmoreland County to put that grant together – I am also working with the engineers on the sewage project Phase 3 D – the city needs to obtain easements from the property along the river – I participated in a tele-conference call with Cleveland Cliffs – one of the sewage lines for the city travels under one of their batteries – we have to pay attention to that – the demo letters have gone out to the property owners from the last meeting hearings.

8. **REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER.** Gerald Saksun – my report was given at the last meeting.

9. **REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.** Rosalie Nicksich – my report was given at the last meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. Mayor Mozer's Discussion of items and a status report relative to Actions taken by the City of Monessen during the period of November 9th, 2023, to November 20th, 2023, and any additional issues capable of being addressed by the City of Monessen during this time period. Ron Mozer – we have an Act 537 plan which is sewage in the city – this is about providing adequate services – it turns out there is a neighbor in the city that was done without being connected to the sewage system – this neighborhood needs to have adequate sewage provided – this is a minor problem – we need to add 135 feet of line with a manhole for a cost of about $100,000 – that includes the complete milling and paving from curb to curb – I don't see a problem with that – we will be talking about it in future meetings so we can get approval to go forward with that project – I want to talk about someone who passed away this past week, John Dudas – at the age of 92, he passed away on November 11th – that is a special day for a number of reasons – Presidents Adams and Jefferson (Donald Gregor entered the meeting and is now present) they fought like cats and dogs but in the end they were friends – they wanted to live long lives – it turns out that both of them died on the same day within hours apart – 50 years from the day on July 4th – keep in mind this country would not be what it is without them – Declaration of Independence and forming the Constitution of the United States – yet they both lived 50 years from the day and died on the same day within hours of each other – now here

we have John Dudas – he was an avid components of veterans – he was part of the historical society but he always represented the veterans – he die 50 years from the date that the veteran's day was established – that to me has significance – graduate of Monessen High School in 1950 – serve 6 years in the national guard and Korean War owned the Dudas Service Station of Monessen – worked for the PA Department of Revenue in Harrisburg – he worked as a dental associate with Doctor Dudas Dental – he was an avid skier – formed a ski club – a member of the Knight of Columbus Fourth Degree and held various offices – a member of the Epiphany of the Lord Parish – Monessen Senior Center – part of the Monessen Historical Society – I just want everyone to keep that it mind – he was strong in Monessen and I had a lot of respect for that man.

b. Proclamation of Mayor Mozer commending the Monessen Shade Tree Commission for their Celebration of Arbor Day on November 11th, 2023, and for their successful Tree Planting activities at the Anthony Madison Park on that date as a Tree City USA designee and member. See Exhibit "1". Read by Ron Mozer – Proclamation – Tree City USA – Office of the Mayor – Whereas, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a Special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Whereas, Arbor Day is not observed throughout the nation and the world, and Whereas, trees can be a solution to combatting climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and colling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, and Whereas , trees are a renewable resource

giving us paper, wood for homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and Whereas , trees --- wherever they are planted --- are a source of joy and spiritual renewal. No, therefore, I, Ron Mozer, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby proclaim November 11th as Arbor Day in the city of Monessen, PA, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland, and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Monessen to be affixed this 20th day of November 2023. Office of the Mayor Ron Mozer.

d. Discussion of Change Order No. 1 Owner and Engineers Project No. MON-2022-04 for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 3 B, Concrete Pipe Centrifugally Cast, for Municipal and Contracting Sealing Products, Inc. in the amount of $17,768.90. See Exhibit #2". Discussed earlier.

e. Discussion of a Sewer and Water Project located at 23 High and Crescent Streets in the City of Monessen, and the recommendations by our Monessen Sewer Enforcement Officer, A&J On Lot Services, as to the proper actions to take for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to approve proper sewage compliance at the site, and also appropriate engineering fees and costs for work performed at the project location. Discussed earlier.

f. Motion to appoint John Manderino to the Mon Valley Refuse Authority for the open term expiring 12/31/2024 beginning

immediately. Motion by Lois Thomas - seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

g. Motion to advertise for participation for a term on the Mon Valley Refuse Authority commencing on January 1st, 2024, and ending on December 31st, 2028. Motion by Lois Thomas - seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

h. Motion to permit the appropriate second Legal Advertising for the Sale of the Building and Property of City of Monessen located at 557 Donner Avenue in the City of Monessen. Motion by Lois Thomas - seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

i. Motion to advertise for a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the Budget and all relevant Tax Levy issues for the City of Monessen for fiscal year 2024. Motion by Lois Thomas - seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

j. Discussion of the upcoming Light Up night in the City of Monessen on November 24th, and the December 2nd Celebration of Christmas in the City and all related festivities and activities. Ron Mozer – we want to establish November 24th as the night to turn on the Christmas lights and December 2nd the parade, Santa, breakfast with Santa with the Orchard Church.

k. Motion to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County for the purposes of finalizing a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant for the Alumisource facility renovation project. Motion by Lois Thomas - seconded by John Nestor – (Donald Gregor – did I miss this – when did this come in) (Jospeh Dalfonso – this involves a redevelopment grant for Alumisource received in December 2020 – the host municipality has to enter in an agreement with the

cooperation grant) (Donald Gregor – first I heard of this) (Joseph Dalfonso – the first for us too) (Donald Gregor – you present it tonight and we have to vote on it tonight) (Ron Mozer – no – we were approached by the individual that wants to close this grant out – he wants to pay it off – we are part of this agreement so we have to be formally part of it – that's right) (Jospeh Dalfonso – that's correct) (Ron Mozer – he received his money in 2020 – he did his project – everything he as supposed to do – every year we receive these notifications that it is to be paid – the city was on the hook at the same time – this pays off the grant) (Donald Gregor – I would have just like to read this ahead of time) (Lois Thomas – does this have to be done at this meeting – can we vote next meeting) (Jospeh Dalfonso – that is up to the council) (Donald Gregor – is this just to close out the grant – no liability on our part of it) (Joseph Dalfonso – yes - I worked with their solicitor to make sure the proper amendment was in there) (Donald Gregor – this ends our responsibility) (Joseph Dalfonso – as long as everything is filed correctly – they are making sure of that) (Donald Gregor – ok – that's all I want to know) (Ron Mozer – this is just one of the steps in the process) vote 5 – 0.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance.

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $64,718.59. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $143.25 All invoices are attached to

this Agenda as Attachment "B." Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $1,047.04. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment C". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $11,846.78. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "D". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

e. Motion to pay retired Employee Health Benefits in the amount of $8,951.96. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0.

f. Motion to pay Mon Valley Hospital $169.62 for services rendered. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0. (Rosalie Nicksich – was that the invoice from April 2022) (Ron Mozer – yes, it is) (Donald Gregor – what was that for) (Ron Mozer – one of our employees went to the hospital and did not have his debt card with him so he accrued a bill – it should have been paid with the debit card – it took us that long to figure it all out)

Account balances – American Rescue $237,613.26 – debt service $1,121,863.36 – fire escrow $21,076.62 – grant $88,908.07 – refuse $69,920.37 – line usage $752,307.61 – liquid fuels

$140,009.88 – payroll $4,830.94 - park $4,795.79 – recreation $3,875.84 – healthcare $2,929.84 – general $444,619.97.

Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for the month ending October 31, 2023. Lois Thomas – got garbage twice a week – cold patched several streets – repaired 3 catch basins and cleaned out several more – ran the sweeper through the month – put up signs – marked 65 PA One Calls – blocked off Rebecca steps from Lenawee to Rebecca – helped parts department as needed.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending October 31, 2023, 2023. John Nestor – police department receipts for the month of October 2023 – parking fines and forfeits $50.00 – miscellaneous collection – copies of police accident reports $345.00 – restitution $34.44 – total miscellaneous collection $379.44 – court receipts from district justice office – vehicle code fines collected $644.75 – crime code fines collected $356.50 – city ordinance collected $2.14 – code enforcement collected $100.00 – total receipt from district justice office $1,103.39 – total receipts collected for October 2023 $1,532.83 – total citations for October 2023 72 – year-to-date 981.

Mon Valley EMS report for the month of October – emergency calls 120 – fire standbys 12 – refer 1 – total incidents 133.

Monessen Municipal fire Chief Report – October 2023 – vehicle accident 3 – structure fires 2 – tree down calls 1 – natural gas leaks 3 – medical assist 1 – automatic fire alarms 7 – false alarm 1

– landing zone 1 – public service 1 – electrical fire 2 – gasoline spill 2 – calls outside the city – automatic alarm Rostraver Township 1 – structure fire Washington Township 1 – total calls 26 – total firefighters 253 – firefighters per call 9.73 – total man hours 264 – firefighters have installed 20 smoke detectors so far, if you are interested the number to call is 724-684-7833 please leave a message.

Code activity report for October 2023 – habitation permit 12 – correction letters 21 – animal complaints 10 total, 7 racoon, 1 dog, 2 rats – misc. complaints 30 – health inspection 3 – office meetings with residents 5 – citations issued 5 – hearings 2 – building permits 4 – zoning permits 7 – misc. complaints on grass, noise, abandoned vehicles and homes.

The municipal fire chief is working on a list of line items to be handed to the CFO. (Donald Gregor – what line items) We currently have money for both uptown and downtown and they are giving the CFO a list of items. We want to make sure we use the American Rescue money to pay for those items. (Donald Gregor – if they turn in that list and then something comes up like a vehicle repair, we can't use the money for that instead) (Anthony Orzechowski – there is no certain way the money can be spend – we just asked for a list – you mentioned repairs and whatever needs to be done – we want a list so we have everything totaled so we know how much money we have – just in case they come back on the American Rescue fund and asked what did you do for this) (Donald Gregor – I know what we put in but if all of a sudden I have emergency repairs on a truck I will not be able to use the money for original item so can I still use the money) (Anthony Orzechowski – I can't answer that because you are asking a hypothetical) (Joseph Dalfonso – you are asking about

the list of equipment you may need and if something else comes up – I think you would be able to use the money for the repair instead) (Donald Gregor – so we can amend it) (Anthony Orzechowski – of course – I just want to have a list) (Donald Gregor – I just wanted to double check because that scenario just occurred – we just have a vehicle go out of service – looks like it will require at least $15,000 in repairs – we sent something else in) (Anthony Orzechowski – I officially don't have anything yet – so it will work out) (Donald Gregor – the bill would be closer to $40,000 if we get everything fixed) (Linda Lacey – one of the fire trucks) (Donald Gregor – yes) (Linda Lacey – buy a new one) (Donald Gregor – if you have $330,000 on you, we would be glad to do that) (Linda Lacey – I donate to the fire department) (Donald Gregor – I believe you do – so we can amend it if we need to) (Anthony Orzechowski – absolutely) (Donald Gregor – ok – I want to get it into you – we voted on it and now this came up) (Anthony Orzechowski – the ball is in your court) (Donald Gregor – it always is – I have a question, you said that American Rescue money there is $237,000 plus – is that ear marked for anything) (Anthony Orzechowski – no – wait the money we are giving to the fire departments are coming out of that) (Donald Gregor – so you will have $200,000 – anything else with the money) (Anthony Orzechowski – that is something that is open to decide from the council – what is the best way to use it) (Donald Gregor – this may be for the solicitor – can we use that money to fix roads) (Ron Mozer – one of the things we have been talking about for a long time – we already used some of that money for that and we would like to use more) (Donald Gregor – we had that conversation about Evergreen – that would be $67,000 to do it properly – that would help out all of Monessen) (Joseph Dalfonso

– there was a revised final rule about a month ago that I need to take a look at) (Donald Gregor – that is what I am asking you – if you can take a look into that and get back with us – thank you)

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

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending October 31st, 2023. Donald Gregor – picked up leaves throughout the parks – picked up litter and got garbage in the parks – fixed a few broken picnic tables – winterized all the park's bathrooms and concession stands – helped the streets department as needed.

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

Ted Harhai – when I had mentioned about the properties that were built on the old high school and junior high you made a comment – because you were talking about Serenity Farms – Westmoreland Community Action built those – you made a comment – I did not know anything about your project – but that was a nice project – I was on the board at the time – also on the board was Dotty Staffen – it worked out well – we borrowed that thought from Jeanette – you made a comment and it was negative (Ron Mozer – I never said that) ok – I never said a negative thing about Linden Park – I just asked something about it after the meeting – I just found out 3 days ago – on your post it thing – you did not post this – Matt Huron posted an attack letter – I would like to read it (Ron Mozer – what does this have to do with Monessen) I would like to read it (Ron Mozer – I have read

that already – I am not interested in hearing it again – please ask your question that you want the council to be part of) did all the council read it (Joseph Dalfonso – was it on Facebook) they never mentioned Facebook (Joseph Dalfonso – where was this posted) on Ron's post (Joseph Dalfonso – on Facebook) I don't believe – I don't do Facebook – it says on Ron's post of meeting – posted right after that (Ron Mozer – there is nothing council can do about that) if I can't read it, I have copies if anybody would like to see it – it's amazing because I am such a bad guy (handed out to council) – if you read this, why did you not comment on it (Ron Mozer – I read it – I did not see a need for me to participate in it) (Anonymous – this is Facebook) (Ron Mozer – again does it pertain to business, responsibilities, statues, ordinances) I will be quick – this is a scum person (Ron Mozer – this has nothing to do with – regardless of what he says) did we have an agreement to break ground with them (Ron Mozer – no we did not) that is not what he said (Ron Mozer – the redevelopment authority is working with him – that has nothing to do with the city) but you have to vote and approve it (Ron Mozer – no) the redevelopment authority can not do something without you voting on it (Ron Mozer – they own the property – they don't need our vote) (Anonymous – they are a separate authority and they can do whatever they want) that is not a good thing because there is going to be a special deal here on Linden and he said another place – I'm not sure where it is – I was just concerned about it – I thought you would comment on that – that is not a guy you want to do business with (Ron Mozer – that has nothing to do with the city) can you do talk to the redevelopment authority (Ron Mozer – no – you can go to the redevelopment authority meeting with me and we can talk with them – that has nothing to do with us) this

does – this was in the paper about the meeting (Ron Mozer – that has nothing to do with us) one thing said I mocked Lois – I did not mock her (Ron Mozer – you very much mocked her) I just went like that (put his hand in the air) – I looked at heaven like I do (Ron Mozer – ok fine) sensationalize thing (Ron Mozer – let's not get into that – it is an editorial that was written by someone else) I think Joe Dalfonso being a part of it has something to do with it – they sensationalize things when we do them but down play things when you do them (Ron Mozer – comments on items for business here - that is between you and the newspaper) simple dignity – that's what you asked for – that's not what they did (Ron Mozer – thank you)

Pino Cianflone – since I mentioned Montraver Drive and the blacktop – do you think they can put the arrows back on – they did not paint the yellow lines either – Mr. Nestor you were not here at the last meeting and whenever you made the comments on the garbage at the school – that was your job, that was his job, that was his job – that is not our job – we do not do businesses or industrial – I don't know what your job is – when you first took office – I remember you had a bible and your wife and kid and you put your hand to the bible (John Nestor – and the constitution too) and the constitution too – how about you abide by (John Nestor – I think I'm doing a good job – I wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving) I don't think you are doing a very good job – let me finish – I think you think you are talking to your king (John Nestor – I thank you for coming down here – thank you) the job (John Nestor – thank you) (Anthony Orzechowski – keep it on track – keep it civilized – if this does not stop this will end right here and now – everybody is going to be frustrated are we are done – I am asking you to please) I just want him to know (Anthony

Orzechowski – it does not matter) it does matter to me (Anthony Orzechowski – then lets keep it to yourself- I'm asking you please) that's not a problem with me – I'm a pretty straight guy – when it come to a situation – when you walk around with a bible – then you should do what is right by the bible (Ron Mozer – let's get back on track) I said what I had to say – I wanted to asked on the November 9th meeting did you talk with anyone from the Cleveland Cliff about the dirt and dust and equipment (Ron Mozer – the dirt and dust and equipment) you know how that make all that dust – you have to talked to anyone about that (Ron Mozer – I talked with them but I did not talk with them about that – but I will make a note and talk about it) that is why I brought it up before – being they have billions of dollars at least they can take care of Monessen – what progress have you made with the viaduct bridge (Ron Mozer – let's be very clear about this – the state has assigned a company to do an inspection of the bridge – we asked the city to go in and fixed the potholes) are you going to fix the potholes (Ron Mozer – we will fix them to the specifications set aside by the company they have assigned to inspect it) ok – on Grand Blvd and Marion – I have not notice any repairs (Ron Mozer – I have not – is that where they were doing the sewer work) Grand Blvd and Marion to Rostraver line – I did not notice any repair to be done in the last two weeks (Ron Mozer – I don't have anything on that) I hope you take some action on that (Ron Mozer – I will say first off that USDA and PennVest do not do roads – that was made very clear to me – they fund sewer work – they will fix what they dig up – the water company has been working with the city to do curb to curb restoration) I'm not sure which one is doing a better job – I'm not looking for who is at fault – I know they have to repair the road – the roads in

Monessen are terrible – I know I talked to the Chief of Police about the drugs in Monessen – is there any deal, task force (Ron Mozer – there is very much a task force) what is your plan on drugs (Ron Mozer – they have a plan – it is confidential – that is between the police on what they are doing) there was a problem with drugs at the school (Ron Mozer – they follow through all the leads they get) do you mean they follow through – do the ask for help from the sheriff's office of Westmoreland County (Ron Mozer – yes they do when they have to) do they call the attorney general (Ron Mozer - if they have to) (John Nestor – I want to go back to the school – there was not an issue at the school with drugs – it was an inspection – right chief – there was not a drug problem – it was a routine stop inspection – the police chief did an inspection of lockers – a random check) two months ago a high school football player got busted with drugs – this has nothing to do with the school (John Nestor – I don't recall – I can't comment on that) we have to keep up on all this – the Monessen kids – I don't have any – I pay alot of taxes for them – I think they need to make sure Monessen is clean so kids can go to school there and not have Central Catholic take your kids – did Monessen police receive any grants in the past three years from Los Angeles (Ron Mozer – yes but from the state) check back in your records – I'm not sure about this but if (Ron Mozer – what is the question you have for the city) I will tell you one more time if you don't cut into me when I am talking – has Monessen received any money in the past three years for drug participation (Ron Mozer – I said yes) from who (Ron Mozer – from the state) (Joseph Dalfonso – are you asking about the Opioid settlement) yes (Joseph Dalfonso – the city did not qualify – they do not have enough residents – that is a federal lawsuit based on the number of residents in the city – we

did not qualify for that lawsuit) they collected money at one time (Joseph Dalfonso – those are DCCP issues – totally different) but they did collect money for two years – now you say you are getting from the state (Chief Yuhasz - $186,000 I think) I'll take your word for it – you said Monessen's speed limit is 27 or 25 miles per hour (Ron Mozer – default to 25) whenever I listen to the news – let's talk about Dravosburg – they should have had a stop sign, police – that is going to happen on Montraver – no police – no signs – they speed through there – cars going the wrong way – the same assholes that have been doing it for five years (Ron Mozer – we understand the point, the question, thank you) I'm not done – I'm not done dude (Ron Mozer – next) who is in charge of the street lighting on Parente and Tyrol Blvd. (Ron Mozer – West Penn has the street lights – we pay the bill) I talked with someone they said it is the responsibility of Monessen (Ron Mozer – we do not provide electricity – we do not provide the street lights – they provide the lights – we are responsible for the bill) I called West Penn Power and asked the same question – they said Monessen is responsible for the pole and the lights (Ron Mozer – news to me – we are not authorized to be on their poles – we do not have linemen – we don't have equipment – I talk to them all the time – I have no idea) you might check with them (Ron Mozer – I will check with them – I know the answer) on 6th Street – up the hill to the old school – half the hillside is down – it will come onto the road (Ron Mozer – can we hold off on paving your street and fix the wall) if that what you need to do to fix it – you do it asshole – is that how you are going to answer – yes you are an asshole (Ron Mozer – the city has tons of money) do your damn job and don't be an asshole.

Larry and Sharon Briggs – we are purchasing a property on 23 High Street – the owners are hooking up to public sewage – do you have any idea when it will be completed – we sold our home and have now have nowhere to go – we may be homeless (Ron Mozer – we need to get ahold of the SEO – sewer executive officer that came up and said that we have to put that line in – ask him if you could occupy the house as long as it takes us to build the system out to you – you may be able to live in that house while they are doing the work) what is the time frame normally (Ron Mozer – we just discuss this earlier tonight – it will go to a council meeting next time – it will probably take months (John Nestor – can we put it on our special meeting) (Ron Mozer - we have to write the specifications – we have to get it out for bid – it will take months – I know you do not have months – what I would suggest) (Michael Korposh – he is coming tomorrow – we can talk with him about the issue – we talked about that – after we get some information from the solicitor – we can get more information – we want to help) (Ron Mozer – we are not discouraging anyone from moving here – we will help) we are really excited about moving to Monessen – we are closing on December 22nd and the people who are buying our house really want in there (Ron Mozer – Mike will be in contact with the SEO and get something in writing about how this will transpire – the selling and the buyer) Dane is ready to do the work – local plumber – if he gets started on – it can be done in a couple of weeks (Ron Mozer - I understand we have to have a manhole to connect to – you can put your line in completely to the manhole – we are trying to build a system to not only to handle your property but all the properties up there) I know the seller is paying for this – they will have to put the money in escrow – if we

move in – it may be hard to get the money – we are nervous about moving in – are we talking three months (Ron Mozer – I believe that is about right) ground breaking to competition (Ron Mozer – about a week) four weeks to make a decision (Ron Mozer – I think we can make a decision in a few weeks) thanks for helping us out.

Linda Lacey – the couple that is leaving – they live on High Street – how many houses on High Street and how many do not have sewage and for how long (Ron Mozer – since they were built – about 40 years ago) they have not gotten a sewer bill (Ron Mozer – they do not get a sewer bill but they pay a line sewage fee) that's different (Ron Mozer – that is – that particular house has a sept tank on it) if every house has a septic tank on it – did they know they were not connected to city sewers (Ron Mozer – the previous owner agreed to provide the connection to the public sewer system – but the sale is taking place before that so they want money in escrow to that care of it) (Joseph Dalfonso – what happened is there was an issue with their septic tank that was on their property – the septic tank needs replaced and the area was not large enough based on the new standard to replace the septic tank – there septic system has an issue and cannot be repaired) (Ron Mozer – most of the houses on High Street are connected – some are not – we are tying to put in a way so they can be connected) ok – what cost is it through the city to do that (Ron Mozer – it will be through line usage money) our line usage is paying for something that should have been done 40 years ago (Ron Mozer – wake up – that is what the line usage fund is used for – repairing lines that have been in for the past 40 to 50 years) I'm confused (Donald Gregor – at one time it was legal to do what they are doing – some of them are actually going down in the

mines and some have septic systems – the DEP does not like that – a lot of these people are finding out when they do to sell their home, they have to fix that – the DEP is requiring them to go into the system – it was legal to do that at the time but now it is not) so we are using our line usage to pay for something that was legal 40 years ago but is not legal anymore – we have to pay for it now (Donald Gregor – yes – the DEP says too bad – you have to do it) getting back to Alumisource on the agenda – I'm confused – it was not your administration that signed it (Ron Mozer – that is correct) that held the city liable – why did we not know about it in 2020 when the transaction occurred (Ron Mozer – I did not know about it until a couple of months ago – I wish I knew about it when I took office) Alumisource was sold February 2021 – this agreement was done 2020 – so who control's that grant, is it Alumisource or Simms who owns Alumisource – we are not dealing with a corporation – we are dealing with a name (Joseph Dalfonso – the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland) they gave the money to Alumisource – is that right (Joseph Dalfonso – I think you are getting hung up on the ownership) if you buy the company - you buy everything (Joesph Dalfonso – you buy everything – the debts and everything) so why are we involved in it (Joseph Dalfonso – part of this grant required an agreement with the host municipality) city of Monessen get money from that (Joseph Dalfonso – no – it benefits the company that is operating in the city) why would the city put the city on the line when they are not benefiting from it (Joseph Dalfonso – they are not putting the city on the line for this) you just said we are liable if they don't do what they have to do (Jospeh Dalfonso – adequate protection is in this agreement that protects the city) now – but it wasn't before (Joseph Dalfonso – it has to be

implemented) what if it is not (Joseph Dalfonso – it was implemented – I am not understanding your question) you said you amended the contract (Joseph Dalfonso – no there was no contract – that was the problem – we had to enter into a contract) I'm not an attorney and I don't know who this went through (Joseph Dalfonso – I don't either) (Donald Gregor – this had to be authorized with the city – I don't recall any of this – would someone had to have signed off on that – can we found out who signed it) (Joseph Dalfonso – this was presented to the city – we contacted the group out of Westmoreland County – after the fact – we made sure everything is in line – I think the city is protected) when you go into an agreement to fix whatever this is (Jospeh Dalfonso – we can look at the other side of things – we are not going to do anything for businesses that operate in town – but that does not make much sense either – there was an issue – it is getting resolved) yes but we the public should know that (Joseph Dalfonso – you know that now) yes now – we should have know about it before and when it gets fixed we should know about it (Ron Mozer – the funny part of this whole story – we would get this notice saying the payment needs to be made – what do we have to do with this – the next thing you know it was paid – we finally found out that this was an r-cap by Alumisource – so one day Gabe Hudock walks in and says he wants to pay this off – he wants to pay off the r-cap – fantastic – that means we won't get the notices – everything will be fine – in order for this to be completed we must get this agreement in place) instead we paid (Ron Mozer – it's already done) then we lost money (Joseph Dalfonso – this is not costing the city any money) (Ron Mozer – it never did) then what are you paying (Ron Mozer – we never paid anything – he paid the state – the state matched the funds – he

did his improvements) why were we involved (Ron Mozer – that is what we never understood until Gabe came in a few months ago and said he wants to pay this – wow this is new – why are you coming to us) right (Ron Mozer – he said I had an agreement with the city to do this) (Joseph Dalfonso – there are certain monies available to industrial businesses – they improve their infrastructure) I'm well aware of that (Joseph Dalfonso – they expand – they create jobs – that's the whole point of these funds) ok I understand how a cooperative grant works – I just don't understand how we did not know that (Ron Mozer – I wish I knew too) ok I have one more question to Mr. Nestor – it's a safety concern – their has to be some streets lights on 9th Street going to Knox – tonight coming to this meeting if I did not put my high beams on, I would have hit someone – there are lights on part of 9th Street but on the big hill by Reed Avenue it is pitch black – there was a street light at the end of Knox when you come down the hill – I have one other question, the Serenity that is doing the Linden project over on Linden – is it going to be residential or is it going to be rehab facilities (Ron Mozer – from what I understand it is going to be residential but I don't know more than that) when will you know (Ron Mozer – when he goes to the redevelopment authority and explains it to them) we don't want rehabs popping up all over Monessen – we need to know because there are a lot of kids over in that neighborhood – we need to know what he is putting over there (Ron Mozer – he is not doing protection aid – he is not doing county supported – it will be low cost homes – that is what he is trying to build) my recollection – I've been around for a long time – there is no affordable house – what do you mean by affordable housing – we had this conversation before – there is no such thing as affordable housing – unless you

are going to build the house and rent it until you pay it off – from what I understand the national price to build a house is over $250,000 – so to me that is not low income housing – all these grants that we have – we have had discussions on how to make them affordable – it can't (Ron Mozer – these are not questions that we can answer here today – anyway)

Ernie Telegraphis – lets get back to Alumisource – who was the one who did this – you said the last administration – who was that Matt Shorraw (Ron Mozer – it was the mayor) was it him or the city that did it (Ron Mozer – I have no idea) you don't have the paper (Ron Mozer – no – I do not) so you guys done business without anything written down (Ron Mozer – we did not conduct the business – you have to get that first through your head) the city did – why is the city getting involved now – your stepping up (Ron Mozer – they asked to pay it off) (Joseph Dalfonso – Ernie – we have established that – we answered your question already – it is required for the grant) I understand that - I am not challenging that – I'm challenging why we have to go to bat to do something that the previous administration did or the previous owner (Joseph Dalfonso – let me ask you this – why would you want to penalize a business that is currently operating down there) all these businesses on the river bank are making millions of dollars and pay less taxes (Jospeh Dalfonso – they are entitled to file these applications – Alumisource did) by you fulfilling that segment then Alumisource will be able to acquire funds (Joseph Dalfonso – they already have) are they acquiring more funds (Ron Mozer – no this is to pay it off) (Joseph Dalfonso – this grant is three years old already) (Ron Mozer – they got the money – they spent it – this is a matching grant and now they want to pay it off) but Matt Shorraw was not alone – it took three out of five

members (Ron Mozer – I have no idea) so the other two members – I know Tony had to be one of them (Donald Gregor – I don't remember) (Lois Thomas – I'll be honest with you, I was here and I don't remember) I'm not blaming you (Donald Gregor – I was here) (Lois Thomas – I was here) you don't know nothing about this – I don't know how secrecy keeps coming up (Ron Mozer – we are tying to handle this and put an end to it) the bottom line is you people got to step up and help the Monessen people (Ron Mozer – that is exactly what we are doing) I don't know – you guys have sweetheart deals here (Ron Mozer – no sweetheart deals here) another report is – what happened to the boat launch I asked about – the boat launch is a time bomb that might go – especially if we have a bad winter – it will push the whole thing out – then what (Anonymous – the Corp of Engineers have to get involved) yes at the cost of Monessen (Ron Mozer – we have put nothing out) nothing out – you use the facilities (Ron Mozer – we have no money budgeted for the boat launch) are you getting money from Ward (Ron Mozer – yes - $250,000 I hope) $250,000 – would that be liable for repairing roads or would that be for something else (Ron Mozer – I believe it is committed) committed – so we are not getting any to address the basic functions of city government (Ron Mozer – city functions – yes) how much money do we have right now – to end the year 2023 – are we still in the red $190,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – we are in the black) how did you turn the $190,000 in the red and now we are in the black (Anthony Orzechowski – you asked for today) 2023 the end – where do we stand minus $190,000 – go hire (Anthony Orzechowski – probably somewhere around $80,000) where is the additional money coming from (Anthony Orzechowski – there is still the possible sale of the building) this building is not going to

sell (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm not banking on it – probably about $180,000) so we will going with $180,000 on January 1st (Anthony Orzechowski – I'll be carrying something over to be paid in 2024) I'm just trying to get answers – one last thing – believe it or not – I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Pino Cianflone - if they apply for a grant for the boat launch – where will they apply (Anthony Orzechowski – I believe the conversation from last meeting was we were waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers to get back) (Donald Gregor – it is the Army Corp of Engineers – you can not do anything without them – Mike has been trying to get ahold of them to have a meeting and it just has not happened)

Ed Lefevre – Tony you mentioned – I was looking at that article back in October at a meeting where you said $192,000 plus deficit and now you are saying $180,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – yes – it can fluctuate a little) let me ask you this – when did the financial picture change for Monessen – when it get into a $192,000 – let me inject something else – in the previous year you did a good job with $131,000 being carried over into this year (Ron Mozer – three things happened) (Anthony Orzechowski – I remember two things that happened last year – I'll give those and if you have another one you can give that – one there was $192,000 from the finish of the sale for the Health Center – two were able to, Marvin was able to secure $93,0000 for the telephone poles – they went around and were digging up and changing the telephone poles – that was huge – that went right to us – there was no secret – it went right to the police MMO we owed at the end of the year – that's where all that money went – we were able to with the help of council together with their work we were able to have about $160,000 in the black – this year we don't have those two big

revenues that helped) when did you know this (Anthony Orzechowski – when did I know what – I knew all year that we will not have that money – noting spectacular was happening – if we would have sold the building for $60,000 – ok – that would go towards our deficit – at the end of the year if we take out the balance we owe on the MMO, about $211,000 – we should come out about $70,000 or $80,000 in the black – that is to the end of the year – hopefully everything will be paid off except that – what you would saw about $170,000 to $180,000 what you would call a deficit – we do not have the complete funds to pay the MMO) that was my next question (Anthony Orzechowski – what I am looking to do – we have applied for a TAN note – the first of the year – we get our TAN note – hope to god – right mayor) (Ron Mozer – yes) (Anthony Orzechowski – we take the balance minus what we have left and pay that MMO off – that's just the way it is - there is nothing I can do about it – I don't make these figures up) I understand that (Anthony Orzechowski – so we won't have any finance charges – we are looking to have a check cut on December 31 to pay that MMO) the same article Mayor Mozer said he and Mr. Korposh met with Kim Ward and they were helping – looking for state help for Monessen looking for $3 million alone to satisfy the MMO – is that still in process (Ron Mozer – that is still in process – at that time, we said it would take time to get that together to accomplish) I see – let me ask this – each year does the city have to make exactly $400,000 to the MMO (Ron Mozer – if varies from year to year based upon retirements) (Anthony Orzechowski – next year it drops to $360,000) what is this years obligation (Anthony Orzechowski - $400,00 plus) so we are going into the end of the year not caught up (Anthony Orzechowski – that right) why not (Anthony Orzechowski – we don't have the

money – at the end of the day when you pay all the bills) let me ask – I may be wrong because I did not get a copy of the auditor report in August – since I don't have a copy but didn't he ask the city to put aside monies (Ron Mozer – absolutely) what happened (Ron Mozer – no money to put aside) (Anthony Orzechowski – no money to put aside) if I get a social security payment and I take 10 cents out of it and put it aside (Ron Mozer – that right – if we put that dollar aside we will not be able to pay our police, pay our road department, we won't pay for something – we are spending every penny we got to fund the city) let me ask you this – how about the businesses along with river like the coke plant – are they paying their fair share (Ron Mozer – they are paying their taxes – they are paying employment taxes, state taxes – whatever they should be – are the paying at the same rate as everyone else – we can not just change that) you would think a business not like a home owner would contribute much more tax base of the city – Ron how many businesses are there in the city (Ron Mozer – about 80) I don't want to go one with this – let me ask you another question – do you plan ahead for this MMO (Ron Mozer – absolutely – it is in the budget) it is – monthly (Anthony Orzechowski – it does not work like you have 17 cookie jar and this goes here and this goes here – because it does not work that way) (Ron Mozer – a truck may break down) (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm sure you will get a copy of the budget when we finalize it next week) the mayor says that is flexible – that budget I was told was always in flux (Ron Mozer – there is a budget we must file by the end of the year) I was asking you some time ago about the budget – you said it's in flux – there is nothing – no definitive budget (Anthony Orzechowski – let me put it to you this way – Pino made a comment about Senator Ward and people

have made other comments – I'm not being derogatory – let me make my point – my point is and we have had discussions about this, all of us – I have driven the budget to be practical – if I have this much money – if someone says we heard – there might be this grant – so what – I don't waste my time on it – I do not put it into consideration until I get it – it's in my hand – it's worthless to me – just like when you said compartmentalizing – year ago and I am not going to follow anybody – it does not make a difference what happened in the past – you remember coming to the meetings – I had an argument and fought real hard even with my council members because I wanted a separate account for the refuse money – I felt the refuse, when you pay your garbage it only should go to garbage – it does not go to anybody else – it does not go to a payroll – it goes nowhere – I hope my colleagues think that it has been hopefully successful – that is where we pay our refuse out of – it is able to maintain by what the refuse authority needs – what the next bill is going to be to pay that – but I can't do that for everything – I wish I could take a small chunk of what we have accumulated in debt service which is $1.1 million right now – we have an invoice right now for $300,000 and another $74,000 to be paid for the next meeting – we have watched what we have done – a separate line item – it only goes there – just like the library – it looks sometime to a lot of people that there is a big bundle of cash here) I've not thought that (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm not saying you did but some people think there is a big bundle of cash but you can not rob Peter to pay Paul – to do something else – it is wrong – it is injustice – I'm not going to do it because I'm the CFO) you are not going to take money out to pay other bills (Anthony Orzechowski – no – our bills – what you see $144,000 is the general fund – that pays

payroll and day to day bills – I do not take or will council allow me to take money from somewhere else to do that – trust me – you can ask the mayor or anybody else – but at the end of the year we are not taking American Rescue money to pay something) I'm not faulting you for this statement – I understand what you are saying – last year around this time – this was a reasonable statement because the mayor was very proud of you for going into the black – you made the statement – my goal three years from now is that I give back $1 million back to the tax payers – now you have two years (Anthony Orzechowski – absolutely – I'll stand by that – is it going to happen – I don't know – does the rest of council want that to happen – probably not but I can make that statement personally – because I have a goal to try to do something right for the citizens – will I be able to obtain it – I can't tell you that) if you don't obtain that – what will you argument be (Anthony Orzechowski – my argument is nothing – I tried – I failed – I tried my best – would you rather me try something) I would rather you not tell me – when the time is up you said guess what Ed, I saved you $1 million – wouldn't that be a great Christmas present – let me ask one more thing and I will stop – the Municipal Pension Reporting program – MMO is guess – I looked it up and these are the counties, cities and boroughs – I'm looking under Monessen City – it has assets and liabilities – minimum distressed – the figure reported from 2023 – Monessen City assets over $7 million – liabilities $9 million – so the difference is $2 million – so we are distressed aren't we – will that ever be brought up (Anthony Orzechowski – yes but not in our life time – wait) how do these other ones not fall in the same (Ron Mozer – yes there are many that have fallen into it) there is maybe six per page (Anthony Orzechowski – it won't happen in our life time – none of us will be

alive – we are talking 20 some years – 20 to 25 years) but it took that much – that many years to get that way (Ron Mozer – yes we know) (Anthony Orzechowski – if you go back a couple of administrations ago – they took bonds out to pay for the fire department, the police department, the library and everything else – those bonds were 40 year bonds – 40 years the city was going to be in debt – all over $700,000 to $800,000 for one and over $300,000 for the other one – if you take that money out and say a miracle happened and it got paid off – that is income for debt service the city does not have to pay out – that leaves more taxpayer money – it's not a debt anymore – that debt is there and it will be there for a long time – when are grandchildren are grown – when that is paid off – yes – the city will be on a big rebound and the city will have a lot of money to work with) are we not obligated with this loan for the sewage – another 40 year loan (Anthony Orzechowski – that is manageable – we do get income) but if you add that up and another loan from the state for $3.4 million to fund the MMO – that is another debt (Ron Mozer – we are running around and around in a circle – so can we try to wrap this up) this is really intriguing – you said what you would do is save us $4 million over the next 20 years – what are we talking abut there (Ron Mozer – that is if we could finance the MMO) and you would save $4 million and your are borrowing $3 million (Anthony Orzechowski – we are not borrowing anything) (Ron Mozer – we were trying to do something – we do not have a deal set up) what if it falls through (Ron Mozer – nothing is done).

12. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn meeting by John Nestor at 8:40 pm – seconded by Lois Thomas – vote 5 – 0.