COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

December 14, 2023

6:30PM

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

An Executive Session of the City of Monessen Council was held on December 12th, 2023, in City Hall, Office of the Mayor, 575 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062 to discuss Personnel matters.

Ron Mozer announces the executive session was held on December 12, 2023, to discuss personnel matters.

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

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON LOIS THOMAS, MEMBER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL, MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA. Opening prayer offered by Ron Mozer.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, AND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2023. Motion to approve minutes of three previous sessions by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

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

Ernie Telegraphis – we got about 10 boards we are looking for people – you are not putting down how many people you are looking for each board – how many people are on the boards (Ron Mozer – it varies with each board – will that determine if you are going to respond) yes (Ron Mozer – why – if you are interested in the board please respond) then you say you are going to advertise – are you going to advertise 10 times or put it all together in one big display ad (Ron Mozer – it will be one big display) who much is this (Michael Korposh - I can get you a cost for that tomorrow) you put ads in all the time – how much ballpark do you think (Michael Korposh - $380) $380 (Michael Korposh – I can get you the exact figure tomorrow) all these board members you are going to fill – do they start January, February, March (Ron Mozer – we are hoping to get all the people that apply by the end of the year) this year (Ron Mozer – let me finish – the council will interview and discuss and get everything together for the first meeting in January – not the reorganization meeting – the first regular meeting – we would announce the boards) so I can put my name on two of these (Ron Mozer – absolutely) what date is this board meeting, the first meeting in January (Jospeh Dalfonso – the second Thursday of the month) ok

Pino Cianflone – I pay my taxes here in the city – where are the minutes of our meeting – I don't see them here – I haven't seen them the last three months (Ron Mozer – they are published on line) you don't pass them out (Michael Korposh – we were asked because of cost to try to utilize the electronic means to get them to you – if someone would request a copy I can get you a copy) I would like to have a copy (Michael Korposh – so that's three) I have a second question – how much does it cost to advertise and I know you are on a budget - $10,000 budget right now for whatever method you use to advertise – probably the newspaper – there is a $10,000 line item

– correct – on this past budget right now (Ron Mozer – right – what is the question – I don't understand) $10,000 money can be spent (Ron Mozer – all year long) yes – that is the question Ernie asked (Ron Mozer – and we replied about $380 for the ad) (Michael Korposh – the exact figure for this filing will go in tomorrow) because there is a $10,000 allowance – (talking to Ron Mozer) why do you always have that computer open – are you talking to someone on that – why don't you close that and just be able to talk with us (Ron Mozer – I am pushing it to face book live) oh (Anthony Orzechowski – Pino – here this what you are asking for) (Anthony Orzechowski handed Pino his copy of the minutes from the last three meetings) instead of him printing them you can have mine) thank you I appreciate it.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Ron Mozer – we received a few applicants for the refuse authority and the sewage authority – we are still receiving them in as we speak.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. **REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.** Joseph Dalfonso – the contractor for Phase 3C that was awarded last month has turned in all contract documents, insurance and bonds – everything was in order – the USDA approved everything – a notice to proceed was issued today – I am working with WEC engineers for Phase 3D that's in the works – it is regarding the railroad crossing where the sewage lines run underneath – none right now exists with the city – we are working to correct that – Charleroi Bank formally approved the proposal for the 2024 TAN Note - $500,000 loan 6.5% fixed interest rate – it is payable beginning in May – it will be paid as 30% of the city's taxes per month – it will be remitted to the bank for payment – on the December 28th meeting there will be a resolution for council to vote on along with the

note for the TAN note itself – a couple months ago I was talking about looking at the city street opening ordinance – there is a house bill that is in committee right now – it is a big push from the utility companies to have a uniform street restoration across the state – they want the state to push the PennDOT standards to municipalities – that means restoration of the lane they were working on unless they cross for trenches for so many feet – like I said it is still in committee – we may want to reach out to our local state elected officials to voice their opposition to it – the Demo hearing that was held on November 9th – no appeals were made so the city can sign off – the city can do the documentation for those – on tonight's agenda the ordinances for budget and tax levy are on here but they have to wait until the 28th because the legal ad specified December 28th.

8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

Gerald Saksun – garbage fees and city real estate taxes collected for month of November 2023 – garbage fee current - November $10,275.00 – year-to-date $356,5334.00 – 2023 budget $325,587.00 – delinquent – November $4,860.00 – year-to-date $59,769.68 – 2023 budget $80,780.00 – amount collected by Portnoff – November $3,145.00 – year-to-date $21,874.09 (included in the total above) – penalty and interest Portnoff – November $47.18 – year-to-date $3,026.31 – 2023 budget $2,145.00 – garbage collected for next year 2024 – November $97,265.00 – year-to-date $98,870.00 – 2023 budget $1,385.00 – total garbage collected – November $112,400.00 – year-to-date $402,773.68 – 2023 budget $409,897.00.

city real estate taxes current – November $6,617.63 – year-to-date $1,994,974.15 – 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 $2,003,647.45 – delinquent city taxes collect by Westmoreland Tax Claim Bureau (quarterly) –

November $85,540.37 – year-to-date $251,987.81 – 2023 budget $167,4223.00 – total year-to-date taxes $2,255,635.26 – city real estate tax distribution – general fund year-to-date $1,393,937.55 – 2023 budget $1,400,947.79 – debt service year-to-date $378,288.68 – 2023 budget $380,191.09 – library year-to-date $41,125.02 – 2023 budget $40,677.22 – parks year-to-date $190,296.20 - 2023 budget $191,907.90 – total year-to-date $2,003,647.45 – 2023 budget $2,013,724.00.

Real estate transfer tax – November $58,993.55 – Alumisource transaction went through and we received $50,000 from that – year-to-date $116,356.44 – 2023 budget $89,333.00 – earned income tax – November $67,402.90 – year-to-date $640,238.30 – 2023 budget $513,898.00 – mercantile tax – November $2,092.54 – year-to-date $20,862.41 – 2023 budget $22,579.00 – local services tax – November $14,442.40 – year-to-date $75,512.04 – 2023 budget $53,357.00 – tax certifications – November $1,790.00 – year-to-date $22,890.00 – 2023 budget $21,940.00 – municipal lien letters – November $1,275.00 – year-to-date $16,350.00 – 2023 budget $14,775.00.

Line usage account – unsewered payments – November $349.00 – year-to-date $11,341.00 – line usage fee $65,763.38 – year-to-date $831,370.80 – total line usage year-to-date $842,711.80. Motion to accept treasurer's report by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

9. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

Rosalie Nicksich – General fund CFS Bank checking account – bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2023 – beginning bank balance as of October 31, 2023, $474,147.16 – deposits $364,343.12 – expenses $305,321.52 – ending balance as of November 30, 2023, $533,168.76 –

outstanding checks $2,212.77 – reconcile balance to bank statement $530,955.99.

A Presentation will be made by Anthony Vitale, President of WEC, Consulting Engineers, Inc. to discuss the status and development of all Phases of the Sewer and Water Project in the City of Monessen, and the recent Invoice submitted at the Meeting this evening for Payment Requisition No. 13 for the Project Phase 3 work completed on the project in and around November of 2023. Anthony Vitale – what is specifically with the invoice - I don't have that information with me - $52 mileage charge, is that the problem (Anthony Orzechowski handed Anthony Vitale a copy of the invoice in question) (Ron Mozer – I think it might be more appropriate to just give us a synopsis of all the different sewer projects) Tony talked to me about the manhole on Schoonmaker (Ron Mozer – let's talk about Phase 3 A, B and C) Phase 3A we are waiting for specifics from the changes orders that were presented – they have to go out and do various things, expose manholes – this is the lining that goes from manhole to manhole – the neoprene liner – they can't run very far – 8 inches, they can go a little bit farther – the have to install some manholes – they have to expose some manholes – they have to break some inverts – things like that (Ron Mozer – so you are saying several of the manholes were paved over) yes – they are in alleys – smaller streets – they will be here tomorrow – the next question on that will be the 24" pipe that was exposed – we are waiting on pricing for that – once all these changes are done, they are going to come in and line all the lines and it will be complete – MCSP, I was asked to meet with them tomorrow about the extension of 3rd Street – 1,400 foot long pipe with the contractor that already bid this is asking us to show him were the pipe goes – a manhole on 3rd Street and at Kopko's – the gentleman is going to walk this – he will walk through the pipe with a locator and paint a line – my plan is once he plants those two

manholes, we are going to do that again – no reason for me to walk 1,400 feet with him when I cannot keep pace with him – it is a waste of time and dangerous – once we get 300 feet – we will do it again (Ron Mozer – so between 3A and 3B how do we stand economically – overall are they on budget) you want that number – it's Christmas - $4.2 million under (Jospeh Dalfonso - $4.2 million under budget folks) 3rd Street extension and Leeds – once that information was provided (Ron Mozer – just to clarify this – let's just summarize what we have going on here – first the project came in under budget – two they are actually able to save us some money along the way – the change orders have not blown this project out of the realm) there is contingency in there (Ron Mozer – there is contingency built into these projects – that's said – there is a good chance that we are going to complete what we called as Phase 3 with some money left over – is that a fair statement) sure looks that way – a lot of money (Ron Mozer – an as such basically we asked you to) I'll read my prepared statement and you guys can ask questions – we are currently projecting to be $4.2 million under budget for USDA for sewer project – the grant portion of the package is $4.684 million and it does not activate until the two loans amounting to $15.19 million at an interest rate of 1.125% with a forty-year term are closed – the grant needs to be used for sewer rehabilitation – I have developed a phase 3E project that currently addressed 35 sewer runs – I reference the Mr. Rehab report conducted in 2007 to address the worst areas – additional factors include the desire to postpone areas that will required additional manholes and easement acquisitions which take time and create change orders – this plan addressed 35,579 LF or 6.74 miles of sewer pipe ranging from 8" to 24" plus about 1000' of 30" pipe on Leeds – the Gannet Fleming mapping identifies 283 manholes in the project – manhole rehabilitation or replacement will not be addressed in this effort however the manhole invert data and condition need to

be ascertained to allow us to create the plans for biffing – I applied the pricing we recently obtained from Insight Pipe and tentatively have a construction cost estimate of $4,046,257 – Rostraver from Marion to Columbo including Montraver will require numerous easements and a pipe relocation at a cost in excess of $1,000,000 including engineering, legal, ROW acquisition and excavation – these issues create a time concern – it is likely that we could address most of Montraver and postpone the interceptor portion in this phase – reducing the construction cost estimate by $1 million provides us with a $3 million package which allows for unknowns in the current construction projects including easement fees on phase 3D and soft costs – it may be possible to sewer survey without a pump station or the need for easements – I need council to authorize WEC to investigate this possibility and do the field work to see what is truly exists for the rest of the 3E estimate – this will require manhole to manhole investigation for each of the (283 manholes if we include Montraver/Rostraver and 244 manholes if Montraver/Rostraver are postponed) that we assume are in the field – we also need the X,Y,Z data – we need to move very quickly – it will take weeks to gather the preliminary information and several months to create the plans needed for bidding and months to get through the USDA bidding process (Ron Mozer – let me try to clarify or at least put this together with something I can understand – the project is going to come out under budget for Phase 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D – in as such if we go back, there are far more sewer lines in this city that need repaired that the project 3 was really done – you identified these things that were part of the environmental – things that were done earlier – now we can do this – as I understand this, USDA is very willing to work with us on this – I'm also concerned that do we have to go out and get certain specifications for these new lines you are talking about) they are going to make us regardless (Ron Mozer – so that means create

investigations) you need the plans – you have to show them (Ron Mozer – are we going to have the same problem getting them to approve the specifications in a timely manner and fashion so we can get this done) I hope not – it takes time – what I can do is piece meal $1 million dollar job to 4 of them to keep them moving – maybe make it faster – it's all CIPP lining – believe it or not, it will be up to 10 people to be interested in doing this work – I would expect competitive bid but it is usually in an economy of scale through the project to better the price – we can have this discussion (Ron Mozer – and we have a pretty good working relationship with USDA so we can talk to them about this so we can make sure they are on board with this – what it really tells me though is what we committed to do with USDA the loans, we are going to get more work done than we originally anticipated – that is a very positive thing for the city) the other things is once those loans close you are no longer dealing with PNC with the high interest rate – you are dealing with the USDA at 1% - but you have to use it or loose it with this grant – you can give it back (Ron Mozer – we just won't have to pay it back – the goal of the city is to fix as much pipe as we can with the resources that we have – I think this is fantastic news – to your testament we have this opportunity to expand the system – more than we originally intended to do) 7 miles (Ron Mozer – that remarkable) if anyone has noticed there is a manhole that collapse on Schoonmaker – I was able to get three quotes – HOP application – everything will fall in line – I had three bids that blew my mind – I won't name the bidder $42,000+ - $43,000+ and $28,905 – one contractor told me he was too old for this and another said good luck with my work (Ron Mozer – this is right below where Rostraver comes down the road where the steps are – where the steps come down in the middle of Schoonmaker the left lane – pretty much the middle of the road is a manhole – when you opened up this manhole in order to do some additional investigation

about what goes to the river under the railroad tracks – he found that this thing had collapsed – all the brick was powder – bottom line is we are lucky he opened this – even from the day he opened it – he went back the next day and the traffic riding over it cause additional damage) Rodney found it I think – he called me down that day (Ron Mozer – bottom line this is declared an emergency – I don't want a school bus or any other vehicle falling into a hole like what happened in Pittsburgh – that is really what we are talking about here – this is a vault that has failed over the course of 100 years that it has been there – we got to get this fixed – it is an emergency requirement that we fix this vault) (Ernie Telegraphis – are we going to do it for the $28,000) that was my recommendation – it's Christmas but there are a bunch of things that have to happen before he can put a shovel in the ground – he needs a HOV, need to One Call, you need to approve – he needs to look into the availability of the manhole thing – it is a particular configuration because when they brought the pipe down the hill, I have never seen anything like this – Hepple was with me – they took segments of 24" pipe in an "L" and made a radius out of it – that is from what is exposed – I don't know what they did to get in – it might be a whole snake thing – you have to deal with concrete pipe which is 24" on the inside and 28" on the outside – he has to order it to hit the angle which will put him into the sidewalk – which will create an extra charge – he will have to tear up at least one sidewalk and do continuous excavation – I don't foresee a problem with the pipe traveling down Schoonmaker – that should be ok – but the one going up Rostraver is going to be an animal – this thing is only 5 feet deep – pre-covid this would be a $7,500 fix anywhere else and this is $30,000 (Ron Mozer – so this is not on our agenda to move forward, is it – this is something we need – can we amend the agenda – can we call a special meeting (Joseph Dalfonso – you will have to call a special meeting) (Ron Mozer – ok) so should I

proceed as he was authorized – he may want a letter (Ron Mozer – this is an emergency – how should be proceed) (Joseph Dalfonso – you will have to have a special meeting to ratify this – it is in jeopardy of collapsing) it was paved over last week - I don't know what it is doing right now (Ron Mozer – the earliest we can have a special meeting is Monday) (Jospeh Dalfonso – if you can get the ad in the paper – you still have to get the HOP permits) that is kind of an after thing – we have all the information be need but a few exceptions – I would like to tell him to start looking for the manhole (Ron Mozer – I think that is fair – under emergency) (Jospeh Dalfonso – have the special meeting on Monday and make the formal decision – this is dangerous) (Ron Mozer – we need to proceed) he will need something from you Mike to tell him that he is authorized to purchase, procure the manhole – in this particular case I am not going to be picky on the ins and outs sizes – whatever he can get – it's more less a 90 degree – it should be something that is reasonably available – lets put it that way (Ron Mozer – let me ask you this questions – is there anything to be gained if you start tomorrow or wait until Monday or Tuesday to start) no – just public safety (Joseph Dalfonso – get with Mike and the mayor tomorrow) I'll be here for a least the 3B meeting – I think he will want something on letterhead to authorize it (Ron Mozer – we will work with the solicitor and come up with a plan) alright guys Merry Christmas.

A Presentation will be made by Andrew Grese of A&J On-Lot Services, to discuss the role and services provided by A&J On Lot-Services as the designated Sewer Enforcement Officer in the City of Monessen, and specific recent activity at 23 High Street in the City of Monessen.

Andrew Grese – property in question is at 23 High Street – early November this issue was brought to our attention – with examination and testing we were able to determine the sanitary sewer system was not working properly – it does not go into the tank – it just goes over

the hill side – we were able to locate a sewer on Crescent that intersects High Street – sewer location is approximately 135 feet from the driveway – it is on Crescent Drive – on November 17th we made a recommendation to make steps to get this property into the DEP regulations – we were notified that the closing for the property is either tomorrow or next week – this is a conflict – we sent a letter to the city granting a 6 month extension for the sewer to connect to Crescent – the only stipulation was that an escrow account would be set up to make provisions to cover the cost of a new grinder pump connected to the existing sewer line and connection to the main – I was told the escrow account was set up – with the 6 months extension, it won't hold up the closing – within that time the sewer extension from Crescent to 23 High Street which is 135 feet – I spelled that out clearly on the recommendation – this is standard practice – we have done this in cases in the past – it does fall within the DEP guidelines – funds are set up in an escrow account – pretty much the overall view for 23 High Street – I am asking if you are comfortable with the 6 month extension and the escrow account – the sewage is being discharged over the hill side – this is the solution (Ernie Telegraphis – this escrow account – how much money is he talking about) (Ron Mozer – the escrow and the repair are two different issue – the escrow they are asking for is the homeowner's, the seller is to provide for the grinder pump and the hole that is not there yet and it is the city's responsibility to provide sewage to that location – that manhole there – we have an estimate from our city engineer for $91,000 – that is on the agenda today to be discussed – that $91,000 not only includes the pipe line but also the curb to curb repaving of the road) (Ernie Telegraphis – we are not going to end up in the black then) (Ron Mozer – this comes out of line usage – this does not come out of the general fund, this comes out of the line usage fund) (Donald Gregor – that is what it is there for) (Anonymous – who

will pay the tap in fee) (Ron Mozer – they will pay the tap in fee) (Anonymous – is it the owner or the former owner) (Ron Mozer – that is part of the escrow, I do believe – that is contractual between the seller and the buyer and I am not part of that – somebody has to pay it – yes – it is not on the city) what you are saying is accurate – any further real estate transactions on High Street it would be beneficial to tap into that same line.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. **Mayor Mozer's Update of Issues for the weeks of November 20, 2023, to December 14th, 2023.** Ron Mozer – to summarize a couple of things – WEC did not explain things it like I wanted him to - 3C is being kicked off right now – the kick off meeting is tomorrow – the project will reline the pipe in the area from Bart's on Grande Blvd. all the way down Parente Blvd. to Schoonmaker – just over a mile – this is a big pipe – it will reline all that – it is a simple project – a $3 million plus project – except for by Bart's and Finishing Polishing it does not have any effect on traffic – not much effect – it will be along the side of Parente not down the middle of Parente – this should not have a major effect – this has brought us to a couple of things – 3D which we have not talked about much – I understand this will bring all the lines through Schoonmaker to the goal line – across the track, across the mill, across private property to the end destination – storm water goes to the river – sewage goes to the sewage authority – all of these cross the tracks – it turns out there are 5 crossing there – earlier this week I sent a letter to CSX requesting for them to provide any information about any agreements they have with the city – remember we have 5

lines, 9th Street, 5th Street, 3rd Street, 2nd Street and Parente – CSX responded very quickly – I was surprised, within a few hours I started getting back lots of data – lots of agreements – unfortunately none of the agreements were between the city and CSX – we have no agreements with them (Joseph Dalfonso – that is probably because the line crossing the railroad tracks existed before the railroad tracks) think about that – there are two 84" lines that I could stand in and hold my arm up and not touch them – it's that big – huge – this hand laid line was put in before the tracks were there – it is hard to imagine that we would have done this after the tracks were there – they would never have let us do it – that is beyond my imagination – I have asked our future council woman and I have asked our historian to go through the library and the historical society to look at their records and look at the records we have at the city garage for any books, pictures, notes, drawings that shows the size of the sewage line and when the tracks were put there – this is all good stuff – but even if we prove that we were there first it does not solve the problem – railroads have protections that are beyond anything I can understand – it developed over 100 years that the federal government assigned protections they have – it is highly likely that we will have to come up with a new report that allows us to reline these lines under the tracks – bear in mind that we are not going to disrupt traffic – we are not going to be above ground, we will be under ground – to line these pipes under their tracks means we must meet their requirements, type of lining, all kinds of things our engineer will have to comply with – it also means highly likely we are going to pay a fee – we are not sure if it is a one time fee or not – but we will have to pay a fee to cross the tracks – all these

things are still up in the air – these are the things that are probably holding back 3D from being kicked off right now – without the right-of-way to do this, it is a very complicated thing – bear in mind some of this involves lines that go underneath Cleveland Cliff's operations over there – in fact one of their 36" or 32" lines goes right underneath their battery – this battery is $750,000 – they have this battery – we sat down with them – they understand the magnitude of the problem – we already had a sewer line fail over there a couple of years ago – it was a major deal – lucky they were not in production at the time and it was in between ownerships and it did not really effect anything – but if we were to disrupt their battery it would be a major issue – even the fact that we are under it 36" or maybe more than that – they put a concrete pad under their battery – this is underneath the concrete pad – we are way down deep – it's not likely anything can happen to this pipe but they are concerned – I understand that – they tried to send a camera down this line and they ran into debris – this debris they could not get around – around corners – eventually they had to drag the cable back with the camera and it busted the camera – so the only other option was to send a person down there – a person to climb down a 36" pipe, 900 feet down with nothing but a flashlight and some basic tools – my hat is off to them – I would not do that for all the tea in China – there are people that do this for a living – I think they are only getting $20 something an hour – I would not do it – they are taking a camera with them so they can film this line – we will have the data for Cleveland Cliffs so they will understand why we want to do this – those are the extremes that we are forced to do for this project – it is just phenomenal the things they are doing.

We talked to our SEO about High Street and Crescent – to be real honest and open with everyone – this is part of the city I have no knowledge of or understanding of how this came to be but there are several houses up there that were built off the sewer system – in other words – we did not put a sewer system in that neighborhood when they build the houses – I don't know why or what the thinking was but, too expensive, too whatever and it did not happen – they were forced to do septic systems up there – now we made a phone call to the DEP and this was very specific – if you do a dye test at a residence, a proper dye test, at the toilet, sinks, and so on – run a sufficient amount of water through it – if you see nothing on the ground or in the water way – you can assume they have a septic system – that's the assumption we have – our problem is we have our code enforcement officer that can come up and ring the doorbell and say I would like to do a dye test but he has no authority to force them to do that – they can say I don't want to be bothered with it – I got a system that works, don't talk to me – our SCO has different powers – he is authorized by the state to do these dye tests at these houses – that is what I have asked him to do – to do a dye test for all these house that are up there and figure out the scope and the magnitude of the problem we have – if it is a problem that is replicated – the work we are doing on High Street will have lots of customers on it eventually – if not maybe we are off the hook for something – I just got back from Harrisburg a few hours ago – I got an invitation by the governor to go to his governor residence to meet with him – he invited other mayors from all over the state – turns out I went last night so I had some time – first thing this morning I met with Senator Kim Ward – I went

on the senate floor and got some pictures – it was beautiful – I started off with a tour of the capitol building – I strongly urge anybody that wants to see something that absolutely blows your mind, the capitol building is the thing to see – it is a magnificent, a beautiful building – Roosevelt said it was the most beautiful building in the world – I think that was an understatement – there is marble, there is walnut, it is phenomenal, I'm sure Ted could give you stories about it – I went to Senator Ward and Davanzo's office - I got to meet Governor Shapiro – I did not see him at his residence but I got to meet him at the capitol building – he may have showed up at the residence later but I had to leave to show up here – if you ever get a chance to get a capitol tour – call your congressman or senator you happen to like, they will set up a tour – it's worth it (Ernie Telegraphis – you are promoting Harrisburg – how about promoting Monessen) I promote Monessen everywhere I go (Ernie Telegraphis – what did you get out of that) a lot of contacts – just hold your comments – no one has a checkbook that they are going to write you a check right then and there – I did make a lot of contacts.

I had talks with WEC and USDA – I talked about the problem with Schoonmaker, Rostraver, Crescent and High Street – they indicated to me that they could find those under the USDA contract as long as we follow their guidelines – wages, proper specifications – that is our intention – it really does not matter in the end – we pay the USDA out of line usage – we can just pay for the repair out of surplus money we have in line usage – but the money for line usage fee is supposed to be for maintenance projects not projects we are running into right

now – it is my suggestion that council continues to push the USDA to include those projects.

b. Motion to Approve Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 3, Payment Requisition for MCSP and Certificate No. 13 in the amount of $622.109.40 for the work performed in the month of November 2023. Motion by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to Approve Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 3, Payment Requisition for WEC and Certificate No. 13 in the amount of $41,751.90 for the services provided in the month of November 2023. Motion by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to permit Advertising for positions on the following Boards and Commissions within the City of Monessen:

* **Blighted Property Review Board**
* **Board of Appeals**
* **Environmental Advisory Board**
* **Human Relations Commission**
* **Monessen Planning Commission**
* **Monessen Public Library Board of Trustees**
* **Monessen Recreation Board**
* **Monessen Redevelopment Authority**
* **Monessen Shade Tree Commission**
* **Monessen Zoning and Hearing Board**

* **Mon Valley Sewage Authority**

* **Police Accountability and Internal Affairs Board**

* **Youth and Young Citizens Board -** Motion by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion for a second reading and approval and final passage of Ordinance 1266, of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of Municipal Government, hereinafter set forth during the year 2024. Motion to table until December 28th by Ron Mozer – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion for a second reading and Approval and Final Passage of Ordinance 1267 of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the Tax Rate for the Year 2024. Motion to table until December 28th by Ron Mozer – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to hire the professional services of Rosewood Tower Consulting to identify and procure grant and funding opportunities at the rate of an earned 10 % for successfully funded grants. Motion to table by Ron Mozer – seconded by John Nestor - Ron Mozer – we need to discuss this before it is on the agenda – there are a lot of grants that we can get – I don't think one person can do all these grants – I believe we need a whole bunch of people doing grants – we need to solicit for grant writers – a grant write who understand roads may not be the right person to write a grant for water or sewage or something else – we need to have different people doing different grants – the more people we have on board, the better off we are – there is one that I

would like to start with but there are many others that I think we ought to be bring on – I think council needs to be aware of all these things as we bring them on – interview them – talk to them – understand what their expertise is and all those different things – call the role and we will get it tabled - vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion to commission WEC to obtain bids to install vault and manhole on the corner of High and Crescent streets connected to existing lines on Crescent. Project is not to exceed $91,000, include curb to curb paving and engineering and project management fees not to exceed 18% of actual contracted price. Motion by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Account in the amount of $252,734.84. 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 Parks Fund Account in the amount of $1,734.46. 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 Recreational Fund Account in the amount of $617.37. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "C". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of $6,830.43. All invoices are attached to

this agenda as Attachment" D". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Account in the amount of $3,181.10. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "F". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices to the Refuse Authority in the amount of $48,517.24. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "G". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to transfer $65,589.20 to the Payroll Account from the General Account for the payroll of the City of Monessen of November 11, 2023. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion to transfer $69,217.06 to the Payroll Account from the General Account for the payroll of the City of Monessen of December 7, 2023. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

i. Motion to transfer $2,200.00 to the Healthcare Fund to replenish the Healthcare Account for future invoices. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

j. Motion to transfer $100,000.00 from the Liquid Fuels Account to the General Account. The Transfer is the reimbursement to the General Fund for expenditures and other costs paid by the General Fund when funds were unable to be utilized and paid for out of the Liquid Fuels Account at the time. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

Account balances – American rescue $238,493.68 – debt service $786,513.86 – fire escrow $21,154.71 – grant $90,593.08 – payroll $6,748.58 – healthcare $3,101.61 – line usage $767,802.86 – liquid fuels $21,881.41 – park $45,989.07 – recreation $4,598.61 – refuse $155,044.16 - general $320,926.12.

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending November 30, 2023. Lois Thomas – absent – she will give her report at the next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending November 30, 2023. John Nestor - I will abstain from my report until the next meeting.

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

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending November 30, 2023. Donald Gregor – I will defer my report to the meeting on December 28th. I was sitting in the mayor's office talking about using CDBG money for Evergreen – neither one of us could remember what Walt said – the mayor called Walt and we can not use CDBG money to pave Evergreen because there are no residence – Mr. Haglund said you can use ARP money for that – at the December 28th meeting I would like to make a motion to do that – it was discussed earlier about using that for special projects – that would be a good use for that money because of all the traffic in between the cemeteries – this is for public use.

11. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM.

Pino Cianflone – where are the attachment A, B, C, D, E – they are not up there (Michael Korposh – they are not up there – I can get a copy for you if you want one) shouldn't they be there (Ron Mozer – they has been in the past) (Michael Korposh – we are looking at a little cost savings on it – we will get them to the folks who want them) Mike – it can't cost that much – come on (Michael Korposh – we are watching every penny) I hear you – but anyway.

Ted Harhai – Mr. Gregor I think LSA money can be used for that too – the stuff they did not apply for - I will check into that possibly (Donald Gregor – I won't be here) maybe they will this time – what is a current value of a mill (Ron Mozer – it depends on who you want to ask – the county says $53,000 + or -, don't remember exact number – you have to take in consideration our collect rate is around 80% - so it reduces that by 20%) hypothetical then $53,000 roughly – aren't we at the limit of 30 mills for the city (Ron Mozer – yes) you made a statement about we are not going to raise taxes – Dalfonso made a comment – you can't raise taxes unless you petition the courts (Ron Mozer – that is correct) I think you should be a little more transparent with the people (Joseph Dalfonso – that the general fund – there is room for debt service – they could have raised taxes there) I don't think you can (Joseph Dalfonso - for the general fund you can not but for the other funds you can – they still have room) (Donald Gregor – we are not at the max) (Joseph Dalfonso – it is at 29.99) you can get .01% more – it would be a lot easier if you were a little more transparent with the figures (Ron Mozer – well - we did not raise the debt service mill or anything else).

Ernie Telegraphis – let's go back to basic – how much money do we still have in the ARP (Anthony Orzechowski - $238,493.68)

what are we holding this amount for – you have been holding it for a while – why (Anthony Orzechowski – well - $30,00 is still promised to the fire department – we have the remaining $208,000 – the council has not decided what to do with that – we want to spend that money for the citizens of Monessen – we worked really hard not to windle it down and blow it) when is council going to determine this for the citizens of Monessen (Ron Mozer – we will take ideas at any time) (Anthony Orzechowski – we always said that - we will take ideas – discussions – whatever makes sense that benefits the communities) ok you're fine – now – how many buildings does the city of Monessen have insurance on (Ron Mozer – all the buildings that we currently occupy) just occupy (Ron Mozer – or we own) why aren't you paying the insurance on the library – we own it – why is it so difficult that if you have a bundle of insurance – add another property – that is far cheaper than the library being on their own – trying to pay insurance for one dwelling – their insurance went up $480 for 2024 – also there are three big problems here – BB gun hole in the back of the building through the window – in the front – a small window bringing in cold air – that is raising the heating bills and then the water in the women's restroom – the faucet when you turn it on and then turn it off, it runs for a while – so that is water going out the door – so if it is your building, why don't you take care of it (Ron Mozer – first of all – you are on the Library Board – I very much appreciate you bringing this to our attention – to be honest with you, I was not aware of any of these thing until you brought it forward – now that you have – we can do something with it) what are you going to do about the insurance – can you add that too – who handles that, you, the attorney (Michael Korposh – the council would determine that) can you add one

extra building – don't add the contents, just the building (Ron Mozer – when is their next payment) and they want $480 more than last year so what are we going to do – cost of everything is going up (Michael Korposh – if council directs me to, I can get information on what that would cost and get back with council and a decision can be made) (Ron Mozer – one other thing I just want to make sure they understand too – the library received their own millage – they receive their own tax money so they can do their things – so you are asking the general fund that gets their money to pay for library things that the library gets their own money for) that is fine for most of the items they maintain but the insurance is on the building that you own – they will pay the contents – but the building itself, you can get it cheaper than they can get it (Ron Mozer – maybe – I don't know – we can check on that) it's a bundle (Ron Mozer – we will have to check it) do you think you will know by the 28th and they can make a decision by the 5th of January (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm sure it is as simple as making a phone call to the carrier) that's right – they haven't done it yet (Michael Korposh – yes but council has to direct administration) why don't you guys vote it (Michael Korposh – can we do that) (John Nestor – I don't see why not) ok one more thing – now we got new employees – did we hire a new girl (Ron Mozer – yes) what is the cost for that for the year (Ron Mozer – we only pay 1/3 of it because it is the treasurer department – it is split between the city, the county and the school) just 1/3 – ok – and who else – I heard there could be a new police officer (Ron Mozer – not until they have a civil service test) oh – but who is going to end up paying that (Ron Mozer – that would be us) yeah – do we have money for that (Ron Mozer – it is in the budget – we have money for next year's budget) (Anthony Orzechowski – the

budget is for so many officers) how about the other guy that is leaving the streets (Ron Mozer – we hired somebody) do you have money for that too (Ron Mozer – it is in the budget) I just want to ask you – where do you think you can cut more to keep expenses down (Ron Mozer – spend some time and go through the budget) it doesn't make sense (Ron Mozer – we have anticipated money we are going to get – we have some expenses we anticipate – we balance) how can you balance – you are going to get $60,000 for this building right over here – you don't even have a clue if anybody is going to buy it – how can you put that in there and show like the balance – it does not make sense (Ron Mozer – I'm sorry but how else do you do a budget – you take the best knowledge that you got – the best understanding of what you have going on and you anticipate it – we don't know if something is going to blow up on 3rd Street and we would have to redo 3rd Street – we don't know these things) well – I just hope you guys have a little bit more going for you (Ron Mozer – spend some time – look at the budget) I did – it does not make sense (Ron Mozer – we spent a lot of time going through that budget – all of us) (Anthony Orzechowski – we did not put it the budget because we are not guaranteed it will sell – I will not put mystical numbers in there to do something – it would be a bonus if it sells) a bonus (Anthony Orzechowski – it is not a line item in the budget – here is an extra $60,000 – I know that) you have another bonus too – ain't there another bonus you put in (Anthony Orzechowski – I did not put I any bonus – a bonus is like hey we sold something – just like last year when I was able to pay the MMO when the health center was sold – Marvin went out and got the people that were doing the telephone poles – that was $100,000 – you don't put things like that in a budget – you have no idea they will ever come

up – that is not in the budget as a hard line item as $60,000) ok – so I just want to clarify it because I could not interpret it like that (Anthony Orzechowski – does it make sense now) yeah. (Donald Gregor – is there any questions for me before I leave) no answer.

Pino Cianflone – I have three questions and I am going to bring them all up – I believe the redevelopment committee is the most important committee that we have in Monessen – the way they functioned last meeting – they used more "F" words than you can account for and the mayor was there – but I guess it was ok if they do it – his religion goes right out the back door – I think – my belief is that cops should be there – policeman should be required just like here because I used the word (****) here – you had the cop come and stand by – I think you are a very hypocrite so I want you to control the redevelopment committee and quit threating people (Ron Mozer – I have no control over the redevelopment) you keep saying you are the liaison (Ron Mozer – the liaison is just somebody that can sit there and watch) you stood there and said not a damn word (Ron Mozer – I don't have permission) their meeting does not last any longer than 10 minutes – as a rule – to say the pledge of allegiance, role call officers and pay the chairman for him going to Greensburg and back – cut him a check – cut a check for the attorney that is there – then the meeting – you can't ask questions – you know that happened to you more than once (pointing to Ernie Telegraphis) – that is a very important part (Ron Mozer – one of the thing we did do is we advertised for positions to be on that – if you want to be on that – take control and do something with it – put in your application) I don't believe that you could work with anybody unless they kiss your ass and I'm not one of them – ok (Ron Mozer – thank you) that's all I have to say on that – my next question is real simple – I

like to be clarified and it is this group here – the code enforcement office, I look in the budget and gets $50,000 a year – correct or do they split the money between (Ron Mozer – they split – two positions) (Anthony Orzechowski – they are part-time) so it is what $25,000 and $25,000 (Ron Mozer – they work part-time – they work different amounts of time) so is it $50,000 for both (Ron Mozer – yes) it should be more clear – when you say they are part-time, I don't have a problem with them getting paid – I have a problem because I don't know if they are working or not – I believe that they are – I have no reason to disbelieve that (Ron Mozer – we have dedicated $50,000 for the expense of the code department) but it does not say that (Ron Mozer – we may have one person tomorrow – we may have three people – the budget is $50,000) (Anthony Orzechowski – it's no different if you look at the budget and look at parks or any other department there is a breakdown that says salary – it's wages – it's lumped all together – you don't break it down by hours) my understanding was between Marvin and Yoyo, it was split $25,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – no it could be 75 to 25) I understand what you are saying (Anthony Orzechowski – it does not exceed $50,000) it says that one person gets $50,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – no – it says wages – code officer wages – it does not say one person – it does not say two people – it could be five people – it just says wages) ok – I'll take that – it's not clear but I'll take that as an answer – let me ask you another question, something different – how much did we put into the lawyer last year (Anthony Orzechowski – I think we are budgeted at $80,000 or $90,000) (Ernie Telegraphis – I thought it was $67,000) (Ron Mozer – I don't know what it was last year – I don't have that in front of me) I'm talking about last year (Ron Mozer – I don't have that from last year) this year I

know it is $67,000 - $6,000 for retaining fee and $60,000 for legal fees and $10,000 for the legal ads – so a total of $76,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – which it is cheaper than what it was in the past) what was it in the past – that is what I am trying to get (Anthony Orzechowski – going back 2 years – its was over $100,000 and the year before that the expenditures were $130,000 to $140,000 because there was so much litigation) and that is one thing – it could happen (Ron Mozer – yes it could happen) (Anthony Orzechowski – we hope not to do that) let me ask you this one question – what is it that you guys charge per hour (Joseph Dalfonso – we have been over this – it is $100 per hour) ok – so have you gone to court at all (Joseph Dalfonso – have I gone to court) for us (Joseph Dalfonso – a couple of times) and the deal still stays the same (Joseph Dalfonso – I don't know what you are referring to – you are not being clear) when you send the bill and you go to court (Joseph Dalfonso – I give legal advice outside the court room too) to Monessen (Joseph Dalfonso – to the city) because I remember you saying that you take a whole bunch of calls at no charge (Joseph Dalfonso – correct – that is part of the retainer) (Anthony Orzechowski – I talk to Joey sometime more than I talk to my wife) (Ron Mozer – the point being with) (Joseph Dalfonso – I'll finish) it's a fair question – if it's him or somebody else it does not make a difference (Joseph Dalfonso – ok let's get to the point) he takes many calls and you said that – that part of the budget – so here is what I have come up with – working hours per year are 2080 hours – holiday pays are 80 hours as a rule – vacation is 80 hours – so total working hours is 1920 hours per year – the hourly rate per hour according to what you said is $100 per hour for the attorney whether it is for you or another attorney – I'm using your word (Joseph Dalfonso – it is $100 no matter who

does the work) take $100/hour and divide it into $66,000 – you come up with 660 hours – 600 hours is more like 4 months work - $60,000 is budget, $6,000 is retaining fees so the total is $66,000 (Ron Mozer – we have established that long ago) compensation is for the attorney – you attend 24 meeting a year – and you get compensated for it (Joseph Dalfonso – that is part of the retainer) it's out of the retainer (Joseph Dalfonso – we have had this conversation many times at a council meeting) you never talked to me (Joseph Dalfonso – get to your point) so it comes out of the retainer and I gave them a total of 24 meeting – 2 hours per meeting is a rule except today it will be a little longer – the longest meeting so far – a total of 48 hours that is covered by your retaining fee - $100 at 48 hours is $4,800 – this covers the $6,000 in retaining fees – so it's less than what you would get (Joseph Dalfonso – will you get to your point - if you are trying to say I am overpaid then just say I am overpaid and let's be done with it – if you are trying to make a point make it – you won't be the first person in the city to say I am overpaid – I've heard it before – get it over with)are you done talking (Joseph Dalfonso – I am hoping you get to your point) let me talk (Ron Mozer – please make your point quickly) you got the clock on or what (Ron Mozer – I want to keep this moving along) all I telling you is I am asking a simple question – so I recommend to pay the attorney no more than $40,000 per year because he is only working (Ron Mozer – he charges $2,000) him or someone else – it's a savings to Monessen taxpayers of $25,000 or ½ of a mill – that's all I have (Ron Mozer – ok thank you) I got one more (Ron Mozer – let's make it quick) this one here is real simple – if you recall I looked at the budget for the city administrator and the mayor – I think it is $4,800 for you and $65,000 (Ron Mozer - $60,000) $60,000 for him, right –

so it not going up (Ron Mozer – no) same as before (Ron Mozer – yes) ok I thought it went up – I'll take that – I was going to ask that question $4,800 and $60,000 – I thought it said $65,000 (Anthony Orzechowski - $60,000) hold on – the city administrator $65,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – you have the wrong budget) I only have the budget you put out there – I picked it up when I paid my taxes (Anthony Orzechowski – that's wrong) I didn't put it up there – I'm just going by what I see – it was put right there and when I paid my taxes I took it with me and I seen it – take a look at it – if it's the wrong one tell me (Anthony Orzechowski – it's the wrong one) I didn't put it (Anthony Orzechowski – all I can tell you is it is at $60,000) so am I reading the wrong number – you are reading the wrong number for the city administrator (Ron Mozer – open up the folder and get a copy of the budget) what (Ron Mozer – the folder you have your arm on has the budget in it) let me ask you a question – I picked up it – who put it there – it was right here when I came up to get it – paid my taxes for anyone to take it (Ron Mozer – the only place the budget was is on the podium) I'll tell you what I did – I did not print it – I didn't make a copy (Anthony Orzechowski – bottom line is you got the wrong one) you saw it (Anthony Orzechowski – I saw it too and it said $65,000) so that answers my question (Ron Mozer – I have no idea where that came from) it came from here – that's what I am trying to say – I did not print it – I didn't do that (Ron Mozer – me neither) (Michael Korposh – you mean over here Pino) normally I look there – I was paying my taxes – I saw people going over there and picking up stuff like this – so I picked it up and took it (Ron Mozer – I have no idea what you have) that's all I can tell you – my question was going to be how in the hell did that happen (Ron Mozer – it didn't) (Anthony Orzechowski – it did not happen) you

are clear on that – to bring it up (Joseph Dalfonso – I'm clear on that)

Julain Naphier – I have a couple of questions and a few statements – can you tell me if the civic center and the recreation board account are separate or together – are they one budget or do they fall under two separate accounts (Anthony Orzechowski – one) ok one – are we able to know what the funds are for on the recreation account (Anthony Orzechowski – it is what I reported tonight you have $4,598.61) because we have some – I have some things coming up at the civic center that require a budget and some safety concerns with the gym floor – we have to go to other places to get this money for the floor – it needs completely resurfaced – it needs rewaxed – it has been bad for some time – I know we had talked to Mike about it earlier in the week – he is aware of the issue – for this upcoming year – I know the city itself does not have the money to pay for the floor because I had asked before and they did not have the money to pay for it – nothing can be done down there without having a budget – I have different programs that are coming up – I need a budget (Ron Mozer – let me say something – just to set the record straight – first off the civic center is city property and it is controlled by council here – any money that is budgeted comes from city council – any project that gets done comes from city council – there is no money out there that you can just grab a hold of and just spend it – it all comes from city council – just understand that – and when you go out and raise money – you come to city council and say I want to raise money this way – it is a council not a board) (John Nestor – I was thinking we need to get something in motion to take care of the floors – sounds like they are deplorable – we are having our citizens, let alone our children play

on them – we need to do something about that) (Ron Mozer – that would be CDBG) (John Nestor – we need something so a child does not get hurt and they are done) (Ron Mozer – absolutely) (John Nestor – is there something – Mike is there something we can do to facilitate how much – that needs to be done) (Curtis Wade – I'm here and going to echo what he is saying – he plays a different role – I am there every weekend at the civic center – I work midnights – usually on Saturday morning I go to the civic center – they have the equipment – I work with the city workers – they have to put a certain soap on the floor – I clean the floor every year one time real good with the equipment they have down there – it does not need a brand new floor – ripped up – the floor needs buffed, waxed and kept up on – I do it on Saturday mornings but we play 8 games on Saturday – there are people that come in after us, like soccer, mats, parties – if it get's waxed good one time and we stay up on it – the city cleans the floor every Monday – they take the garbage out – they do a mop but it is not like basketball prep – at the high school they strip and wax the floor but they stay on it – kids can get injured) (John Nestor – that is where we all are – we are afraid) (Curtis Wade - we had a problem a few years ago when we did not have mats on the walls – a kid smacked his head off the wall, he almost left us – he got hurt real bad – next thing you know we got mats – the floor is just as bad) (John Nestor – it's just as important as the mats) (Curtis Wade - a lot of our kids are down there this time of the year – from January through March the kids look forward to the civic center – it's been there over 50 years) (Ron Mozer – one of the things that the council did was establish a recreation board – the recreation board was supposed to provide guidance for what takes place at the civic center) (Curtis Wade - I thought that

recreation board was always crazy – it was never like) (Ron Mozer – the recreation board was not had a meeting in many months now) (Curtis Wade - you say the money comes through here - we were thinking something totally different) is there any money for the things that I want to do – you said I just can't go fundraise – is that the same with grants – I just can't apply for grants (Ron Mozer – you can come to the council and say you want to do these things and we can say no or yes go for it – depending on what the desire of the council is) (Anthony Orzechowski – the way it was supposed to run – your position you have things you want to do – from there you would go to the recreation board – you would pitch it to them – they oversee the civic center and your position – but then they would come to council to present them – that was originally how is was supposed to work – since then, that has fallen away – unfortunately – we are trying to address that – Julian, what you are asking – you have a lot of great ideas and I commend you on that – they have to come through council and they either have to be budgeted or seen if they could be done or do we have the funds to allocate it to you – like the mayor said CDBG is one way we can get funds – we are doing something for the kitchen) (Linda Lacey – a few months ago you took money from the recreation board) (Anthony Orzechowski – who took money from the recreation board) (Linda Lacey – the city of Monessen – you downgraded – that was when Lois was here – all summer) (Anthony Orzechowski – CDBG) (Ron Mozer – there are all kinds of ping pong tables not being used – there are air hockey games) (Linda Lacey – we are talking about their safety – we are not talking about recreation – we are talking about the building) (Anthony Orzechowski – the building 2 years ago had $80,000 put into the heating and air conditioning) (Linda Lacey – there was a

grant for that) (Anthony Orzechowski – yes CDBG money – the city has what we have – what I report to you) (Linda Lacey – I'm saying the floors were already discussed this summer down at the recreation center – go back through you agendas) (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't know who is on the board – because the recreation board has not gotten together you are reporting directly to Mike - right) since a couple of months ago (Anthony Orzechowski – so if there is something he would like to go over – talk to Mike – if there is something you would like to do – how he wants to bring it to council – if he wants to buy something or if the floor needs done – I don't have a flipping clue – I never hear this until now) I also submit weekly reports (Anthony Orzechowski – I have seen your reports but it does not say anything about the floor – the floor is deteriorating and we need to get this floor done – there has never been once that it has been in there – if that's the case I am going to encourage you the take initiative to that and work with Mike and bring it to council because council does not know this stuff) in the past I have said something about the floor and I have stopped because it was said that the city does not have the money to redo the floor – so why would I keep putting it in there if I was already told the city could not afford it (John Nestor – now it is in front of us let's handle it) (Curtis Wade – I don't know who appoints the board – but you have to appoint someone who cares – some people don't understand the civic center – if you don't understand the civic center then you don't need to be on the civic center board – that is just not trying to put a little cult together – how many people on the board) (Ron Mozer – 7 people) (Curtis Wade - if there is 7 people on the board you should be able to come – I think 7 is too many for a civic center – I don't understand why there would be 7 but that is just

my personal opinion) (Ron Mozer – they are also in charge of city parks) (Curtis Wade – I thought 7 would be too many just for the civic center) (Ron Mozer – obviously it is too many – we can't get enough there) (John Nestor – what can we do to start addressing these issues – should we have Mike go out and advertise the work) (Anthony Orzechowski – we need to find out how much it would cost) (Ron Mozer – we need to find the source of the money) (Linda Lacey – you got stuff for Shawnee Park) (Ron Mozer – right – it was CDBG) (Linda Lacey – this was brought up before – you need to go back and look over past agendas – this was brought up before – so you are giving us – putting us on the back burner – the civic center but you can do stuff for Shawnee Park – I've been to every meeting except for a couple) (Ron Mozer – so what has happened at Shawnee Park) (Linda Lacey – so Julain has been down here before discussing this – you were on his back – and if you don't believe me you ask Norman Maddison – I'm sick of this – you better do what you guys have to do or these kids in the city – like you do everywhere else) (Ron Mozer – so 2 years ago we invested $80,000 in the heating and cooling system – last year we invested $70,000 on the games and so forth that is over there – this year we are looking at the handicap ramp out front and the kitchen – another $60,000 – we are investing money) (Linda Lacey – what is the purpose from doing all that if you can not use the floor) (Ron Mozer – that is what the priorities were sent to us – that is what we are doing – now if the priority is the floor, we will get some CDBG funds for that too) (Linda Lacey – the kitchen should have been done years ago) (Ron Mozer – it did not meet the requirements years ago – CDBG would not allow it because it was not open to the public – last year, thanks to Julian, they made it open to public for the food program that they put

together) (Linda Lacey – all the time that civic center has been down there – it has not been opened to the public) (Ron Mozer – that is correct – technically the kitchen was excluded) (Joseph Dalfonso – you are missing what they are saying – Julian put together a summer food program) (Linda Lacey – we have used it before Julian got down there) (Ron Mozer – never in that role – Julian came up with a very unique program that opened the doors for the CDBG to fix the kitchen – we immediately funded the kitchen as a result) (Linda Lacey – I haven't been down there – is the kitchen done) (Ron Mozer – no it is not – the money is allocated – we are trying to organize and get the equipment in) (Michael Korposh – the work will be done – we have cleaned it two or three times) I want to be clear – I am not saying that the city is (Ron Mozer – you have brought that to our attention – the floor is a high priority – we will address it and figure out ways we can get CDBG money to do that) (Pino Cianflone – I think you should figure out the priorities and write them down and give it to Mike – write from the top down what the priority you need – make yourself a copy and date it and stamp it) (Linda Lacey – Julian was demanded this summer to write up a report and give it to Mike) (Ron Mozer – and he is doing good at it) what happened in the past when I said the floor needed done – I'm not saying that the city has not done anything for the civic center – let me be clear about that – what I am doing and what continues to be done can not go on without (Joseph Dalfonso – wait a minute – they are saying someone has a potential of getting hurt on this floor – the council need to see how much it is going to cost) (Linda Lacey – who gets the estimate) (John Nestor – the city – Mike gets the estimate) (Michael Korposh – we talked earlier in the week on the issue and what we need to do) (John Nestor – thank you Julian for

coming down) (Curtis Wade – we pay $2,500 for the rent at the civic center – between referees, we pay everyone at the table that works out admission – no one does anything for free – we have two people at the table every game – we play 8 games on Saturday and 6 on Sunday – we pay for the kitchen – one time were we able to pay the official with the money coming through the door – sometimes it don't work that way – we have a kitchen we run – if you go anywhere the officials, it's a lot of money – it's almost $600 to pay the officials) (Pino Cianflone – you pay $2,500 from December thru March) yes my role today is to ask, Amy is not here, I do the floor work - we were trying to see if we can get that lower – that $2,500) (Linda Lacey – we charge them) (Michael Korposh – then how do we maintain the civic center – you have to have some income – that is the kitchen premise – so we have a kitchen that we can rent out for events to bring income into the civic center) (Pino Cianflone – if you get the money – what do you do with the money) (Ron Mozer – it is put in the recreation account) (Pino Cianflone – so it goes to all the recreation) (Anthony Orzechowski – yes it goes into the recreation account) (Pino Cianflone – if you have a baseball field, a tennis court – it goes everywhere else) (Anthony Orzechowski – yes, it's not free, you have to cut the grass – maintain it) (Linda Lacey – how much does Shawnee Park pay) (Anthony Orzechowski – there is nothing done down there – we only cut the grass) (Ron Mozer – I know the soccer team and the football team does something – I'm not sure what) (Anthony Orzechowski – it primarily goes to the civic center) (Curtis Wade – you said it goes into the recreation and it finances all the parks) (Anthony Orzechowski – it goes into the pot but nothing gets done there but cut grass) (Curtis Wade – it just sits there) (Anthony Orzechowski – the civic center account has

$4,500 in it – that is why there is money in there) (Curtis Wade – I understand some of the money has to go to electric) (Pino Cianflone – who cuts the grass) (Anthony Orzechowski – parks) (Pino Cianflone – the city workers) (Anthony Orzechowski – we are not paying anything – they are doing it – there is wear and tear on the equipment – there is no cost for other things is what you are tying to get to – the money collected for the civic center – 99.9% stays in the civic center – it does not go out to anywhere else – if you read the report that I do every month – it shows gas, water, electric – the rest of the stuff like parks – like electricity – the parks comes out of the parks fund – to pay for the lights and things like that – it's all together but nothing else happens – it all goes to the civic center) (Linda Lacey – so if I want to use Shawnee Park – it's free right) (Anthony Orzechowski – there is a fee for the park isn't there) (John Nestor - $50) (Anthony Orzechowski – that was negotiated for the basketball club – the basketball club pays $2,500 – that is for the league – it's a league right – the league pays the civic center $2,500 right) (Curtis Wade – right) (Anthony Orzechowski – that means) (Ron Mozer – how often do they meet – once a week, twice a week, four days a week) (Curtis Wade – we practice down there every day of the week and we play games on the weekend – we used to get the schools but the schools shut us down – we used two schools and they won't do that anymore - we are not allowed to use none of the schools – we have 15 teams down there and we get one practice a week – we have to split it up – we shove that into one week – 10am to 4:30pm on Saturdays and 10am to 5pm on Sundays) (Linda Lacey – and we can't use the school gym) (Curtis Wade – no we cannot – the last two years we could not use the gym) (Linda Lacey – that is property tax and school tax and we can not even use our gym –

let's look at the big picture) (Anthony Orzechowski – the big picture is we don't control the school board – you can sit there and we asked this before – the students need books for learning – am I correct – research – they use: and Karen would know: the resources at the library – how much does the school district give the library) (Linda Lacey – they don't even have books up at that high school) (Anthony Orzechowski – they give them zero – they give them absolutely nothing – that is two questions you should ask them for the school board to support) (Curtis Wade – I was just telling him about the times we are there – why we have to shove all the kids in the time – do we have to bring it to the board) (John Nestor – Mike may we can just) (Anthony Orzechowski – right now there is no board) (Curtis Wade – while you guys – we are looking for a cut on the rent – is there anyway or is that just) (John Nestor – I'll be frank, I probably don't see it happening) (Anthony Orzechowski – I'll be frank too – you are looking to see if the city can pay for doing the floor – that's going to be $8,000 to $10,000) (Curtis Wade – no the floor stripped and waxed is not going to be no $8,000 to $10,000) (Anthony Orzechowski – how much) (Curtis Wade – I don't know – I can get an estimate for the next meeting – the city is supposed to take care of it so I never went out to get an estimate) (Anthony Orzechowski – Mike can do) (Michael Korposh – I definitely can do) (Curtis Wade – we can move forward from here then) (Ron Mozer – ok – let's try to bring this to conclusion here – it has been brought to our attention about the floor – we will work with Mike – Mike will get some quotes – come talk with him) (Tequerra Shavazz – we are allowed to go out and call and get estimates ourselves – we have to understand the square foot of the gym – they can't give an estimate until they understand how big the

floor is – this is my first time – I have played on the floor – I have coached – my kids are on the floor – now with the things coming up – I just want to make sure my kids are safe – an we talk about ways to bring money in – we talk about the floor, the main priority is it's a basketball gym – do you know how many programs would want to come in and use the gym for basketball – that's where you are going to get) (Anthony Orzechowski – in the past we talked about it – past recreation board members – indoor soccer) (Tequerra Shavazz – I played indoor soccer down there when I was a kid) (Anthony Orzechowski – indoor soccer – I don't know if floor hockey would work – if you had the right plastic stick – things of this nature – we talked prior board – not this board – I've had conversations with people saying we an contact Dick's Sporting Goods, companies like that – Mr. Gregor has worked with the Pirates, something with the ball fields – there are a lot of avenues we can approach but I'm sorry if we don't know about it, we can't do it – we really can't – this is the first time I am hearing about some of this) (Tequerra Shavazz – that's the unfortunate part – this is my second year of coaching and I've asked what is going on) (Anthony Orzechowski – the best way to get something done in the city, you are doing it right now – come to council – bring it to council – if we are dragging our feet shame on us but if we don't know about it) (Tequerra Shavazz – if you say the recreation board has been active – it's hard to understand what is going on at the civic center) (Anthony Orzechowski – we rely on Julian) (John Nestor – we need to focus on the floor) (Tequerra Shavazz – we had open gyms down there – we are doing drills and as an athlete all I can see is an ACL tear – cut – slip and the next thing you know you are on the floor – I've been on the floor since I was nine) (John Nestor – Mike will you be able to have this for

the next meeting) (Michael Korposh - we can put something together) (Tequerra Shavazz – if I can get the square footage I can keeping calling to get the best estimate)

Linda Lacey – let me close out the meeting - I just have a comment – I was born and raised in Monessen – I have been here almost all my life except when I was in Maryland – there are certain things that are traditional to Monessen – it was unfortunate this holiday season that got derailed – I don't want to bring up anyone's name or the organization that had the issue – certain traditions that have been gone on for 30 years need to be untouched – they need to remain the same – no one should be able to come in and defer it to something different unless it is going to be something better and it wasn't better (Anthony Orzechowski – that is awful vague) I know it is because I don't want anybody getting upset with me – it bother me because that is what the children of our community were used to doing every year (Anthony Orzechowski – doing what – I know you don't want to say but I can't wrap my head around it) you can talk with Karen, that will soon be on the council – talk to her and talk to Lois – that's all I want to say – I thought it was really unfortunate it happened – I keep all my agenda notes and if you want me to bring them in when Julian talked this summer about the floor.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 3 – 0.