COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 14TH, 2024

6:30PM

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

PLEASE NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024, MARCH 6, 2024, AND MARCH 7, 2024, IN THE MAYORS OFFICE AT CITY HALL TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Executive sessions were announced by Ron Mozer.

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

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY LOIS THOMAS, COUNCILPERSON OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN. Opening prayer offered by Betty from Orchard Church Prayer Group.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024. Motion to approve minutes of previous session by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO MAYOR MOZER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. Ernie Telegraphis – the resolution has not passed yet (Ron Mozer – we already have a resolution in effect) (Joseph Dalfonso – it was passed last February) then why is it on here now (Ron Mozer – there are a few changes) what changed (Ron Mozer – primary change was – questions will be directed to me – I will

delegate the answers) you guys did not vote on it tonight yet – you are putting the cart in front of the horse (Ron Mozer – don't interrupt me) we are supposed to be a representative government – each council is supposed to be catering to their voters (Ron Mozer – we are trying to make this open to all people) you are not – the solicitor and Mike Korposh you can look at them – the other guys were voted in by voters – I want everyone to know when they pass this resolution they are denying the voter to talk directly to the council (Joseph Dalfonso – that is where you are wrong – hold on – I'm going to explain part of my solicitor's report – I will do it right now – the three minutes have always been in place – this is a council minutes) I'm not (Joseph Dalfonso – Ernie) (Ron Mozer – don't interrupt) (Joseph Dalfonso – if you want the answers, I am giving you the answers) I'm not complaining about the three minutes (Joseph Dalfonso – what are you complain about) each voter has the right to come to the city council and talk directly to the council members – he just said we have to go through him (Joseph Dalfonso – they are not going to build a wall in front of the other council members are they) I don't know – are they (Joseph Dalfonso – look – the city is not asking for much here – this is a council meeting – this is to conduct city business) go to Russa and China you can control all you want (Joseph Dalfonso – the purpose to bring decorum back into the meetings0 you have to define decorum – nobody is allowed to talk to the council (Joseph Dalfonso – I would be glad to – the mayor can defer any comments to the council members) he did that last meeting (Joseph Dalfonso – he did) Karen took notes – what is going to be said since you deferred it to today – this is all bull shit – you guys talk – the little people can't talk – after one week – it's been three weeks (Joseph Dalfonso – who are the little people) the people of Monessen who voted for you guys – anyway – I am going to say

one more thing – if you don't have the right to address each council member especially when you can't get in touch with them during the week – when I look at other websites like Greensburg – their full name – their phone number – the time you can reach them and their email – we don't have on our Monessen website – I have been bringing this up since last year and nobody is doing a thing about it (Anthony Orzechowski – Ernie – you want to give each of us an office and a $60,000/year salary) I ask Karen if she could share her office and you guys said yes (Anthony Orzechowski – do you still want to give us $60,000) she ain't getting no $60,000 – she is doing it with her salary (Anthony Orzechowski – the point is the people in Greensburg are paid – it is a full time job – they hire into – when they go into those jobs it's like a commissioner – they make $100,000 some – the big bucks – I'm sorry – my $92 does not quite cut it up for a salary) I'm not saying many hours – just one hour a week – you can't afford one hour a week it is a problem (Anthony Orzechowski – it' not a problem) yes it is – one hour per week if you can come to the office (Ron Mozer – we are just beating this to death – is there anything else you would like to talk about) we will continue other items at the end.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Ron Mozer - few pieces this week – I'll be talking about the one about cyber security in a few minutes – other is reminder to everybody – you need to put your garbage out the night before the scheduled pick-up – they have people coming at very early hours of the morning and if it is not out the night before you are liable to not pick it up – the Refuse Authority has asked me to make that well known.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN. Joseph Dalfonso – first I want to address a topic that was brought up by Ted Harhai a couple of weeks ago involving the health center tax appeal – the allegations that I convinced the school board to lower the tax assessment – the school district was conned into it – Ted is not here, I wish he was – I would like to educate him on this topic – maybe he is watching on Facebook – he attacked my creditability – he attacked the court's creditability – he attacked the school district's creditability – good he is here (Ted Harhai just walked in) I'm talking about the health center tax appeal (Ron Mozer – he got the floor) the solicitor's report Ted – August 18, 2018 – there was a tax appeal – a hearing – he is what the court order says – on the 10th day of August 2018 – a hearing was held – the judge rule – the court rule – Judge Marcel – the signature is on the court order – value of the property $435,000 – that is what the court said (Ted Harhai – that is what you offered them) my part of the meeting I will explain how it works – you will get educated tonight – I have the document – let's talk about how fair market value is determined in terms of real estate – the price that a willing buyer and a willing seller will pay for and accept – this city was out for a bid – the city said we will take your $435,000 – we will get to the CDRE report (Ted Harhai – xxxxxx) (Ron Mozer – quit interrupting) Mr. Harhai this is my part of the meeting – he had your chance – you got your facts wrong – what did the school district do – they hired an appraiser for the tax appeal to show what the value was – it was Kelly Riley – creditable tax appraisers – they have been found creditable in multiple courts around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – they determined an independent appraisal at $435,000 – what the city accepted through a public bidding process – no CIA conspiracy that I did anything – 9 members, their solicitor – you also brough up the CDRE appraisal order by the city back in 2015 – the 2015 value was $600,000 – the 2019

projected value $1.9 million based on a lot of contingencies – building was to be 80% occupied, $500,000 HVAC repairs were completed (Ted Harhai – which they were) they were not – but there are two major issues with this appraisal – no fault of CDRE – they took their assignment and completed it – this is 2015 and we were dealing with 2018 and 2019 – it was based on extraordinary assumptions and hypothetical conditions – in layman's terms – make believe contingencies – there is definition right here from the appraisal – extraordinary assumption = an assumption directly related to a specific assignment as of the effective date of the assignment results which if found to be false could alter the options or conclusions – extraordinary assumptions (Ted Harhai – xxxxxxx) my part of the meeting – hypothetical condition = a condition directly related to a specific assignment which is contrary to what is known by the appraiser to exist on the effective date of the assignment result but is used for the purpose of analysis – based on an assumption (Ted Harhai – xxxxx) I'm talking about the fair market value – it was not in the school district's value – it was based on the appraisal on the property (Ted Harhai – the school district bought that appraisal) the school district ordered it (Ted Harhai – xxxxxxx) you are wrong – I represented the city (Ted Harhai – it was a team behind it) this is my portion of the meeting (Ted Harhai – go ahead a lie) I'm not lying – it's right here – you can go get the transcripts from the court – not discrediting CDRE – the city said make this building worth as much as possible on the report – they had to assume – that is what they said in their report – go read it – you can take this home with you (Ted Harhai – I read it already – I have it) ski the important parts – that building was tax exempt since its existence from what I believe (Ted Harhai – you fought to get it on the tax bills) it was assessed at that amount – I believe in 1977 – I will explain what I did and what the results of this was – I went with the fair market value

of the property was – real simple – you come with CIA conspiracy theories and attack my creditability (Ted Harhai – conspiracy theory) it's ultimate reality – let me finish – they had an appraiser – the fair market value was determined – city sold it for $425,000 – I did recommend settling it for $425,000 – you know why – because you know who much that appraisal costs the school district - $5,000 – I did not blame you for it – maybe you conned them in (Ted Harhai – xxxxx) your efforts for $10,000 in fair market value – the increase $61/year – congratulations – they are still paying off this appraisal – you attacked my creditability based on innuendos and lies – that is your MO (Ted Harhai – xxxxx) maybe it is to intimidate me but you are not that scary Ted – here is the folder – take it home and educate yourself on this issue (Ted Harhai – xxxxxxx) (Ron Mozer – that is his report – thank you very much – this is the end of it – not your turn to talk) this is my portion of the report – you have public comments at the end of the meeting like everyone else (Ted Harhai – the team, the people you represent not the city of Monessen – that is exactly what you do – you pick on people that are weak – I'm talking about the whole team) (Ron Mozer – nobody is picking on nobody) this fictitious team – you hold yourself to such high regard – we are talking in conspiracy theories at the city council meeting (Ron Mozer – let's move on with the agenda) – council had me look at the public comment resolution – the rules of the meeting because they are getting complains from outside this room – there is no decorum in this meeting – we have shown that here tonight clearly – as a reminder there is three minutes for public comments – they have to be on issues that the city can actually handle – there is consequences for not following these rules – if you are out of order – you are going to be reminded of the rules to get back on task – if you go over your time please sit down – you don't follow those rules you will be asked to leave – if you continue to cause a scene you will be escorted out – there

is a difference – this is a council meeting – everyone up here is to conduct business – you have your opportunity to speak – they are not asking for much – they are asking for a decorum – everyone up here is subject to criticism (Ron Mozer – not at this time – let us move on) (Anthony Orzechowski – let me make something very clear – we all want to make sure our opinions are heard – properly explained – more information has to be involved – that is from all of us – but I am tired at all this bickering back and forth – we can have a conversation and have it work – starting tonight – if we start arguing – we can not do with either – we are not going to start cutting you people – respect is both ways – situation comes – you start yelling – we are going to ask you to wait until public comment or please tone down your voice a little bit – I'm going to be the first one to say something different that what Joe just said – you come up for your three minutes – you have a logical and reasonable and it is obtainable and you don't have your answers met yet – you are not going to be three minutes – boom – go sit down – I will not take that – I will not have that – if you are going to sit up here and yell and scream and get excited – this is all of us – get furious – start accusing – I really don't want to hear a thing about the refuse authority, the redevelopment authority, the school board any of it – or the paper – we have nothing to do with it – I wish we could help you but we can't – so let's put or energy into what can help each other – I know you are going to look at me and go oh whatever – no this is how it is going to be and trust me we are going to ask you to sit down, please calm down – continue both ways screaming – we are going to ask you if you can't stop please leave – if you don't and you continue – this is three strikes and we are going to escort you out- at the end you can ask me anything or anyone on the council anything – this is what we are talking about – you need to have a little decorum and respect and we need to respect all of you 150,000,000% - we are looking for

100% back from all of you – tonight is clearing the air – it' done – we are all moving on – if you are upset and you come to the podium – we understand – under no circumstances to we attack anyone – I'll be the first one to give you my word if someone up here is attacking any of you – it works both ways hold your questions to the end – have respect for what we are asking – you go to any council meeting or city meeting anywhere else – that is exactly what you will be asked to do – we are just asking you to go forward – Pino, I am asking you to respect what I just asked you not to do – leave your question to the end – I promise you that we are going to let you stand up here but if you ramble on for 10 minutes and you are not yelling – you have a serious question – I'm going to make sure John, Karen and I – sorry I can't speak for you Karen – I am going to make sure you have that 10 minutes for that question – that include Ernie, Mr. Harhai or anybody – it does not matter – no more yelling and attacking at each other – that I from all of us) (Linda Lacey – you are going to stop the meeting) (Anthony Orzechowski - I am not going to stop anything – again you are doing what I am asking you not to do) (Linda Lacey – I am tired of being abused by city council) (Anthony Orzechowski - I am asking you to please do what you have been asked – you can more than happy to say all of that at the end – and again Linda, I am not going to say your three minutes are up – we are become a laughing stock again – none of us want that – bottom line is none of us want that) (Linda Lacey – this has been going on for a long time) (Anthony Orzechowski – then let's end it - like John just said – let's end it – we are going to end it right now – that is what is going to happen – I pray it doesn't get to the point where we have to say, the mayor says, chief, please send them out – it is going to happen and we don't want it ever to happen – I hope it never even gets close to that).

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

Gerald Saksun – garbage fees & city RE taxes collected for the month

of February 2024 – garbage fee current – February $41,425.00 – year-to-date $293,588.72 – 2024 budget $350,000.00 – garbage fee delinquent February $8,750.41 – year-to-date $17,663.21 – 2024 budget $75,000.00 – amount collected by Portnoff February $6,130.41 – year-to-date $9,543.21 (included in the total above) – penalty and interest Portnoff February $150.46 – year-to-date $150.46 – 2024 budget $2,500.00 – garbage collected for next year 2025 February $280.00 – year-to-date $760.00 – 2024 budget $150,000.00 – total garbage collected February $50,605.87 – year-to-date $312,162.39 – 2024 budget $577,500.00.

City real estate taxes current 2024 budget $1,600,000.00 – city taxes prior year collected by city year-to-date $22,044.74 – 2024 budget $7,000.00 – subtotal year-to-date $22,044.74 – delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland Tax Claim Bureau (quarterly) 2024 budget $160,000.00 – total year-to-date taxes $22,044.74 – 2024 budget $1,767,000.00 – city real estate tax distribution as of February 29, 2024 – general fund year-to-date - $15,336.53 – 2024 budget $1,113,120.00 - debt service year-to-date $4,162.05 – 2024 budget $302,080.00 – library year-to-date $445.31 – 2024 budget $32,320.00 – parks year-to-date $2,100.85 – 2024 budget $152,480.00 – total year-to-date $22,044.74 – 2024 budget $1,600,000.00.

Real estate transfer tax February $4,374.96 – year-to-date $9,508.54 – 2024 budget $89,333.00 – earned income tax February $84,401.84 – year-to-date $108,385.36 – 2024 budget $682,048.00 – mercantile tax February $654.50 – year-to-date $733.56 – 2024 budget $23,425.00 – local services tax February $13,252.45 – year-to-date $17,227.63 – 2024 budget $71,072.00 – tax certifications February $450.00 – year-to-date $1,920.00 – 2024 budget $20,000.00 –

municipal lien letters February $600.00 – year-to-date $1,500.00 – 2024 budget $17,500.00.

Line usage account – unsewered payments February $2,916.00 – year-to-date $2,996.00 – line usage fee February $66,069.57 – year-to-date $152,836.25 – total line usage year-to-date $155,832.25. 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 February 29, 2024 – beginning bank balance as of January 31, 2024, $164,383.78 – deposits $335,625.70 – expenses $299,431.17 – ending balance as of February 29, 2024, $200,578.31 – outstanding checks $77,340.58 – no outstanding deposits – reconcile to bank statement $123,237.73.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. **Discussion of Issues by Mayor Mozer within the City of Monessen from February 22, 2024, to March 14, 2024.** – sewer project presentation by Ron Mozer – Phase 3 extended project – they are coming down Parente approaching Donner and Schoonmaker area – they will very soon reach the railroad tracks – what is beyond the railroad tracks – that is what we are calling the 3C extended project – this map was done in 1897 – in 1897 the railroad came into town – they built pipes underneath where the river was coming down from on top of the hills – there was no underground action there – I have a map from 1902 it showed a preliminary – doing the very first things – what happens when you go underneath the tracks –

first off it starts – it's a triple, double lined brick round pipe that was laid – it is 86" in diameter – or 84" in diameter – you can stand up in the center and hold your arms up and you can not touch the sides of it – huge pipe – 35' down the line, they come into a plug – this plug was plugging up someone else's line – it is a wooden plug – they never removed it -it is just sitting in the pipe – it needs to be removed – they keep going down the pipe and it come into a satellite treatment plant – a few years ago between the track and the river – the sewage authority – the gate that is at the back of it is a huge gate – when there is a huge storm – they overflow – they send it into this line where we are in – that room is 20' x 20' – huge room underground – then it turns into cobblestone – if you look at the back of this – you can see the round pipe entering into the back of this but the pipe becomes square cobblestone – that is not enough to confuse you – the it goes into a mushroom shape where you have brick on the top and concrete on the bottom – floor is totally gone – there is all kinds of faults in this – it goes to an oval at one point – lots of changes in construction technique that was done – there are all kinds of problems with it – they got failures in the side of it – they got broken pipe in the middle of the pipe – the floor is out in most of the line – it's a huge challenge – MCSP is the contractor that is doing the road down Parente – they are the ones that looked at this pipe – they said this is great – we like this – this is exciting – this is fun stuff – we can make a magazine article about this – we will get some advertisement out of this – they want to continue this project – it is really up to the USDA whether we can extend 3C or we have to come up with a 3D – if we come up with a 3D it requires new specifications, go out

for bid – do the whole process again – they are probably the only ones who would possible bid on a project that is this convoluted – very expensive and timely – we are pushing very had with the USDA to allow this to be an expanded part of 3 – that is where this is going – the second this I want to talk about is cybersecurity - as I pointed out there is an offer that came to the city through the DCED – this is funded through Biden's inflation reduction act that allows us to implement some cybersecurity things – the reason why this is so important – this is the state senator – this is what she had to say about it – (State Senator - Legislation aimed at protecting out state's information technology – cybersecurity attacks cost businesses and governments billions of dollars every year – in this environment it is critical to understand that instead of just looking at software package or hardware, we need to equally evaluate security standards put into every device, every piece of software through rigorous standards – the National Institute of Standards and Technology were missed guidelines are the gold standard in those IT standard contracts – this legislation will require that any state or government purchase of computer hardware shall meet those standards and utilized best practice for security – the commonwealth handling various IT projects is abundantly clear – the radio project – the unemployment call centers – management system – the department of vital records – industry – as well as data breaches for various agencies throughout the commonwealth over the last few weeks – we can not bury our heads in the sand – these breaches comes to the cost of the hard working taxpayers of this commonwealth – their sensitive information could be compromised – their tax dollars could be used for the

recovery solutions – like we are seeing with the state police, state employee retirement system – we can not sit back and say everything is fine while clearly status quo of our state's IT system is failing – we need to prioritize cybersecurity for best practices – I respectably ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote) just to be clear about what has taken place – the city has been offered money with no matching requirement to improve our cybersecurity network – it is my recommendation to city council that we take that offer up and we move forward with it – that will be on next meeting on the 28th to accomplish that – a couple of other things I want to talk about – a position as treasury clerk for the City of Monessen will become available March 15, 2024 – AFSCME will receive peripheral treatment – position requires good understanding of bookkeeping and the utilization of QuickBooks software – applicant must have good interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with the general public while presenting a very position impression to the City of Monessen – a successful applicant will be held responsible for the handling of monies and to report these to the treasurer and city council – a complete job description is available at city hall, 575 Donner, Monessen, PA – just a reminder, I said something before – I have been asked by the refuse authority to remind everybody to put their garbage out the night before the scheduled pick up – they are coming very early in the morning – it is highly likely you might get missed – the solicitor and I have had many discussion with Portnoff – come the next meeting we will have a plan together, I hope – were by we can offer amnesty program for people who have back garbage due – it will designed in such a way that you will pay the principle – 6 months to pay the principle and legal

expenses incurred up to date – that could be a savings of up to a lot of money to a lot of people – everybody keep their eye out – we will have that – hopefully council will agree and we will move forward with that at the next meeting – everyone has read in the newspaper where different municipalities had issues with taxes in Westmoreland County – primarily the county has raised their tax rate – luckily our treasury department was on top of it – they got everything – my thanks goes to our treasury department for doing it the right way – it took a couple days longer to get the tax bills out – I do believe they went out today – if not they will go out tomorrow – thank you for all the extra work to get that done.

b. Motion to approve the demolition of structures on the following properties based upon title owners and interested parties failing to attend Demolition Hearings held in the City of Monessen at City Hall, 575 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 on February 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm:

* **920 Rostraver St, 20-02-07-0-471**
* **424 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-053**
* **318 Delaware Street, 20-02-08-0-228**
* **420 Second Street, 20-02-07-0-512**
* **515 Summit Avenue, 20-02-07-0-205**
* **421 Ontario Avenue, 20-02-08-0-144**
* **428 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-054**
* **515 Chestnut Street, 20-02-07-0-216**
* **430 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-055**

*** 405 Delaware Street, 20-02-08-0-192**

*** 908 Rostraver Street, 20-02-07-0-466**

*** 608 Division Street, 20-02-06-0-291**

*** 641 Knox Avenue, 20-02-06-0-059**

*** 309 Forest Street, 20-02-08-0-095**

*** 401 Ontario Avenue, 20-02-08-0-139**

*** 400 Motheral Avenue, 20-02-07-0-157**

*** 1542 Rostraver Street, 20-02-15-0-317**

*** 924 Rostraver Street, 20-02-07-0-472**

*** 612 12th Street, 20-02-06-0-277**

Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing rules and regulations for public participation at all advertised regular and special meetings of the Council of the City of Monessen. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to approve PHFA Homeowner Assistance Fund Vendor Acknowledgment document. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – (Anthony Orzechowski – can we explain what PHFA is) (Ron Mozer – that is a fund that was put aside by DCED that will provide money to assist people that are risk of losing their home – up to $50,000 per home) (Joseph Dalfonso – the city is signing up – it will pay delinquent taxes, sewage and garbage) (Ron Mozer – and even mortgage) (Jospeh

Dalfonso – it is a state program that provides homeowner assistance) - vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to approve attached Payment Requisition No. 16 and Certificate in the amount of $1,178,862.34 for the Phase 3B and Phase 3C work performed during the month of February 2024. The invoices are attached for approval by the Council as "Exhibit A". Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to appoint Ronald Naylor as an extra Police Officer for the City of Monessen for a 30-day period to be compensated at the starting patrolman rate of the City of Monessen Police Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent on the City of Monessen entering a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamster Local Union No. 205. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to approve Civil Service Testing on an as needed basis during the Police Officer open hiring period within the City of Monessen. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion for the City of Monessen to become a member of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania at a cost of $325.00 per year. Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor (Anthony Orzechowski – mayor I have an issue with this – the city right now is still relying on the TAN note – had we not had the TAN note we would not be able to pay our bills, pay or salaries – we wouldn't be able to do all that stuff – I am not comfortable with taking on any other expenses that is not 100% that the city must do – until we are in a better financial state that we can make it without a TAN note – I don't think the city should incur any added expenses) (Ron Moze -

well ok – I can understand that quite well to be honest with you – to me the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania is a group that can provide legal assistance for people that are being evicted – provide legal assistance for a whole wealth of things – they are the ones that point out that 53% of the population they are responsible for, or helping, earn less than $20,000 per year – these are people that are paying their rent instead of the medical – this is more of a lobbying activity – I'm not saying the city is going to lose anything if we don't do it but I am saying we are losing the opportunity to gain better understanding of what we can offer those people – 53% of Monessen that are at risk of housing – that is the whole purpose of this) (Anthony Orzechowski – I can appreciate that but that availability of housing and alliance is still available to them whether we become an alliance member or not) (Ron Mozer – but you don't know that – you don't have that information – there you can bring that information back to the citizens of Monessen – that is the big difference – call it every day and find out what they are doing) (Anthony Orzechowski – maybe it is something that we table until later and see our financial – I just don't like spending money that we don't have right now – we do not have it – I make a motion to table the motion for the City of Monessen to become a member of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0. Thank you, mayor.)

i. **Motion to accept the resignation of Employee 510.** Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $34,429.53. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $1,239.19. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B." Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $628.31. 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 Line Usage account in the amount of $1,265.77. 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 invoice from the Grant Fund in the amount of $2,767.28. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "E". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $10, 409.40. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "F". Motion by Anthony

Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to approve the transfer of $71,529.05 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account to cover the payroll expenses. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion to transfer $75,000.00 from the TAN Account to the General Account to assist in payroll costs for the February 29, 2024, payroll allocation for the City of Monessen. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

i. Motion to transfer $70,000.00 from the General Account to the Payroll account to allocated for expenses for the February 29th City of Monessen payroll period. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

j. Motion to transfer $50,000.00 from the TAN account to the General Fund account. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

k. Motion to transfer $66,052.16 from the General Account to the Payroll account for Payroll Expenditures for the March 14, 2024, City of Monessen payroll. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

l. Motion to reimburse the General Account Fund of the City of Monessen for the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of $76,626.19, with specific transactions outlined as follows:

* **Compass Mineral Salt $47,487.91**
* **NAPA Auto Truck Repair $475.67**
* **Lowes Street Signs $43.66**
* **Wilson Home Heating Diesel $1,825.85**
* **West Penn Power Street Lights $22,354.00**
* **U.S Municipal Street Signs $1,459.40**
* **Bart's Automotive Truck Repairs $1,141.59**
* **Davies Automotive Truck Repairs $982.30**
* **Stephenson Equipment Repairs of Equipment $855.81**

Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0. The expenditures are from our Liquid Fuels money which came in about a week to 10 days ago. The general account was paying for things like plowing, salt, maintenance on any repair of the truck or anything of that nature. (Ernie Telegraphis – you could use the TAN not for that) I did not have to.

Account balances – ARP $155,137.56 – debt service $894,167.35 – fire escrow $21,393.38 – refuse $352,624.86 – healthcare $1,663.18 – grant $79,577.38 – line usage $796,701.77 – liquid fuels $255,501.26 – park $27,237.12 – payroll $18,448.45 – recreation $4,597.41 – general $39,957.70 – TAN $227,323.16.

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending February 29, 2024. Lois Thomas – absent – defer her report to the next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending, February 29, 2024. John Nestor – abstain report until the next meeting.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks, and Public Property

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending February 29, 2023. Karen Cosner – I don't have any official report, but I would like to bring up two things – I received a few weeks ago from Dr. Martin Dudas from the Monessen Parks Restoration Group – he is asking for council's approval to aide the job done by the city workers in the park, volunteers are covered by liability insurance from Penn National Insurance – for your consideration this isn't anything new – but when I talked to him – I said what would be nice if we could have more of a collaboration – anybody doing any work in the park – work was done – we would have to sit down so everybody doing it with the plans so there would be no overlap with work being done – they also asked if I could have a copy of his liability insurance from Penn National Insurance – he gave me a copy which is about this thick – so I have it – anybody interested in looking at it you are welcome – it's beyond my understanding but it seams like all basis are covered (John Nestor – I think previous practice we should put that on file if there are any issues – I love idea we see some oversight – working together – I love that idea) (Ron Mozer – I appreciate you taking that on too) I think it is all about cooperation – Mike and I have been working on a Pirates Field for Kids Grant – what the grant is for is for batting cage at the Shawnee Park – the girls' softball team – when I started working on this I didn't realize that softball team

were all girls and no boys were on it – this is a learning experience – we are happy at the end of the day that we pushed some – we should know by April 15th whether or not we got the grant – w asked for a wavier so we don't have to make a match from the city – I think that is pretty exciting – I hope we get it – I know there had been some things about this for several years now – I just wanted to make other council members aware of it and the public – any questions – feel free to ask – you can stop by my office on Tuesday and Thursday until 2:30 – give me a call at 724-684-9000 or email me.

11. OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO THE MAYOR ON ANY ITEM RELATING TO THE BUSINESS, ORDINANCES, STATUTES, RESOLUTIONS OR DAILY WORK PRODUCT AND ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

Ernie Telegraphis – who is responsible for anti-littering in the city of Monessen (Ron Mozer – every citizen of Monessen) don't give me that communist point of view (Ron Mozer - every citizen of Monessen) who is responsible on this council (Linda Lacey – that would be the streets department) I believe so – Karen are you responsible (Ron Mozer – she is public places not streets – that would be Lois) she is not here – this is Cleveland Cliffs – they are polluting our streets – they are putting all kind of debris all over the city of Monessen (passing around a picture) – Pennsylvania Vehicle code and Anti-littering code – Title 75 Chapter 37 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statues 3709 – it addresses any deposit of waste and material on any Commonwealth highway, private and public property and waters – they define this as waste paper, sweeping, ashes, household waste, glass, refuse, metal, rubbish or any dangerous or detrimental substance – nobody is dong nothing about it – I contacted them – they have an agency

and I am going to alert them since nobody in Monessen cares about pot holes or debris in the air or on the pavements – we breathe it in – why mayor haven't you done anything about this health problem – it really is a health problem (Ron Mozer – first off I appreciate you taking the role and taking care of it – thank you very much) I'm not getting your salary – are you going to give me part of your salary – then I'll do it (Ron Mozer – all $160/month) so you guys aren't going to do anything about it (Ron Mozer – no – first off you made the initial contact – that is wonderful – that is great) when they step in they are going to bill you guys – so that's great – this is what you guys do – you pass the buck – you act like your innocent – you are all about being real good people (Ron Mozer – calm down) (Anthony Orzechowski – you just said something about they are going to bill you – who is going to bill you) if they come in – it says there is a penalty (Joseph Dalfonso – to them not us – that is the penalty for violating the statute) who pays for that (Ron Mozer – not the city - it's the person who violates) so when the state comes in – are they going to bill you guys or Cleveland Cliffs (Joseph Dalfonso – Cliffs if they violate the statute) I just want to make sure – I don't want to have another increase in taxes because you guys didn't do your job – thank Tony for making intelligent questions (Anthony Orzechowski – that's my job) that's everybody else's job but I don't get it from the other ones – I have one little question for Karen – Karen you rode with Don Gregor two months ago – you saw rubbish all over – what is the outcome – you don't have a report for that – planting trees (Ron Mozer – the question will be addressed to me – Karen would you please) (Karen Cosner – what rubbish are you talking about) you and Don Gregor drove around back in January – the rubbish – did you correct the situation

(Karen Cosner – there has been rubbish in Monessen for as long as I have lived here) there were those particular areas of rubbish that was being piled up (Karen Cosner – are you talking about Columbus Park) yeah (Karen Cosner – I have inquired about that) you inquired two months ago so (John Nestor – the gates are locked) the rubbish is still there – who is picking it up (Ron Mozer – it was all cleaned up) (Linda Lacey – by who) (Ron Mozer – by Cleveland Cliffs - we did part of it) I just hope we have more responsible council members to the voters who put you guys in.

Ted Harhai – at the last meeting the fictitious orientation of you accomplishments – some of the other misleading nonsense – I thought is was orchestrated – a lot of the stuff if the county did not step in and spend a ton of money under the rescue act and do some of this demolition – it would have never gotten done – I don't know if the paper is giving you credit because they are not here – they watch it tv – I don't know, do they call you afterwards and you just discuss it with them – you talked about the TAN note – a long time ago that young lady Rosalie Nicksich taught me about a TAN note and how we can not survive without it – I said that is impossible – it's not impossible – that is how we survived because it's a declining industrial center – that is what happens and we need to get money – you are learning that – you found out that you need that to operate – it is just the way it is going to be – you had said some time ago that Community Banks did not know what a TAN note was – its funny because that week I went a spoke to the head Community Bank and they know exactly what a TAN note was – that was printed in the paper also (Anthony Orzechowski – you're right - if I can make a comment about that – my goal is not to rely on the TAN note) I am not refuting that – I just wanted to make a comment because she is the one who

taught me about 23 or 24 years ago what a TAN note was – why we need it – how is operates – then she would say you can't take $5,000 – she ran the show is what I am saying – she is a great lady and a big help probably to you imagine – I bring up the paper because it talks about the sewage – we know about that – if it would have been done in 2014 when Mavrakis was mayor and it was mandated and he just blew it off - it was about $11 or $12 million – now at $15 million – it costs the city money – more money – the gas lines were done by the gas company – I don't want to debate the health center – this is about the money with the health center scam – only one side in the newspaper – only $177,000 over 7 years is approximately $1.2 million – it would have yielded – they wanted to sell it – I think it benefited – I know it benefited two entities that fought hard and had Mavrakis as the mouth piece – to reduce it from $177,000 to $54,000 – Westmoreland Community Action are the single family (Ron Mozer – yes) on Motheral - who keeps inviting this Urin guy into – he was in the building about two or three weeks before you call the meeting off because Ernie was interrupting you when – that was not on the agenda by the way – I sat in the back and listened (Ron Mozer – my comments) yes it was not on the agenda – that's the thing you express (Ron Mozer – my comments – there was not motion) just FYI – who keeps inviting this guy – he wants to do low income housing – we don't need him – when we were a community of 25,000 people the Federal Government mandated that you need to have so much income housing – Park Manor was built – that was in the 50's – after that you had Eastgate, Westgate, Valley Manor and Highland Manor – we have enough – we have whatever the number is now in town – we don't need low income housing – who keeps inviting this guy in town – I have

the information on how he – I have this all – why would we want someone like that – I am a resident – the things he wrote we absolutely 100% not true – we keep inviting him back – he appears before the redevelopment authority - you attend the meeting because I ask Pino if you were there - so you are fully aware of it - why do we want this guy in Monessen for low income apartment housing – he is looking at two other spots in the city – you don't have to answer it (Ron Mozer – first off I would like to answer it if I could) just let me finish – you said don't speak about the refuse authority – I was going to question the vote for Lois's aunt who wanted to be off the authority – looks like we voted 3 to 2 to get her off – Tom Salak was a good appointment no doubt – when we came to me , we voted for Dave Fein first so we did not have to vote for me so you would not have to vote 0 to 5 to vote me off – you should have just told me upfront because I knew you were not going to reappoint me because there are other designs you want to do with the sewage authority – four entities I thought you really flipped on was a little amazing to me – the ambulance service was kind of treated like crap – the library, the fire department and the civic center – all of a sudden the civic center floor gets done – they said a parent did it – I heard differently – I don't think a parent would put the money up for that – I think somebody got a favor from the city or is going to receive a favor from the city – I will say one last thing because I see some of the crimes in the city – crime it is proof – you spoke for 35 minutes at a meeting one time so about this three minute limit and you spoke twice (Ron Mozer – it is kind of nice being mayor – you should realize this because you were once mayor – as the mayor you can talk as long as you want to) you weren't the mayor – your beard was neatly trimmed (Ron Mozer – I want to point out I

never invited him into town – he came on his own and his business is with the redevelopment authority not with the city) you are aware of the redevelopment (Ron Mozer – I am aware of that but that is the redevelopment authority).

Linda Lacey – I would like to say there is no such thing as low income housing – unless you consider the projects or these three senior buildings owned by the housing authority – you can not build a house under $250,000 – that is not happening (Ron Mozer – probably not – that is not what they are saying) so why are you using the terminology low income housing (Ron Mozer – it is subsidized) are they going to subsidize $150,000 or $200,000 – are they going to subsidize that (Ron Mozer – they subsidize in some degree – how much I do not know – that is not my business) even if the did subsidize it would not be affordable here (Ron Mozer – first off – this has nothing to do with things we can control here) you keep mentioning it – the other thing I want to say is Portnoff – what are you going to do to those people who got caught up in Portnoff four or five years ago who had to pay an extremely amount of money – are you going to give them a refund (Ron Mozer – no) yet still you are helping these people that are now caught up in that – why (Ron Mozer – this was a program that was done in 2015, if believe, that was very successful – w got a lot of people to get caught up) I have never heard of that program – really seriously – I was just saying what are you going to do to those people that were caught up before – I have seven questions I am going to give you (Ron Mozer – ok) you can read them – I can read them – six questions – you said you want the questions submitted to you along with a comment I saw that I thought was fitting – I think – I'll give those to you – what happens, Tony to the TAN note when we run out of the TAN

note – will we get another one (Anthony Orzechowski – hopefully we won't have to touch another penny) it was $500,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – we used $275,000+ - there is $227,000+ we have not touched – taxes are going out – we had $76,000+ from liquid fuels transferring to general to make up for what the general paid for liquid fuels – salt and everything for winter – we are at the point now where I don't see it not happening – we don't touch the rest of the TAN note – that is all we are going to spend out of it) it seems like it was leaving pretty quick (Anthony Orzechowski – ask anyone up here – it was not leaving quickly) I thought in December it was $500,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – we did not have it until January – I did not need the TAN note until the end of January) this is March (Anthony Orzechowski – I did not need the TAN note until the middle of February) you mentioned the amount of money you got from the TAN note – that is why I am asking (Anthony Orzechowski - $500,000 but we did not need it until the middle of February because we had $380,000 in the black from last year – that carried all the way from January) you are saying from February to March we have used almost half of it (Anthony Orzechowski – we used a little less than half – yes) one more question that is on the agenda that we are paying West Penn Power street lights $22,354.00 – is that for a year or for a month (Anthony Orzechowski – a month) we pay that a month for 6 traffic lights (Ron Mozer – I though you said street lights) street lights (Ron Mozer – street lights is all the street lights in town) from what I understand they are as dim as they can go (Ron Mozer – they are LED) I thought that was going to save us money (Ron Mozer – it has but we also have to pay for those LED lights too – that is a 10 year program) ok so $22,354 is monthly that we have to pay for our street lights (Anthony Orzechowski – there is

$10,000 at least that includes the walking track and other places) so what happens when there is a street light out – do we call you or do we call West Penn Power (Anthony Orzechowski – both – both can happen) there is one right down on 6th Street right now that is out (Anthony Orzechowski – if you have the number of the pole – that is exactly what they want) I will email it to Karen – there is one on our street too – not at my house but up the street – one on 6th Street that has been out all winter (Anthony Orzechowski – to be honest with you Linda, I would love to get rid of – not make it dark – but get rid of – put solar on each one of the poles and just use that but it is not cost efficient but it was nice enough – god rest his soul – councilman Charvelle started that program – he is the one who drove West Penn Power to get it all done) (Ron Mozer – to whatever it is worth – that was a ten year program – we should be coming out of that in a couple more years – we will have a major reduction in our electric) I am going to give the questions to the mayor (Ron Mozer – you can ask them if you want – six different questions – feel free to) why were the two houses on 14th Street were demolished when they could have been revitalized and sold and put back on the tax role – the property was not advertised for sale – instead the lots were sold to a person who lived next to the properties (Ron Mozer – let me explain that – first off we had no say so in that – it was two properties that were so far behind that they went through judicial sale – at the judicial sale, the landbank at the county picked those up – they went and looked at the inside of them and they were any near able to rehabilitate them – they are the ones who decided to demolish them – they are the ones that sold them to the neighbor, the property) that is not the story I was told (Ron Mozer – I'm sorry but that is the story that is accurate) I will let

you stick to that - there are worse properties in Monessen – a whole list you just read them off – were in worse shape than those two houses on 14th Street (Ron Mozer – right – these are properties we are moving forward with local action to get them demolished) they should have been demolished before those two on 14th Street – they were not dilapidated looking like what I saw on Rostraver – what I saw on McKee – what I saw on Oneida (Ron Mozer – they do have records at the landbank – you are welcome to ask his about them) I've been through the landbank list – I talked with Brian Lawarence – I know (Ron Mozer – he was the one that ordered them to be demolished) how could he order to be demolished when it belonged to the city (Ron Mozer – it did not belong to us) who did it belong to (Ron Mozer – it belonged to the courts – it went through the judicial – the judicial process allows the property to be sold free and clear – it no longer has taxes due, no longer has mortgages due) ok so you say Brian Lawrencee bought those houses (Ron Mozer – the landbank has first rights of refusal on anything that goes through the judicial process – anything that hits the judicial process, if he see anything he would like to do something with – either rehabilitate it or demolish it – he has first right – so he got that property in the name of the landbank) local earned income – where does that money go – how is it collected every year – how is it distributed in the city and does Berkheimer send you a report (Ron Mozer -that money comes from earned income) I know where it comes from because I pay it (Ron Mozer – you pay it as everybody else that has a job – that is regulated by the state – they distribute it to the county – the county distributes to us – we get 1%) I know all that part – all about how Pennsylvania laws work on that – that is not what I asked – I asked how is it distributed when you get it (Ron

Mozer – it goes into the general fund) ok – and the general fund (Ron Mozer – it pays our bills) the problem on High Street – has that been fixed and are all the rest of the houses going to tap into public sewer (Ron Mozer – I do not have a current status on that but I do believe that should be finished within the next week or so if it is not finished already) all the houses up there (Ron Mozer – all – well – all the houses that want to attach to it can attach to it) oh – so other words, you can't be attached to it if you don't want to be attached to it (Ron Mozer – can you help me address this because I'm um) I want to know because if you don't have to be – why are we paying a sewage bill (Joseph Dalfonso – you can not disconnect from the sewage line if that is what you are asking – some of these houses up there have had a sewage system, a septic tank, something along those lines since there were constructed) I understand that but I think when you build a house every house is supposed to have a septic tank (Joseph Dalfonso – yes – now today – they are supposed to be connected to the sewage line – for some reason those houses were built before the sewage line) what happens to your sewage septic tank when it is not attached – it's in the ground (Joseph Dalfonso – it leaches into the) it goes into the Monongahela (Joseph Dalfonso – it's ground water – it's a treatment – it's an on lot sewage system – it treats the sewage) maybe that is why our sewage bill is so high (Joseph Dalfonso – what happens is some of the on lot sewage systems are failing – the city is starting to provide sewage to those houses – eventually that neighborhood will be connected) I think that happened in Belle Vernon probably about 5 years ago – everybody in that community on that street had to have it (Ron Mozer – that has happened here over the course of many years,

many times) ok – I'm done and I'm going to give you copy of the questions.

Pino Cianflone – Tony, a question I wanted to ask you when you were speaking (Ron Mozer – address me and I'll turn it over to him just to be proper with this) I was asking Tony but I will go through the channel – but at the end of the day, you vote yes to not being allowed to speak (Anthony Orzechowski – you mean the three minutes) yep – those three minutes – you said that you are definitely allowed to go beyond (Anthony Orzechowski – I will voice my opinion very strongly if you are having a civil conversation with questions and directing things to ask answers – three minutes are up and you are still continuing – yes – you deserve every moment to be able to talk like that – I think it is us acknowledging and respecting you for what your questions are and you deserve an answer and also respecting us to provide you with that answer) how many council people believe in that same (Anthony Orzechowski – I can't answer for everyone) (Ron Mozer – his thing to be real honest is to make sure that we maintain decorum – if we maintain decorum, I would hope more people will start to come) I will go back to your answer to that question – more people will come if you be transparent – and (Ron Mozer – show me one thing that I cam not transparent on) that you're running the show (Ron Mozer – I'm mayor – what is the mayor supposed to do) you have people that tell you what to do (Ron Mozer – nobody tells me what to do) you stand there any tell me – I'm only telling you – I see how you work – you come to two meetings (Ron Mozer – first of) let me finish now – I ask you the question (Ron Mozer – but no insults) parson (Ron Mozer – no insults) you insult us every day (Ron Mozer – no I don't) (Anthony Orzechowski – Pino – keep the personal things) wait – this is how I

look at – I have been involved with working people for over 60 years of my life – I've been to many meetings – I have been put in jail, thrown out of meeting and I came back because I will find a will and a way to come back and combat you and fight you and I will – just remember something – Mandel and Martin Luther King wen to jail for the right to speak – for the right to express themselves and you don't believe in that (Ron Mozer – absolutely I do) because you don't want to hear the truth – the other two meeting you attended – I will tell you something you did terrible for Monessen – Ted Harhai, a legislator for 20 some years – you didn't even put him in the refuse authority because you are pissed off at him and he is smarter than you are (Ron Mozer – first off no insults) that's not an insult that is facts (Ron Mozer – that is your perception) why didn't you put him in – someone told you (Ron Mozer – no one told me to put him in or not put him in) you waited for two years before you fulfilled that job – two years went empty and you did not care (Ron Mozer – now I have people in there that report to me) you email that you sent this past week from Mike and to us that came – it was all about the refuse – the letter you wrote to our secretary about the garbage – you come to the meeting like you have an authority to represent the city of Monessen (Ron Mozer – I have an authority to see what goes on there – I now have people in that authority that tell me what is going on – how many times did you come to me and report what was going on in the refuse authority meeting) how many times did I come to you – never (Ron Mozer – exactly) you know why – because you are not transparent (Ron Mozer – because I am sitting in my office) (Anthony Orzechowski -we are getting loud) I just telling you why (Ron Mozer – you are insulting) (Anthony Orzechowski – we are getting loud and we are getting off on what

I ask everybody not to do) I have been loud all my life (Anthony Orzechowski – not this way Pino – I'm going to ask you politely to just tone it down – no personal attacks and I respect your opinion but I'm telling you if this continues, I am going to ask the Chief to start considering – I don't want to do that) I'll be back next month (Anthony Orzechowski – it could happen again next month) then I'll come back the following month (Ron Mozer – lets avoid that) I ask a simple question, you give me an answer – why did he get rid of Teddy (Anthony Orzechowski – he did not get rid of anybody – council voted as a whole) why was it empty for two years (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't understand – there was no position) (Ron Mozer – it was not two years, it was about a year) no I brought it to council – it was a year and a half when that girl resigned - I brought it to your attention – you know you don't come to the meetings (Ron Mozer – you never proposed anybody to be appointed) you talked to me about the refuse – you come with someone and you come in and told me we don't need the refuse authority (Ron Mozer – I never said that) yes – you said that right there – you said we can do without you guys – if you speak loud again I cam going to throw you out of the meeting – that is what you said – you want me to talk to you (Ron Mozer – I don't know where you come up with some of this stuff – can I ask you a question – first off you come in here every time – you say these people are not from Monessen but Monessen is not an island that you don't depend on other people – people come from Uniontown to polish the floors at no cost to the city – they believe in the civic center – let me finish – they I find out you complain about the school system – you complain about the newspaper – you complain about the attorneys – think about these things – now I understand you have gone to one of the local business men

and said you can take your business outside of Monessen – take it across the river to Charleroi and you were making some very derogatory remarks at the same time) if you can't come up with the names, they are lying – you believe anything (Ron Mozer – first off I have heard this from multiple people) I never said that (Ron Mozer – we have a very good developer in town Joe Bradsmont – you go to him and say you have a certain individual person back to Mexico in a very derogative way – send his help back to Mexico) I talked to him – I met with him various times (Ron Mozer – every time you talk with him, he tells me) bring him over here – why do you believe someone who is lying to you – she (Linda Lacey) was with me (Ron Mozer – I have not been their but our code officer tells me it is total phenomenal – he has done great work on these houses) she was with me so I know he was lying (Ron Mozer – his houses are getting renovated and they are selling for good money) Tony listen to what I am going to tell you – listen – tell him to come here and tell me that I said that (Ron Mozer – if that is what it is going to take them I will ask him) are you going to do that (Ron Mozer – I am going to ask him – I can't demand anyone coming) why would you take his word (Ron Mozer – because I believe him – he has done) you don't believe me (Ron Mozer – I don't believe you right now – you already said I am not transparent – I am trying to be as transparent as I can possible be – you accuse me of different things – I just don't think are appropriate – that is exactly it) like what – what did I accuse you of (Ron Mozer – being transparent) you are not transparent – I have a right to say when I see how you work – you got people who operate – let me ask you a question (Ron Mozer – let's move on) who did you hire as a engineer for Monessen (Ron Mozer - WEC is still our engineer) still our engineers – they are hired

(Anthony Orzechowski – no – we haven't finished interviews) so you didn't hire – you are interview – why would you want to move somebody who was here for 40 some years (Ron Mozer – he may be the one we decide on) (Anthony Orzechowski – why would you not look at T-Mobile if you have Verizon if you are paying a lot more money or if you don't like the service – you turn around and don't have direct tv, you have Verizon or Comcast or something else – you look out and see what competitive bids are out there and see if there is anything out there that you are not familiar with – nobody has said anything that we are changing – we are just being respectable and being smart for our taxpayers – what is out there and is this the best bang for our buck – just like you do every day when you go to buy something – you make a conscious decision to go to a particular store and buy a particular product because you are either comfortable with it or you like what you are paying for) Tony – you understand if you were to get rid of WEC – whoever takes his place has to call him up and pay him to get some more information off of him (Anthony Orzechowski – absolutely not – we were very clear in some of the interviews – we ask very pointed questions which I am not going to get into here – across the board to everybody – different scenarios and wanted to know what you are going to do for us – in all aspects – here is a blank sheet of paper – fill in the blanks – lets see what you can do) I said something that I didn't because Joe is lying – because he abuses people from Venezuela and speaks Spanish – I talked with them in Spanish – I have met with the several times – when you have a contract – you have to pay them on time – you can tell that to Joe – what house did he fix – he got it up so sale for $105,000 – lets go look at it – I told him (Ron Mozer – the wonderful thing about houses – they sell for

what people will pay for them – if nobody will pay $105,000 then it won't sell for $105,000) (Anthony Orzechowski – the realtor – what the market bears – if the market bears in Monessen $60,000 – guess what if you put $100,000 into it you are going to lose some money aren't you – that is his problem – not ours – not yours – not anybody else's) (Linda Lacey – what I am saying is that house is not work $105,000) (Ron Mozer – great – don't buy it – fine don't pay for it $105,000) (Linda Lacey – you say he does such great work – I want you) (Ron Mozer – I've seen the house that he has bought and sold) (Anthony Orzechowski – no disrespect – we all heard it growing up – didn't B T Barnum say there is a sucker born every minute or second) first of all – I put my reputation on the line – I bought – working people all my life – I happen to be a foreigner to begin with – I know what it is like not to be able to speak English but take advantage of somebody because they can't speak English very well – that's what Joe has done – that's terrible (Ron Mozer – I don't know that he does that at all) tell him to come to council and tell people, Pino you said – because he is lying – I don't have no reason to lie (Ron Mozer – lets not call people liars) I came back to Monessen – this is my place – this is my home – lived here of 65 years, my family – I've never seen it in such bad shape as I see it right now – you told us stuff whenever you were running and when you got in you got other people telling you what to do – that's terrible – that is not being transparent – one more thing before it is over – February 10th I told him to leave and get out of my house – I don't need you here – don't call me – I don't want you here – he must of went to the wrong house – he must of went to your house not mine – he is not welcome in my house – whatever they say does not matter to me – last month before I even said what are you doing – you

turned and put it on me supposed that is what they tell me (Ron Mozer – let's stick with the quorum) just an easy way to get out of the conversation – again you lie – you are not transparent – tell the truth – the newspaper who knows (Ron Mozer – quit insulting me – quit insulting me) I'm not insulting you (Ron Mozer – what do you call – you call me not transparent – you call me lying) what do you want me to tell you (Ron Mozer – give me one example of what I am not transparent about – one example) you adjourned the meeting last month – why did you adjourn the meeting (Ron Mozer – because I could not get control of the meeting) wait a minute (Anthony Orzechowski – can we end this now before I adjourn the meeting) he adjourned the meeting (Anthony Orzechowski – he did it because of what is going on like this right now – I am not going to disrespect you but I have better things to do sit here and listen to a ping pong match going back and forth that is not going to come to any resolution) (Joseph Dalfonso – it is not like you two are ever going to agree on anything) (Anthony Orzechowski – that ok – that is what politics is – the way everybody has a right to but I don't want to sit here for 45 minutes and listen to a debate go by – I told you – I told Ernie – the strongest thing to change things is run for office – kick my ass out – kick John's ass out or Karen's ass out – sit up here and see what it is like – wait a minute – then it is no problem – I don't want to go through this month after month – state the purpose – state what you don't like – state what you want changed – state why we don't have an answer and leave it at that – it will get back to us that come you here and rip my rear end the next time if I don't have an answer for you – you just make it well) let me ask you a question – he said I insulted him because I said he is not transparent – I see you – you are transparent (Anthony

Orzechowski – you are attacking him Pino) (Ron Mozer – that is a personal attack) (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't want you to say it at all – say it after the meeting – say hey Ron I don't get along with you and here are the reasons why – that is between you two – I don't want to sit here and listen to it in a council meeting for the rest of my life – I'm tired of it) that's fine – you know you – what I am telling you, you need three people here to vote and pass any resolution – actually right now you guys are not doing much better than when Sharrow was in office (Anthony Orzechowski – wait I sat up here and went through two years of hell) I'm hoping the two females – Lois and her (Ron Mozer – let's not go there) get on and change (Anthony Orzechowski – let's not go there please) (Ron Mozer – enough is enough) I hope the both of them have 4 years left – I hope the way they vote (Ron Mozer – ok lets sit down) do what is best for Monessen (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm sure if Lois was here she would tell you and I'm sure Karen could speak for herself)

12. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.