COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 9TH, 2024

6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Anthony Orzechowski: at 6:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

Roll called by Michael Korposh: Karen Cosner - present. John Nestor – present, Lois Thomas – absent. Anthony Orzechowski: – present, Mayor Mozer – absent. We note three present and two absent but we do have a quorum. Thank you very much.

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY PASTOR JOHN PIPP FROM THE MONESSEN COMMUNITY OF PASTORS OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA.

Opening prayer by Pastor John Pipp.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Led by Anthony Orzechowski:.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF MARCH 28, 2024, AND APRIL 11TH , APRIL 25TH, AND MAY 9TH WILL BE OFFERED FOR APPROVAL AT THE MAY 23RD, 2024 SESSION OF COUNCIL.

Motion to approve the minutes of previous sessions of March 28, 2024, April 11, 2024, and April 25, 2024. Anthony Orzechowski:, seconded by John Nestor.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Ernest Telegraphis, 29 Rex: Four things here, one I see that June 27th and July 25th is occupied. I thought we also have June 29th for Michael Moorer is that still on? Anthony Orzechowski:: Yes, it is. Ernest Telegraphis: Okay this is where I'm getting confused here; you transferred now Tony from general fund 71,898 to make payroll; how much is left now in general funds?

Anthony Orzechowski:: I'll report on that when I have that part of my session. Ernest Telegraphis: Okay does chair of the treasurer, do you have a report today? Mr. Saksun, do you have a report today? Gerald Saksun: Yeah why? Ernest Telegraphis: okay I just want to know when you give the report would you have what you have as balances in the general funds? Gerald Saksun: No, I don't do balances of accounts. Ernest Telegraphis: well can you tell me what you have at the moment? Gerald Saksun: No, I don't I don't do that, that's Councilman Orzechowski's Department. I will not overstep the boundaries. Ernest Telegraphis: what boundaries is that? Gerald Saksun: my account is income as taxes and other income only; you will have the accounts on that, what we will we deposit in the account. Thank you you're your question. Ernest Telegraphis: okay you going to be able to tell us how much taxes were collected and what percentage? Gerald Saksun: that figure will be done too, as I always do. Ernest Telegraphis: okay, well I didn't say you never do. Gerald Saksun: well, I'm just correcting it. Ernest Telegraphis: Here's one more problem here you keep saying attachment D, E and all that but there's no attachments up there. Anthony Orzekowski: if you'd like to ask for those, I'm sure Mike will provide those for you. Ernest Telegraphis: okay because it doesn't say to ask. Anthony Orzechowski:: the reason they're not all up there is because we're trying to save paper and toner and everything else and by request is whenever we would give it to somebody.
Ernest Telegraphis: okay well it' be much more transparent if you have it on your website. Anthony Orzechowski:: I believe it is on the website. Ernest Telegraphis: uh not uh this latest one of day. Anthony Orzechowski:: that I can't answer for you. Ernest Telegraphis: okay I I mean this is part of the problem that. Anthony Orzechowski:: No, it's not part of the problem; you're welcome to have mine if you'd like; matter of fact here you go Ernie; I know exactly what I'm doing so. Ernest Telegraphis: yeah, but it's not that what you're doing; the public has a right to know what's going on here. Anthony Orzechowski:: there you go thank you; you can share it amongst yourselves. Ernest Telegraphis: I will that's it for now. Anthony

Orzechowski:: thank you. Okay. Please state your name and address. Pio Ciaflone: my name
is Pio Ciaflone, 45 Montraver Drive. Anthony Orzechowski:: thank you very much. Pio Ciaflone: okay, when I'm looking at this and it says you got the attachment of who got pay out of that 800,000 and something, where is the attachment. Anthony Orzechowski:: those are the attachments right there. Where are they? They should be there so we could compare. Anthony Orzechowski:: I'm sure we can; Mike you think we can make a copy of that if that's something he likes to have? Yeah, I like I not only for me for everybody it says you spend $800,000 it doesn't tell you who got paid. Anthony Orzechowski:: well, if you would like to ask the questions we'd be happy to tell you. Well, I'll ask the question so I just think that they should be there though for everybody to see. Anthony Orzechowski:: okay that's a whole packet. Any other public comment please?

6. CORRESPONDENCE
OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

Joe Dalfonso:: Mr. Orzechowski, good evening, everybody. An update on the railroad crossings for the sewage projects; it looks like it's going to be a one-time payment for the city. There was some question whether the license agreement fee would be an annual fee or a one-time fee. It looks like with some correspondence with the railroad company and WEC it'll be a one-time fee. There was also an issue with WEC, we don't know that yet, but it'll be voted on in a council. Also, there was an issue that came up over the last couple of meetings with regards to an amendment to the two sewage contracts. I met with the mayor
and Tony Vitale of WEC last week. There is a resolution in place, it just wasn't finalized in enough time to get it on tonight's agenda, therefore the Council will be having a special meeting Tuesday at 6:00PM. That meeting will be advertised in the paper I believe tomorrow. Is that correct Mr. Korposh? Michael Korposh: Yes. Joe Dalfonso::

Everybody came to a favorable resolution with all outstanding issues and finally there's just a reminder the demo hearing is May 23rd beginning at 5:30 PM. Thank you.

8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN. April 2024 Report Gerald Saksun: garbage fees current April we receive $2,830, year to date - $315,042.68, budget amount $350,000. Garbage fees delinquent: we received $ 5,353.52, year to date -$28,651.12, budget amount - $75,000. The amount collected by Portnoff were in the total of the accounts I've read, just prior. For April for Portnoff we received $1,128.52 and total for April year to date -
$11,916.12. Penalty and interest received from Portnoff in April 5 $556.55 year to date $919.07 budget amount - $2,500.
garbage uh collector for 2025 - $760 year to date, budget amount $150,000 total for April income for garbage $8,740.07, year to date $345,372.87, budgeted amount - $577,500. City real estate taxes City real estate taxes current in April we received $690, 311.28 year to date $878,254.57 budget amount 1,600,000 so we've received little over half. city taxes prior years collected by the city nothing in April, year today $22,044.74, budgeted amount $7,000 we are over that budget by $14,000. Prior City year tax collected $900,299.31. Delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland County - we received nothing this month - year to date $ 47,567.70 - budget amount $160,000.00. Total year-to-date taxes - $947,867.01, budget amount $1,767,000.00. distribution as follows: year to date as of April 30th 2024: the general fund received $626,338.24, budget amount - $1,113,120.00.
Debt service received $169,976.52, budgeted amount 302,080.00.
The library received year to date $18,186.03, budget amount - 32,320.00
Parks received year to date $85,798.52, budged amount 152,480.00.
Ytd totals for distribution $900,299.31 - budget amount 1,600,000.00.
Real estate taxes transferred in April we received $4,569.00, year to date $15,677.48, budget amount $89,333. earned income tax April we received $29,866.58 year to date $219,662.13 budgeted amount $682,048.00. Mercantile tax $257.67, year to date - $1,834 40, budget amount - $23,425.00. local service tax April we received $1,616.36,

year to date - $19,086.86, budget amount - $ 71,072.00. Tax certifications in April, received $350.00, year to date - $5,090.00, budget amount - $20,000.00. Municipal lean letters April we receive $525.00, year to date - $3,675, budget amount - $17,500.00. Line usage account unsecured payments April we received $2,916.00 - year to date 10,119.00. Line usage fees April we received $87,524.46, year to date - $309,894.69. Total year to date for line usage account - $320,013.69. Motion to accept by John Nestor, seconded by Karen Cosner. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

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

Skipped until next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski:, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to approve Payment Requisition No. 18 and Certificate in the amount of $811,683.23 for Phase 3 Work performed during the month of April 2024. The invoices are attached for approval by Council and referenced as "Exhibit 1" in the meeting packets.

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

b. Motion to transfer property by the City of Monessen to the Monessen Redevelopment Authority at 254 Linden Avenue Monessen, PA 15062, Property ID Number, 20-02-07-0-310.

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $17,103.16. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A".

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $674.84. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B."

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $941.41. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "C".

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $12,168.43. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "D".

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

g. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $84,581.91. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "E".

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

h. Motion to approve the transfer of $71,898.46 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for payroll expenses.

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

i. Motion to transfer $2500.00 from the General Account to the Healthcare account.

Seconded: John Nestor. Call of the roLinda Lacey: Cosner – yes, Nestor – Aye, Anthony Orzechowski: – yes. Approved.

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending April 30th, 2024. Not present, deferred until next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public SafetyPolice and Public Safety Report for month ending, April 30th, 2024.

John Nestor: Thank you, councilman Orzechowski, members of council, Administrative staff, Citizens of Monessen. I do have one report, it's from the Mon Valley Emergency Medical Service. The municipality EMS incident run report is the following for the month of April 2024 emergency transportation 85, year to date 368, nonemergency Transportation 59, 162 for the year to date - total incidents 212, year to date 773. I also would like to thank the volunteer fire department and relief Association and downtown station number one for inviting not just myself but the citizens of Monessen for their open house.
It was magnificent. I also would like to congratulate them on their new ladder truck - ladder truck one. It’s a beautiful vehicle, it's magnificent.

But thank you again and I appreciate everything they do for the municipality and the donations that that came in. I also would like to thank The Steel Plate and By George for offering the meals for the volunteers at that time too I really appreciate that so other than that I yield the floor. thank you.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks, and Public Property

a. Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending April 30th, 2024.

b. Discussion and Motion to accept the award of the Pirate Charities No Match Grant to the City of Monessen in the amount of $17,300.

c. Discussion and Motion to utilize the City Park, Pavilions and the Amphitheater on Thursday Juned 27th, 2024 and Thursday July 25, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm for the purpose of hosting a mini camp for children in conjunction with the Penn State extension office in Greensburg. Please see the correspondence within the Agenda materials marked as “Exhibit 2”.

Karen Cosner: I'm going to defer my report until the end of the month however I just wanted to make everybody in the audience aware if you recall a few meetings ago we had told you that we had applied for a Fields for Kids Grant through the Pirates to purchase a batting cage at Shawney Park for the softball team and we were lucky to be awarded the entire amount that we asked for which was $17,300.
The nice part of that is they wave the match so we're pretty excited to have that and finally get it in the pipeline to get started. One day quite a few months ago now when I was at City Park I was thinking about what a really beautiful Park we had and it was a shame that we don't offer more maybe mini camps to the children in our community. I know that I'm not um I'm not into sports. There's a lot of sports that goes on in Monessen so I thought what about for the kids that were like me when I was little so I called Penn State Extension over in Greensburg

and have been working with one of the ladies there and we have set aside two dates, one June 27th and the other July 25th to have mini camps in City Park and they're going to have a 4H component, Master Gardeners Master Watershed stewardship and a nutrition segment and the kids will rotate between the four so if any of you have students from the age of eight through high school and you think this would be a fun activity um that that'll be in June and July and I just wanted to make you all aware of that and also asking for a waiver from council for those fees for the city park for that since it's for our students. We're not paying anything for the program. We're not paying for their lunches or anything so if you if there is any discussion about waving the fee for me to have the that mini Camp in in the summer. Anthony Orzechowski:: you need to make these motions; yeah, we need a motion for both for both. Karen Cosner: oh okay I forgot to make the motion to accept the Pirates charity Grant. Anthony Orzechowski:: I'm just going to ask you if you were tabling that. Karen Cosner: You have to clue me in on these things. Anthony Orzechowski:: So is there a motion to accept the Pirates Grant? Second? Second - John Nestor. Okay questions on the motion? Call the roll. Mike Korposh: council person Cosner, yes councilman Nestor – Aye, Councilman Orzechowski – yes. Okay then the second motion. Motion to utilize City Park Pavilions and Amphitheater for the mini camp for the children in June and July this year. Do we have a second? Second – John Nestor. Questions on the motion? Call the roll. Michael Korposh: council person Cosner, yes councilman Nestor – Aye, Councilman Orzechowski – yes. Karen Cosner: okay and I also wanted to let you know that Julian has been working really hard at the Civic Center. I say Julian like he's Madonna or something somebody famous you all know who he is, but I think that you do and he's having a girls basketball camp, he is having a youth summer program, a lot of really fantastic things for the kids and also the Juneteenth celebration at the boat launch will be Saturday June 15th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. If any of you would like these beautiful flyers make sure you take one on your way out; hang it up in your facility or whatever. I also wanted to mention because last time I believe it was Linda who had questions for me about the boat about the barges and the

boat launch and the Army Corps of Engineers and I wasn't able to really answer them for her but it was amazing that very shortly afterwards there was an article in the paper and on May 16th, which is next Thursday at Elizabeth forward high school at 7 o'clock. They're going to have the Army Corps of engineer people give a presentation and explain what the plan is and then this is the part that I really like. Afterwards they're going to have stations and then you can go around and address your questions to all the experts so if you want real answers to what's happening with our boat launch and the river I would advise you to attend this meeting. I'm going to go if anybody wants to drive with me, I have room for two more people but would really like to see a fantastic showing from the people of Monessen so that they know we really care about what happens to those barges in our River. So, I think that's all I have if anybody would want to ride with me stay afterwards and I'll put you on my list. That's all I have thank you. Anthony Orzechowski:: thank you.

10. 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.

I'd like to open the floor to public comment. Please state your name and your address Ernest Telegraphis , 29 Rex. I'd like to know can you tell us from May to the end of December what are the anticipated estimated expenses that the city or Monessen has, looking down the barrel.
Anthony Orzechowski:: We report on those twice a month.
Ernest Telegraphis: I mean can you tell me how much between now and December 31, what are we looking at as far as what's coming down the road. Anthony Orzechowski: Well I don't have a crystal ball because anything could happen there could be a sinkhole there could be any kind of thing that could happen but generally you can look at 70,000 every

two weeks for pay roll. Ernest Telegraphis Okay well that's only payroll about the other expenses Anthony Orzechowski:: you can also look at expenses roughly around 35 to 40,000 on the light side every two weeks for the city's expenses so that's 80,000, 140,000 that comes out to what 150,000 a month plus there's garbage; that comes out to 49,000 that's every uh that's every month that comes out of uh The Refuse account which I apologize I forgot to give everybody's my total and if you be so kind I'll do that for you now okay. I still want to finish up I'll let you finish first. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so where I'm getting at is that where you at now and what you anticipate coming down the road and we're going to be able to make it as far as budget. Anthony Orzechowski:: I won't know that till probably about September you know. I should have a rough idea by September. Ernest Telegraphis: so September I'll bring it back up

Anthony Orzechowski:: you could bring it back every month but I'll probably know by September. Ernest Telegraphis: I made two suggestions, one and you guys are not doing nothing about it I asked if the city council members could meet more than twice a month not just meeting at their meetings. Anthony Orzechowski:: but you cannot meet more than if you meet more than three people it's a quorum and that violates the Sunshine Law so that's exactly what we never want to do Ernest Telegraphis: okay can you meet two and two. Anthony Orzechowski:: for what? Ernest Telegraphis: well the city got all kind of issues you guys don't talk about it. Anthony Orzechowski:: we're just going to do it, just on the day of a meeting. Ernest Telegraphis: it doesn't happen - there's no communications. Anthony Orzechowski:: there's Communications that happen in this building. There's email. Ernest Telegraphis: Okay and if the public wants to address these issues other than the meeting? Anthony Orzechowski:: that's the whole idea of having

a council meeting so you can address those issues. Ernest Telegraphis: the council meeting you got it all wrapped up it's in a formula and all you do is second a motion third a motion there's no really discussion in these. Anthony Orzechowski:: I asked for discussion on the Motions whenever I was asking for each motion that's the time to bring it up.

Ernest Telegraphis: so when you stop and ask for discussion the public from the audience could uh talk. Anthony Orzechowski:: I can't speak for the mayor. Ernie Telegraphis: the Mayor says no okay you shouldn't, your answer is no but you shouldn't. Anthony Orzechowski:: but I think if anything's handled in a very professional manner none of us would ever object to somebody having a question in as from the public and saying wait a minute I didn't catch that can you please explain that. I think we're mature enough adults up here that we would do that and we owe the responsibility to our taxpayers to make sure we do that, but again it I would ask for it to be in a very professional and non-evasive or disruptive. Ernest Telegraphis: I'm not invasive I'm not disruptive. Anthony Orzechowski:: I didn't say anybody was I'm just saying but yes
your point of view is different than the mayor and we need to get this cleared so again I'm not speaking for the mayor. I know I'm running this meeting and that's all I can work with right now. Ernie Telegraphis: well maybe you should run all the meetings. I did that for a long for a couple years I don't want to do that again. Ernest Telegraphis: So the other question is are you people going to be able to put things on the web because every time we go to the web page it's behind the times. it's supposed to be updated. Anthony Orzechowski:: it's supposed to be on the web I know they have been extremely busy because of new people coming on; that's not an excuse but I will make sure I will give you my word that I will speak to the mayor tonight or tomorrow and ask him to make sure everything is up to date or what do we have to do to get everything up to date on the website. Ernest Telegraphis: okay I got two more questions; one uh you said one more question well two because I just looked at the Dalfonso there. Can you tell us what you project in the near future about these easements and payments to the railroad.
Joe Dalfonso:: You're looking for a specific date. Ernest Telegraphis: well just give me a general. Joe Dalfonso:: here's the update: the application's going to be submitted relatively soon. There were some issues finding manholes and things like that where the crossings go.

Ernest: but what do you anticipate are we still going to be on the hook for some money or they're going to wave the whole thing, you're going to have to pay the railroad company something, you have some sort of idea what it may be? Joe Dalfonso:: not at this point. Ernest Telegraphis: okay what I don't understand we haven't paid them for 120 years since the city of Monessen, why are we paying them now to make an improvement? I don't understand that. JOE DALFONSO: To access the railroad right away it's required. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: I don't know everything was okay for 120 years the railroad companies operate a little differently with their laws. Their lobbyists were very strong and forward thinking to protect them pretty adequately. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: okay then my last question which I wanted to ask is there any update of the City bringing industry or jobs to the city of Monessen because all I hear is bread and circus but we're having cages for batting. We have a Civic Center. we're having all kind of teams. But the people are strung up; you can look through the uh Valley there's hardly any life. You drive through the City streets and there's nobody there but we got time to play and decorate.
ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Ernie I would unfortunately say the mayor's not here but I'm sure he'd be very eager to answer your question and hopefully you might want to just pose that to him directly. That's nothing any of us would probably want to answer or would probably answer correctly because we don't I exactly know what exactly he may have planned and who he's seen in the last couple days to a week.
ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: I just like to have at least City Council Members other than the mayor like stand up and try to present something on their own or give us an idea or give us a lead in order to improve the situation because this town is really dead. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Everybody's working as hard as they can well and I know that's not an answer you want to hear but it's a truthful answer.
ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: well that's what I'm saying. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: you're welcome to give us ideas, not have four more questions; ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: this is an idea: you want an idea presented to Lois Thomas with Karen parks and streets and open up a fifth column or Department called like economic development; now we

are willing to work there so we could bring industry here and jobs. That should be the number one goal because that will feed our tax base. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I know for a fact and Mike you can correct me if I'm wrong I think that Mike and the mayor and I did see some emails about them actually working with the state and the state legislature about getting a dedicated person to be able to help for the city of Monessen for economic development and for anything moving forward. Now it may be it in its infancy; that's what I've read that's what I seen but something is trying to happen. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: yeah but it's always based on government funds; we got to go after Private Industry. They're the movers and shakers and they're the ones who bring you business. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'll leave you with this last thing: a lot of Private Industry goes to government asking for loans grants, things of that nature and to help get them started because that's how the backbone of business works a lot not many people have tens of millions of dollars to put into it and if you did have millions of dollars I would say if you had a very good accountant they would probably tell you don't spend your money, spend a government's or somebody else's money. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: I know that, the thing is you got to get some industry here and and you're not going to do it through the back door of using government grants or a government official because it doesn't work that way. That's all I know. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: okay thank you. Any other public comment? Pino Cianflone: I got a question, Peno Cianflone, 45 Montraver. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Thank you. PC: Westmoreland engineering did they get that? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I believe there they were on the on the bills tonight plus I believe our solicitor can explain that better. JOE DALFONSO: yeah during my report I said that I met with the Mayor and Tony Vitale from WEC. There’s a resolution in place for the amendments to the sewage project contracts; we just couldn't get finalized in enough time to post it on the agenda. There'll be a special meeting Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock
The totals of that amount - It'll find out Tuesday. PC: I said you don't know right now the total. JOE DALFONSO: Everything will be presented Tuesday night PC: You know but you not public I mean it

was a contract dispute that's not finalized yet. JOE DALFONSO: it's a public meeting it'll be advertised; it'll be in the paper tomorrow. I'm repeating myself I said it earlier. PC: the question that I have is what you just said a minute ago companies go after government or say for fun, for money, correct. So what you just said a minute. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I said that I don't know if it's 100% true but I've seen it PC: I mean and we got an engineering company here in in Monessen for the last 40 years that there been owed money for the last six months including the building right here 500, ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: let me finish but
that's being addressed on Tuesday that's going to be part of the resolution PC: anyway, your answer this it's going to be it's going to be addressed Tuesday what there to address if you if you squeeze somebody. It wasn't able to be on the agenda; how if you squeeze this wasn't this wasn't one-side. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: this was a meeting between the city and Tony Vitale that came to a resolution that could not be finalized tonight. It will be finalized Tuesday. PC: no my question doesn't have nothing to do with your meeting with Vitale. It doesn't have nothing to do with you guys. It has everything to do pay your bills. You have not paid your bill and don't squeeze people for giving you money back because what you're doing is put them out of business. If you say that you should tell the city of Monessen for instance all those that pay taxes refuse to pay your taxes, and see how you operate. You can't that's the same thing with business. If you don't pay them, they can't operate and if they do pay their employee they're borrowing money to pay at a high interest rate and that's unfair for whoever the hell it is. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: This will be taken care of Tuesday. PC: but it shouldn't be squeezed for anything. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: nobody's squeezing anybody, let's be very clear. PC: This project right here should be paid because it's two years and you were the mayor at the time.
ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I have never been mayor, I was the acting mayor. PC: you were acting mayor so when that building went done and he did some work -

$38,000 - 58,000 what when was this the building right here the old drug store that the drug store was that Fourth Street Fifth Street whatever that is next before. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I don't know what you're talking about. PC: all right 500 you talking about 500 Donner. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Well yeah well that's not there it's down there for oneI'm sorry I'm no that's okay I'm trying to get understand your bearings you know I need to be you need to be concise so I understand that you were talking about 500 Donner and no that is not the truth because 500 Donner didn't come down to 2022
this is 2024 and they hasn't got paid and you trying to squeeze him for that reason? PC: what the hell's wrong with you guys that's not the case how can you run a business. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: that is not the case and I'm not going to get into a debate tonight about it but it is not the case and quite frankly I spoke to Mr. Vitale. I'm going to tell you I spoke to Mr. Vitale today and he made it very clear to me on his telephone call that one, he told whatever parties were involved that contacted him that it's not the city's fault it was a contractual obligation dispute that the city has now and is working to finish. Am I correct? JOE DALFONSO: that's accurate. PC: that's fine and he has no problem with the city nobody the city has a problem. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: no the city doesn't have a problem because if the city didn't have a problem they would be paying the bill; that's the bottom line we can go round and round all night if you want to but we're not going to go anywhere different. it's going to get taken care of Tuesday; that's the end of discussion. Whether you like it you know no I'm not going into this tonight.
PC: You know what real funny. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'm sorry. PC: you know what is real funny just about 10 minutes ago you said if you have a civil discussion that you will stay there. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: but my answer is not going to solve your problem. PC: so you don't want to change your you don't want to discuss the difference? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: what's the difference? it's going to get
when you say that he's a good guy he companies of good people what does that got to do with the city is not paying their bills? ANTHONY

ORZECHOWSKI: no the city pays its bills. PC: what they haven't paid it for that the mayor said he was going to pay him four weeks ago he hasn't got paid yet again.
They answered me that question. The mayor said you'll get paid next meeting. We came to the meeting he did not get paid. JOE DALFONSO: it'll be settled Tuesday. PC: they're going to pay everything right? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: yes it's going to be all clear and everything. PC: one other thing that I have to say the guy that replaced you last week, he don't pay taxes in Monessen does he? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: He doesn't live in Monessen. PC: we pay him right? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: He's our solicitor. PC: well let me ask you a question why is he engaged with our taxpayer in a nasty way? Why? and how come you guys didn't stay up and told that? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: we're not going there. PC: well I'm just telling you mind your own damn business and do because his job supposed to be to answer the question that are legal. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Pino please don't be calling names please don't be doing this. PC: well that's what the hell he did he basically, he basically screamed at one of our guys right here and telling them you know that he's the sh*t; ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: again that's a personal thing
we need to stop; we're not getting personal, PC: I'm just asking the question and I'm telling you are you guys going to tell him when he comes act like a you know like he is somebody. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'm not even going to get into it. PC: why? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'm not why because I said I'm not and if that's not good enough we can end everything right now and you won't get any answers. PC: well end it because that's what we do for you; we come to the meeting to be told what is that is going on; when you ask him a question you said no. You say hey I'm going to call the meeting off. what's that? What's that what did you say you going to called the me that's what you just said a minute ago. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: again what point is this about what you're trying to address to Council? PC: Make a point make something that's pertinent that Council can answer that's important. PC: I just ask, you guys need to tell the

attorney that his job is to answer legal question to the mayor, not to engage in a confrontational way with the taxpayer.
ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I can't speak for that. JOE DALFONSO: We're going to engage when we think it's appropriate to engage PC: What's that? JOE DALFONSO: We're going to engage when we think it's appropriate to engage. PC: well it wasn't appropriate you weren't here last month. JOE DALFONSO: I know I wasn't here but I would do the same thing. PC: but he that was that why did he engage the way he did? JOE DALFONSO: I can't speak for Mr Matta; I think your opinion has been heard though. PC: that's the whole thing but I mean I think you you know. JOE DALFONSO: you made you made your point; you disagreed with the way he handled it. PC: okay I mean you in the shutting bch if anybody see was here. JOE DALFONSO: It was my understanding it was mutual. PC: and then fake news never puts it in the paper; fake news like we don't even exist. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: thank you for bringing it up; you have the right to bring it up, we thank you for it and I don't have anything to really say on it to be honest with you. PC: Thank you. NH: Good evening, everybody this is Nancy Horvath, 1417 Arlington Street. maybe you've already discussed it; I wasn't here - I'm curious about the gymnasium floor at the Civic Center; has it been finished? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: it was finished month about a month or two ago wasn't it Karen? KC: yes. NH: I saw a workman I figured it it's not in process, it must be they were doing it. What was the cost of that? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Zero they did it for free. NH: They did not. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: They did too.
The gym floor, not the ramp, the ramp was CDBG money but and I think it was 13,000, something that who did that for nothing there I don't remember the name of the company. Mike, do you remember?
MK: I'll get you their address that's fantastic I didn't know that. I knew they did it well; they did the refinishing yes. NH: I'm impressed. I hate to bring this up I have called and called and I don't get any satisfaction; maybe you can help me with the sewer line in front of my house? The odor is unbelievable. I've done everything I'm supposed to do inside. It doesn't help; put a bucket over it, put Clorox water, flowed water and the

odor comes into the house as well and it's pretty sickening. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: Nancy if you give Mike your address he'll make sure somebody looks at it tomorrow morning. MK: yep. NH: good all right I'll do that. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: and if you have a problem in between Council meetings just pick up the phone and call. NH: I hate to bug. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: no that's what people are here for. NH: this is an ongoing thing. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'm sure if you're having it someone else might be unfortunately having it that they haven't said anything. NH: alright we'll see what happens. Thank you. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: okay, thank you. Linda Lacey, 1624 Maple Avenue: Mr. Orzechowski, you gave the agendas or the exhibits to Ernie, but we don't see exhibit one in here. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: you don't see a what? LL: exhibit one. MK: that's the USDA. JOE DALFONSO: are you referring to the USDA requisition? LL: well, I don't see it. yeah it's number 18 certification in the amount of $811,000 dollars. JOE DALFONSO: that's not part of Mr. Orzechowski bill, that's a separate motion for the USDA sewage project. LL: well where is the exhibit one at? JOE DALFONSO: Council has exhibit one you'd like. LL: well no that's what you no this is different yeah. JOE DALFONSO: That's for the USDA project how the city pays that bill they have to go through a requisition process that's separate than the week to week bills okay. LL: so we already had that money is that what you're saying that's part of the USDA monies. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: Aright, I just want to you forget to tell me that last. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I was going to get to it but I didn't get a chance to. Is anybody else, I'm sorry, before I get to this? Josh Lindsay I'm at 43 Schoonmaker and 345 Schoonmaker; last year at a tax sale the county put out the tax prices and all that and I was looking at Annie's Apparel shop, 361 Schoonmaker; the price was $3,500; when I get to the tax sale at the courthouse it jumped to $7500. You go into bid it jumped and they started to bid at $11,500 and immediately the landbank bid on it, so it was odd to me that the landbank bid on it so then when I went I bought the lot by 345 Schoonmaker I was going to make I believe it's 347. I purchased the empty lot, I cut the grass and everything there, so when I went to while I was there, I went to land

bank and I said hey I'll offer you $1,000 because now you got $2,000 in all these transfer fees and all that stuff. He said we wouldn't accept anything less than $20,000 for the property so you know I've been to Ron and I've showed interest in the property and told him my interest and he banked it with the land bank to say you know there's interest in the property. so, it just seemed very odd to me and I wanted to bring it to the attention that when there's you know. I was watching in the video that the guy came from New York made a video I said that would be my next property – 361. It's been in my head for five years to redo it. when I showed interest in it, the price jumped, doubled, and then doubled again and then Land Bank bit on it for 11; I go to talk to them they said we can't accept anything less than $20,000 for it. so if I would have never showed interest. would the price have jumped twice? would the land bank have bought it? I don't see how the land bank's beneficial and when I told him I said well it seems kind of odd you know maybe you're getting money to tear it down through something so either way you don't care because you don't live in our
Town. if I buy for 20 grand or if somebody else give you 20 grand to tear it down either way the only people that lose is the city. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I know we don't have anything to do with the land and all that, but I would probably ask you to see Mike let him get every information and let him get your information and get it to the mayor and get back to you tomorrow morning when the mayor's back in the office, and maybe he can make some calls. JOSH LINDSEY: I downloaded the list offline it was like $3500 and then when I went to the courthouse, they had a new list - $7500 and I said how's the jump $4,000? Oh transfer fees; okay well I transfer my properties all the time - it's 100 bucks, and then we get into bid and he goes we'll start to bidding 361 at 11,500 and I'm like and immediately landbank out bid anybody else. I'm like you know what I mean? It didn't make any sense to me. It's 361 and its apparel. John Nestor: Mike, can you get with Brian and figure out what's going on with that and how our constituents - when they're trying to bid on properties getting pushed out? JOSH LINDSEY: It was Annie… John Nestor: you hear that Josh? we're going to talk to Brian and figure out why our constituents are getting pushed out ahead

of the land bank and how we can work with you and getting this property instead of it just sitting there, and then the city is cutting grass, certainly not a way to do it JOSH LINDSEY: well with the building behind BG's behind between BG's and the hotel it was tore down the guy bought it for 8,000. I just barely missed out on that and he goes tries to sell for 45. That doesn't work here nobody's going to buy everybody tries to buy it
for a thousand and sell it for 50. that that's not we're not in Lawrenceville we're not in Pittsburgh. They bought it because Harriet - what was her name - Annie Trail owned it; when I called her and talked to her; your brother found a number for me I got to talk to him they had no dementia or whatever they had no recollection or owning the building in town, so I couldn't buy it from them or get anything from them so the county or landbank went ahead and you know, make up titles and all that stuff too. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: well let's get your information and let them find out because there's nothing this Council can do about that because that's the county. JOSH LINDSEY: yeah, there's nothing; I don't know if I could do a records request to see why the price jumped. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: let's see if we can find out why it even started that way JOE DALFONSO: I'm wondering if they tacked on legal fees at some point for all the back taxes. JOSH LINDSEY: but then again yeah if no one was interested in the property does that happen to other properties that nobody has interest in? JOE DALFONSO: I don't know, you know. I do know, the land bank by law has priority in tax sales. JOSH LINDSEY: by whose law? JOE DALFONSO: state Law. It wouldn't have been the land bank increasing the price, it would have been the tax claim office when they submitted the sale. JOSH LINDSEY: but then again that didn't happen to all the other properties. JOE DALFONSO: that I don't know the explanation for this property. JOSH LINDSEY: you know what I mean it's just it's just a little odd that's all I'm saying. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: let's find out. JOSH LINDSEY: yeah, let's find out. ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: alright, thank you. Okay, I want to give this before I forget. The following balances AR fund - $155,137.56, Debt Service - 1,138,765.82, fire escrow - $21,393 38, Grant fund is $50,525.98,

Healthcare is $4907.12, line usage has $664,756.53, Liquid fuels has $146,506.08, Parks has $106,068.24, Payroll has $8673.57, Recreation has $5,241.05, the Refuse has $292,775.03 and the general account general fund has $1,094,745.88. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: that 1,400,000, is that after these transfers were made or before? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: I'm going to guess that is before because they didn't get caught up yet. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: Yes, is there any way in the future you can like all paint like where we were at September? ANTHONY ORZECHOWSKI: September. ERNEST TELEGRAPHIS: Okay I just one positive comment here, yes Saturday I had a problem with an electrical situation, and I called Chief and he says he'll take care of it and he brought both fire stations one and two and all I
have to say is I was overwhelmed and um I'm glad. They had one young guy there that he picked out what the problem was. It was my door ring and no problem but if both fire companies work like that there shouldn't be any fires in this city anymore. Thank you.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Okay if there's no more comment, I'd like to ask for a motion to adjourn motion to adjourn tonight's meeting May 9th uh at 7:27 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and I'd like to also thank council that nobody accidentally called me mayor. We need a motion; I need a second. Second? - second by KC, okay all in favor – yes. Done before 7:30