COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF MONESSEN
CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 27, 2024
6:30PM

1. **ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.**
2. **OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY REVEREND RICARDO HALL, NEWNESS OF LIFE MINISTRIES OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA.**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF COUNCIL OF JUNE 13, 2024.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO MAYOR MOZER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
   OLD BUSINESS N/A
7. **REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.**
8. **REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.**

(REPORT PROVIDED TO COUNCIL AT THE JUNE 13, 2024 SESSION.)

9. **REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. Discussion of Issues by Mayor Mozer within the City of Monessen from June 13, 2024 to June 27, 2024.

b. Motion to appoint Valarie Hardison to the currently vacated position on the City of Monessen Redevelopment to begin immediately and end on December 31st, 2025. (Vote: 5-0)

c. Motion for payment to WEC Engineering, Inc. for revised USDA Phase 3 Amendment No. 5 at an agreed to increase of $2,066.00 under the terms of the contract. (Vote: 5-0)

d. Motion to pay Buzzy Byron Custom Construction for plumbing inspections performed since January of 2022, in the amount of $1,875.00 as per City of Monessen Purchase Order, P.O. 2078 from the line usage fund. (Vote: 5-0)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $39,541.32. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". (Vote: 5-0)

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $1,636.37 All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "B". (Vote: 5-0)

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $2,306.66. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "C". (Vote: 5-0)

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse Fund Account in the amount of $49,591.73. All Invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "D". (Vote: 5-0)

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $13,905.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "E". (Vote: 5-0)

f. Motion to approve the transfer of $67,997.67 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account to cover the payroll expenses. (Vote: 5-0)

g. Motion to pay Retired Health Care Benefits in the amount of $10,822.34. (Vote: 5-0)

h. Motion to transfer $2300.00 from the General Fund to the Health Care Account prior to the prior payroll period date of June 20, 2024. (Vote: 5-0)

i. Motion to transfer $2500 from the General Fund to the Health Care Account for the upcoming payroll period of July 3rd, 2024. (Vote: 5-0)

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements
Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending May 31st, 2024.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety
Police and Public Safety Report for month ending, May 31st,2024.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks, and Public Property

a. Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending May 31st, 2024.

Discussion of the development of policies and City of Monessen practices for commemorative benches, and or appropriate remembrance activities for parks and other public locations within the City.

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mozer: It's now 6:30 I'd like to call this June 27th meeting of city of Monessen Council to order, Could I have a roll call please?

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, Here, Council Nestor: Here, Councilperson Thomas Here, Councilman Orzechowski, Here Mayor Mozer, Present,

Mr. Korposh: Mayor we have four present members one by phone, I note a Quorum.
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Mayor Mozer: Thank you, At this time I'd like to invite Reverend Pastor Hall to lead us in prayer. Here's a microphone.

Reverend Hall: Heavenly Father as we come, and this council meeting is opened up Father we ask that you just allow there be peace throughout this meeting. Father, we ask that you would just guide this meeting according Lord God to how you would have it to be done so that there is order in the City Father God and that the order that is brought to the City will bring prosperity, it will bring employment it will bring opportunities Father we ask if there's any dissension that Lord God it will still be done peacefully that Lord God because we can all agree to disagree at times, But that does not mean that we need to be adversaries. So we ask your blessing on this meeting and Father we just thank
you in Jesus's name Amen.

Mayor Mozer: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Mozer: The meeting minutes have been circulated to other the council members, has everybody had a chance to look at them has anybody would anybody like to make a motion to approve them?

Councilman Nestor: I'd like to make a motion to approve the minutes of our previous session of Council of June 13 2024.

Mayor More: Is there a second?

Councilman Thomas: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Please call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, Yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, Yes, Councilman Orzechowski, Yes, Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Mayor Mozer: At this time, I'd like to invite the public for any comments related to the agenda items only.

Mr. Telegraphis: Okay there's one item, my name's Ernie Telegraphers 29 Rex, is this open,
the one item that I'm looking at that sticks out is Boozy Byron is getting paid for something that was done two years ago about plumbing inspection. Now what role did he play that? WEC or the other people that are involved in putting these Sewers down. That they didn't do what was that well

Mayor Mozer: First off he's been approved as a plumbing inspector which is different than what WEC is or anybody else. He is the plumbing inspector that the city hired. He did not give us an invoice until recently so that's the reason why it took so long. Okay now you made a big deal about WEC. They are an engineer, but this is not
an engineering position this is an inspector position, and there's a big difference.

Mr. Telegraphis: Well, they still should supply the city that when they're asking for funds or payments on a timely matter? Two years later well they've got to just submit an invoice before they get paid well why didn't they two years ago.

Mayor Mozer: I didn't tell you the issue, this is for our plumbing inspector

Mr. Telegraphis: Boozy yeah for work in the City of Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: Yes he's done all the plumbing inspections for the last since January of 2022, I guess 2022, yes so moving forward yeah I'm going to request that he does a monthly statement.

Mr. Telegraphis: Well, it's about time.

Mayor Mozer: I was not aware of this so I'll take the hit and apologize for that but he's going to have to submit a monthly statement.

Mr. Telegraphis: So, moving forward as the City Inspect Plumbing engineer

Mayor Mozer: Not Engineer Inspector.

Mr. Telegraphis: Inspector he'll have to, okay, we gonna have teeth built into it like if he doesn't do it and then he asks for money he doesn't do it he doesn't get paid how about that okay nobody gets paid if, nobody gets paid unless they put so far, a few items went through the last two meetings where they didn't supply the
city with on time invoices and that's why I'm bringing it up. Not sure I know who that might be we he brought it up last time. Did so nobody's following the any protocols as far as I see.

Mayor Mozer: The agreement was originally quarterly but we're going to ask him to do it monthly he preferred he preferred monthly he preferred monthly.

Mr. Telegraphis: Why he needs steady income Alll right that's all for now now.

Mayor Mozer : Thank you anybody else.

Mr. Harhai My name is Ted Harhai. My question would be is Donald Boozy Byron a registered plumber to be able to do the inspection?

Mayor Mozer: Yes he is.

Mr. Harhai: Since when did he get in registered ? Because he was never registered before.

Mayor Mozer: Well, you need to check it because he is he and that's been for several years.

Mr. Harhai: That's interesting news to me and a lot of other people who asked me to ask that question I'm sorry that's okay. Another question while I'm here you talk about on page three insurances and this and that my understanding is there are a lot of outstanding invoices for a lot of employees for the city from the street workers the inhouse here workers the police etc. etc Why we are not paying those or fulfilling those obligations for some of them have been haven't been paid for six to eight months. Why? Let me finish and then you could talk and then I won't interrupt you that's I'm setting your precedence.

Mayor Mozer: You're setting your own precedence, you ask a question

Mr. Harhai: The question is why you are not paying them for 6 to8 months their credit is on the line they're on the line for credit not you for the remainder of the bill that they have to pay for insurance I noticed that on the insurance part of it Thought I'd ask the question.

Mayor Mozer: Okay let me give an answer which I tried to first off, they have to file their EOB when they file their EOB there is a prime pay that they can get their money back almost immediately. The problem is if you don't file for it you don't get it we don't know what they're when they go to the doctor, they have to give us their explanation of benefits that they get from their doctor when they get that they submit it to get paid My understanding is that is not happening is the employees there are not reporting.

Mr. Korposh: There are three cases that we were dealing with two have been rectified there's one that we're finishing up

Mr Harhai: You can't say the amounts because they're Personnel that's all right I don't need I don't need to know but I know it's a lot of money but they've

Mayor Mozer: Yes they've been done yeah they've been done and they're happy.

Solicitor Dalfonso: It was a vendor issue is that correct?

Mr. Korposh: Pardon me it was a vendor issue that needed to get rectified and we did and we've been working with that to finish.

Mayor Mozer: Any other comments? Does anybody have any correspondence they'd like to Introduce?

Councilman Nestor: No mayor at this time

Mayor Mozer: I'd like to ask our Solicitor for his report.

Solicitor Dalfonso: Thank you mayor good evening, everybody um first deals with 920 Knox that's the property that the city acquired to install a portion of that Ninth Street pipe and applied for, and the County granted a real estate tax exemption and there may be some taxes that have accrued since the City owned it. You guys should look at that and exonerate those taxes ask the School District and the County to do the same that's right across the street from Ninth Street Park I will check with the same office. I worked with the City Clerk regarding the right to know requests. She's now registered with the State Office of Open Records as the city's open records officer, Really by third class city code it should be her, she's the keeper of all the City Records. Finally, we have demo hearings July11th at 5:30, that's all I have Thank You.

Mayor Mozer: our City Treasurer gave his report last time and he's not present today so we're not going to worry about that. Does our City Controller have anything to add?

Controller Nicksich Yes Mayor. The general fund at Charleroi Federal Savings Bank checking account the bank reconciliation as of May 2024 the beginning balance as of April 2024 was $917,848.25 deposits made
1,098,531.99, Expenses $764,675.68, the ending balance as of May 31st, 2024, was 1,25, 704.56 the outstanding checks was $478,978.34, outstanding deposits, $198,120.68 the balance and I think there was a correction I don't know you have the corrected one, but the balance reconciled as of May 24th, 2024, is $970,846.90.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you.

Controller Nicksich: You're welcome, that's it.

Mayor Mozer: I'm going to hold off on my discussion till the end of my motions. Lois, would you do the honor of reading my motions for me please?

Councilperson Thomas: Good evening, everyone. I would like to make a motion to appoint Valerie
Hardison to the currently vacated position on the City of Monessen Redevelopment Authority to begin immediately and end on December 31st, 2025. Are there any questions or is there a second?

Councilman Nestor Second

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the Roll please,

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilperson Thomas: Motion for payment to WEC Engineering, Inc. for revised USDA Phase 3 amendment number five and an agreed to increase of $2,066.00 under the terms of the contract.

Mayor Mozer: Is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: Second Mayor.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilperson Thomas: Motion to pay Buzzy Byron Custom Construction for plumbing inspections performed since January 2022 in the amount of $1,875.00 as per City of Monessen and purchase order, PO 2078 from the line usage fund.

Mayor Mozer: Is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: Second

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Mozer: There's a couple things that I've been uh thinking about for some time here, but we need to talk about safety within the city that there is an issue where I think that our traffic is starting to progressively get faster

and faster and faster. We need to slow it back down and I'm going to ask our Police Department to increase their patrols on speeding. You come over the hill coming from Tyrol on to Grand Boulevard and there's very few cars going 25 some of them go 50 miles an hour. That's a 25-mph speed limit there's cars in driveways that are trying to pull out by the time they pull out you try to come to a stop. It's an issue speeding affects safety there's just a if you're driving too fast for road conditions you need to slow down regardless of what the speed limit is. If there's a bad weather you pay attention to it you need to slow down if there's construction, we got lots of construction going around town, you need to follow the guidelines and go slower. At night the road may not even be lit well in places, pay attention slow down Now the first offense I'd ask the police to give a warning but the second offense I hope that they will do citations and there's lots of consequences to speeding, it's more than just breaking the law it's the greater potential for loss of control of the vehicle it reduces the amount of time allowed to respond to events. With summertime we have our youth playing nearby they're likely to run out in the street keep an eye out for the youth. Deer are showing up all over the place, they're getting way too tame, they're showing up on roads, they're getting hit that does damage your car. Pay attention, just slow down and pay attention. What I intend to do is just increase the police traffic patrols for traffic violations in the case of some they make you know they need to give you a warning the first time but if repeated violations should be asked for citation you will be getting in citation, I'm asking everybody to share this information with your friends your neighbors I'm not trying to Blindside anybody. Pay attention to the speed limits slow down that's the biggest message I want to say with that other than that the week has been very busy with things happening on the bottom of 9th Street. As an example, we had a sinkhole open up in the middle of the well near the corner where it meets Schoonmaker. It turns out that the storm drains just up from that has a huge void that is eaten out all the soil underneath the sidewalk and the sidewalks collapsed. There's the road is collapsing it's going to require some work and I've asked our engineer to uh look into that at the same time up on the top of 9th Street at Knox. There is a sheet a piece of metal covering a hole, this hole is covering a big void in the road that was beyond what the Penn Vest project would take care of. He's going to, I've asked him to also obtain quotes on doing that that'll require the installation of a storm drain and repair of the road itself. As we go through that that's the major issue I took care of this week. At this time, I'd like to ask councilman Anthony to give us his accounts and finance report.

Councilman Orzechowski: Mayor before I do that, I have two things I want to bring up okay one how did the what's the word I'm looking for seal bids are the advertisement go that we passed last meeting bids for trucks.

Mayor Mozer: I think that by talking to you and so forth we put those on hold until we can get a better understanding of what the trucks we have on hand is. I think we might want to consider looking at that again.

Councilman Orzechowski: I got no issue with that, but I would like to look at the possibility of getting the trucks we've got right now repaired and functional and what's going on I know I don't know if Karen would know this or anything what's going on with the Civic Center and what was that that room that was supposed to get carpeted and done.

Mr. Korposh: It did this week the one room and they're getting remnants for the rest of the building together. They were a little slow, Sanitori, on getting us the bids they apologized what rest of the building there was only one room well we got every room looked at to see what remnants they might have to fit and they're going to give us an idea what they have at a very low cost to see if we can do it. But we did the one room that was necessary to do wait we did it already we had to we had to do it for event that they're having. If you want to add into the

Councilman Orzechowski: I just thought there were two there were two rooms that we want to do yeah I don't want the whole building done we don't have no I thought the one you did but I thought there was another one they were going to carpet too yeah we so you know I told you we take right that's not a problem but there's no PO that came across before the work was done. Did they even have an invoice?

Mr. Korposh: I have information from him on the amount and I said we would put it in with the two rooms and the entire the same way we looked at some others the entire situation there and then work

Mr. Orzechowski: But we're not doing the entire.

Mr. Korposh: I understand but you will have the number so you know if you wanted to do it what they have

available with remnants and other.

Councilman Orzechowski: Okay that still doesn't changed the fact that there's no PO and there's no invoice I think there's a PO that went in for the carpeting yesterday no there's nothing all right.

Mr. Korposh: Well I'll check that out with Jordan but the work was already done he he because of the fact that they needed something done out of courtesy said I'll put that in and then we can work from there it's going to be the cheapest price maybe even free is what he indicated .

Mr. Telegraphis: See everybody's broken protocol that's a problem in my opinion I'm sorry

Councilman Orzechowski: I got the motion but I thought didn't we motion to have it done we did but you still needed to do and that's not getting done okay that's right so let's be consistent about that and be very clear that nothing and I mean nothing gets done unless there's a PO issued it's been approved and we have an invoice attached to it that's a valid invoice.

Mr. Korposh: That's fair I mean that is what our policy we decided to do.

Councilman Orzechowski: Okay so mayor you want to take the truck discussion at a different time or how do you want to handle it?

Mayor Mozer: We towed a truck to HPP in Youngwood which specialize in I'm presumably that will happen tomorrow they'll get it towed over there and we'll get an estimate of what that's going to

Councilman Orzechowski: But this is totally separate of that do we still want to consider because I found another truck and it's $114,000 but it has the file package and everything on it already you better go and so I I guess my I want to have a discussion that I don't want to lose the opportunity while we have the funds to do something that has an impact like that if that's a decision Council wants to make because it still takes time to do things and you know to find these things, they're not always available around This one's in Columbus, Ohio so we they have to get it flatbed to come here which is about $1,000 to $1,200 $1,300, which isn't bad I mean for what the size of the truck is but. you know we we've bounced a lot of things off what to do and the question is I want to I want the ball to stop bouncing and I want to finally say we're going to do something.

Mayor Mozer: Okay well it's my opinion and this is just my opinion I'm not speaking for anybody else but it's my opinion we have four 2016 F550 one ton trucks fully outfitted with for salt spreaders and plowing the trucks that is how many they typically run in the wintertime for doing their plowing and so forth there is a fifth one that's in the in the yard that's a much older vehicle they used to use that for a…

Councilman Orzechowski: Could I Ernie hey could you guys calm down please Thank You. I'm trying to hear the Mayor

Mayor Mozer: There is an older vehicle in the yard that needs some serious work how much that would cost I'm really not sure but that is only used when there is a problem a temporary problem with one of the other four trucks which may or may not happen throughout the winter. We could buy another truck but I'm not sure that I mean it's going to be a spare is what it was down to we're going to have at least we're going to have one more truck functional truck than what we really need to plow the roads and they have the manpower to do that's the only concern I have I don't they see that as a spare that's going to be probably our number one truck but one of them is going to be a spare somewhere right well it's one of the old probably the one that's sitting in the in the garage in the fence in area right now but that one's already a spare so right so we got four trucks that are 2016. But do I remember the last snowstorm we had two trucks go down within the same night right and we can't we can't afford to do that that's why we need to get them perfectly maintained right now but you we could go for another truck I I'm not going to fight it I just think that it might be

superfluous when we have other expenses throughout the city I think that's a big part of our City maintaining our streets and snow and everything I mean

Councilman Orzechowski: The truck that I came across has the and it doesn't matter what how configuration is and it has the bigger Boss plow on the front which is adjustable which is electric it's the big V's that you see you know it would give some versatility and the guys moving the snow. John's calling me Something happened, John you there. Yeah I lost
Connection. Okay you can you hear you can hear us

Councilman Nestor: Yeah, I can hear you yeah sound better so.

Councilman Orzechowski: I guess the thing is we didn't get the one opportunity I spoke to the gentleman
about this one I would ask our solicitor what's the best way moving forward unfortunately that it's out of state
again, do we how do we have to have you draft something up again if that's the course direction Council wants to go.
Joe Dalfonso: it'll have to be bid unless they're registered for co-stars program.
Councilman Orzechowski: and Joe has been nice enough to he's going to get me some information on someone he knows that he works with other municipalities that's in Pennsylvania with co-stars I mean I'm not pushing I want everybody to understand I'm not pushing to say oh I went the one in Columbus Ohio or let's all look at this I'm looking at what's available at this moment that's sitting on a lot ready to go that can give the keys to Delmar or anybody else and say Here's your new truck and go with it.

Councilman Nestor: Okay one question, I have a I have a question should we go ahead and vote to rescind the motion for advertisement that we did for last our last meeting because we made a motion to advertise for a vehicle which we never advertised, should we make a motion to rescind the motion to advertise make another motion.
Solicitor Dalfonso: Yeah, I mean you have authority to advertise for a public works truck. we may need to tweak the legal advertisement at this point.

Councilman Nestor: Okay we did make a motion to advertise but if we're not going to advertise do we have to make a motion to rescind that motion.

Solicitor Dalfonso: That's a question - I don't think you need to take that action this evening.

Councilman Nestor: So, we're not going are we not going to do that motion to advertise since we didn’t do ti?

Solicitor Dalfonso: We already have a motion, that's not the issue continue with it then, so he does have to do it okay you just want to make sure you’re still doing that let’s see what time you brings out next.

Councilman Orzechowski: So, I would like to wrap this up within the next meeting or two. And I know it'll take that
long am I right Joe just to advertise and how many times you have to advertise and all that.

Solicitor Dalfonso: yeah, you got to advertise twice.

Councilman Orzechowski: okay and I spoke to the gentleman out there and I can send you guys all that information, so you all have it uh you know it's just ready to go kick the tires and the way she goes. so, I just wanted to ask where we were and what direction everybody feels comfortable going thank you. I gotta do my part sorry.
I now pass okay motion make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $39,541.32. All invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment A. Is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the park fund the amount of $1,636 37. All invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment B. Is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make motion to pay the following invoices from the liquid fuels Fund in the amount of $2,306.66 all invoices are attached to this agenda as attachment C

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from The Refuse Fund in the account of in the amount of $49591.73 all invoices are attached to this agenda as attachment D.
Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage account amount of $13,905.00 all invoices are attached as attachment E.
Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to approve the transfer of 67, 997.60 from the general fund to the payroll account to cover payroll expenses

Mayor Mozer: is there a Second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay retired Healthcare benefits in the amount of $10,822 34.

Mayor Mozer: is there a Second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to transfer $2,300.00 from the general fund to the healthcare account for the period of June 20th
2024

Mayor Mozer: is there a Second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to transfer $2,500.00 from the general fund to the healthcare account for the pay period of July 3rd 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a Second?

Councilman Nestor: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion yes and these are the balances as of today – ARP fund has $155,137.36, Debt service has $1,256,972.10, Fire Escrow has $21,393 38, Grant fund has $66,941.45, Healthcare has $4368.33 line usage has $657,584.84, liquid fuels has $106,117.57, Parks has $184,188.60, payroll has $20,107.12, Rec fund has $5091.34 and The Refuge has 189,146.90 and a general fund has 900308.37 And that's my report mayor.

Mayor Mozer: thank you thank you. Council woman Lois do you have a report for us?

Councilperson Thomas: good evening once again; our streets department report for May of 2024. they picked up garbage twice a week downtown, marked 50 PAOne calls, cold patched several streets throughout the city; repaired two catch basins. Cut city lots, put in the boat ramp; planted the flowers at the East Gate Memorial which look beautiful. They put up new flags at the boat launch and Eastgate and repaired tractors that were broken; started repairs on trucks 4 and 8 and help the parks department as needed. that is my report mayor.

Mayor Mozer: thank you John do you have a report for us?

Councilman Nestor: can everybody hear me I believe so put the mic all right evening honorable mayor members of council citizens of Manon uh unfortunately I will abstain from our report uh due to you know being behind the steering wheel not able to read it. I will be giving my report if I make it in time if the meeting is still going on but if so I will have to wait till the next pres meeting uh stated in July; other than that mayor I yield the floor thank you.

Mayor Mozer: thank you councilwoman Cosner would you like to give your report please

Councilperson Cosner: yes thank you um they picked up garbage and litter in the Parks clean the Civic Center as needed cut all the parks and ball fields clean Pavilions for events and help the streets department as needed and Rodney had a little blurb that he would like to thank all of the employees for their hard work preparing for Memorial Day weekend. I think everything looks really great when I drive around and I've been in the parks that they do a great job and they are to be commended. I've been in City Park and in input from people who want to um purchase memorial benches; have you all been in City Park and you know through around we have some brand new ones and then we have some benches that probably need to be replaced and the topic that came up is how do you determine when those older benches need to go if they're a safety issue or they're really unsightly and I don't think that we have a policy do we in the past that you determined this bench has to go because all of them have little plaques on them some of them are probably decades old so we need I think a policy and procedure to determine how long you keep those benches. The other night I went online and um it seems like a lot of the cities have procedures in place for how you go about purchasing a bench or a tree or renaming a street after someone and all of their um procedures are online so I just cut and paste some things to have some ideas but I think moving forward we probably need to have our own and I'd like to maybe have a committee or somebody to work on a policy for the benches um renaming Streets I mean what do you all think about that have you ever thought about it that how how do you determine um even renaming certain things how do you do that so it's equitable to everyone who makes a request.

Mayor Mozer: that's an interesting challenge that we face something that occurred to me what if we were to come up with some sort of uh Hall of uh Fame for the city Rec recognizing the people in the city that have done great things for the city and so forth and we maybe have a committee that determines who gets on this wall and who doesn't; just an idea I mean I could even envision something here in the in the plaza between the two buildings.

Councilperson Cosner: I mean it’s a thought but I think we do need a policy that that everybody has the same chance and everybody; I come from the school system so we always gave grades when you did anything you made sure that no one could doubt your choice based on a numerical scale or whatever it was so I think it's a good idea. I mean we have had so many people that constantly give back to Monessen whether they're still living or I don't know I think it's a good idea. Do we have I volunteers to work on this little committee do you think?

Mayor Mozer: well I think it's something we'd have to decide if that's really what we want to do and move forward with it

Councilperson Cosner: throw some ideas around.

Mayor Mozer: does anybody else have any ideas or suggestions as far?

Councilperson Thomas: as the benches that are in disrepair if you ever do decide to get rid of those you don't want to get rid of the plaques; you may want to find you have you have at Park you may want to install something where you put those plaques on there so they're not just thrown away; that they do know that they was a bench; just so they don't feel bad that their bench is gone; you don't want to get rid of the plaque so you want to find a way to still show those even if you have to get rid of the bench.

Mayor Mozer: right presumably we could come up with a place where we displayed all these and we continue to display the plaques;

Councilperson Thomas: it would be nice if somehow some way if somebody was still living you could send a letter let them know about that

Mayor Mozer: well absolutely

Councilperson Cosner: and that's what all of these do is they they do exactly what you're talking about

Mayor Mozer: very good let's continue this discussion and maybe you can present some some suggestions the next one

Councilperson Cosner: okay I'm always good for some thought because I but uh can I tell about the camp today?

Mayor Mozer: absolutely um

Councilperson Cosner: those of you who attend on a regular basis know that today was the first day camp that we had scheduled in Monessen city park and Penn State Extension are the ones who came and they had four different topics. we had 16 participants 16 young people and I think that they enjoy themselves I'm hoping they did but it was a really good experience because they were exposed to areas for which they had - it was out of their realm of comfortability and I think it went really nice the next one is Thursday July 25th so if you know of any young people who would like to attend please let them know so that we can have a higher enrollment; but I think I think it did well I was I was pleased so that's our first one and it was a beautiful day we it couldn't have been better and also our community flea market don't forget to take your information put it on Facebook. that's all I have
Mayor Mozer: very good yeah I think that that went over very well this afternoon we stopped by at the very end of it and it was clear that uh the kids that enjoyed it immensely that uh they demonstrate some lead leadership qualities that that uh so forth it was it was an impressive group. thank you I appreciate your your putting that together I really do do this well at that's time I'd like to open the floor for public comment directed to the mayor on any items related to business ordinances statutes resolutions or daily work product and the attention of the city of Monessen.

Mr. Harhai: in conjunction with what you were just saying and I raised my hand there was a policy in place with Dr Marty Dudas about five years ago because what happened is the bunch the benches that were purchased from Joseph's Nursery and then they installed them. the concrete on the bottoms of the benches and I think at a meeting Tony Orzechowski mentioned one time that we got to get rid of some of these benches there benches there are Hazard correct me if I'm wrong but I thought you did and some of them were changed some were taken out I guess they were in bad shape but the issue is now you have this plastic that's a lot better than the older benches that are wood. uh secondly you have my permission on Fourth Street to remove the bench I put in 20 years ago that's falling apart but I see that they leave it up I mean it's it's a hazard because the wood's been ripped off of it some other stuff and there's severe
flooding down there all the time too; it was a nice bench for the bus stop but it's not anymore but that's an uh example of the benches that are up at the city park that are decaying We sent a letter out I'm saying we Marty had a letter sent out on behalf of the committee if you would like to replace that bench with a more modern plastic made compressed plastic made bench and that's what you see up here now it's an oatmeal color I think there's a red one up there and there are uh couple two or three other colors that you can ge;t so I mean it's a thought um Marty's gone but he had a good idea and and they went after it they had some of the benches removed but as I said I thought you made the com that maybe we had to get rid of them they were Hazard or a couple the concrete they were actually tilted but at least give the people an opportunity to replace the bench uh Secondly I want to talk about RVE um two years they never got a grant for shoy but we're hiring them to get grants we have a grant group in Urban Design Ventures that is a nominal fee not a 20% fee as was mentioned here at a meeting not an 18% fee that was mentioned at a meeting and also put in the newspaper it was a nominal fee a guarantee was especially CDBG funding and it was a constant flow. Tony you made a comment in the paper after two meetings ago and then it was a Jour fast so I didn't get a chance to make a a comment on it's not going to cost us anything it's not going to hurt anything and what could we possibly get out of it it is tremendous if they

follow through. why would we worry about if they're going to follow through when we already have a guarantee with Urban Design Ventures; that's a little baffling secondly Cheryl Gordon's gone she filled out the applications with Urban Design Ventures you signed them - done deal I believe she was forced out obviously she was um then we went to WEC
Engineers saved 5.2 million on a project we could do other streets and now we treat them not particularly well being polite saying that uh you're going to get rid of a guarantee of Grant it just doesn't make sense. um you haven't received a dime from the state in two two years are you looking at possibly pushing yourselves towards act 47 is that one of your options because it's you're not even close to doing it but if that's your method it it's not a good one it's just
unconscionable uh I hate to see it happen I think you know better operations are there and you're getting rid of a lot of quality people and making people that have done a good job for a long time really sweat it out and that's not fair.

Mayor Mozer: so um thank you very much for your comments.

Mr. Telegraphis: I'm want to bounce off the uh diving board with them you started your Administration in January by bringing this lawyer that specializes in act 47 and that never left my mind

Mayor Mozer: which lawyer is that

Mr. Telegraphis: that one lawyer you brought down he specialized act 47 you know who he is he's talking about

Solicitor Dalfonso: Michael Foreman

Mayor Mozer: yeah that's right he's he's DCED he's not a lawyer
Mr. Telegraphis: but you brought somebody that specialized

Mayor Mozer: no they came to me and asked me if I wanted to go act 47 not once but twice.

Mr. Telegraphis: then why did you invite him.
MM: I did not invite them they came to me listen to what I'm saying they came to the city; when we took office we had $8,000 in the bank; we had payroll to make; we had to borrow money from the line usage fee when that occurred heard that triggered a thing in in Harrisburg that said we qualified for ACT 47. they came to us not once but twice and asked if I wanted to go act 47; two times I said no. Their act 47 program was a 5-year program. I had four years at that time to do things

Mr. Telegraphis: so all right; John Nester are you on the line? John

Councilman Nestor: Ernie.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay since you didn't buy my last newspaper the pen Telegraph, what you did now uh talking on your phone I brought it up- the Senate of Pennsylvania made a ordinance - you cannot talk on the phone anytime while you're in the ca,r even Bluetooth

Mr. Lefevre: you can't hold the phone in your hand

Mr. Telegraphis: no also I read the I think
Solicitor Dalfonso: and it doesn't take effect until January.

Mr. Telegraphis: the only time you could use it if you pull off and down 911 okay

Councilman Orzechowski: can I down 911 now because you're driving me up a wall.

Mr. Telegraphis: but anyway what I want to say is I think you were in violation there and and I'm not picking on you so you get a ticket I'm just telling you, you guys don't follow ordinances.

Mayor Mozer: It doesn't take place until the beginning of next year.

Councilman Nestor: I am headed in West Virginia

Mr. Telegraphis: I don't think oh you're in West Virginia okay but okay would you do you're okay as long as you're in West Virginia but anyway now I want to go back here to Tony. Who is authorized to purchase Vehicles?

Mayor Mozer: as Council as a whole

Mr. Telegraphis: council as a whole then why is it all thrown on Tony

Mayor Mozer: it's not being all thrown on Tony

Mr. Telegraphis: well no one else is coming up with any figures

Mayor Mozer: well it's his initiative

Mr. Telegraphis: okay and I want to know shouldn't also Lois Thomas be involved because Street and also Street - who handles the street

Councilperson Thomas: we supposed to advertise for it yeah

Mr. Telegraphis: but Street too there should be some I would know

Councilperson Thomas: I wouldn't know the first thing about any truck that they would need that's why we trust Rodney to get with our crew here

Mr. Telegraphis: okay you've been talking Rodney

Councilperson Thomas: yes we have

Mr. Telegraphis: what did he say what you say about that vehicle you picked out

Councilman Orzechowski: well like the other one unfortunately we lost that one so we're looking whatever's out there

Mr. Telegraphis: okay I want to know whatever happened to your contact in McKeesport or white oak where you guys used to get your equipment machines; what happened to that? and it was a Pennsylvania outlet

Councilperson Orzechowski: Ernie I wasn't involved in that

Mr. Telegraphis: okay what happened to that who cut off these uh past connections

Mayor Mozer: I know nothing about it

Mr. Telegraphis: and now we're forced to go out of state

Councilman Orzechowski: look no, no, let's clear something up here I've when you if you go out simply to commercial truck trader on the internet you can get a plethora of trucks all over the place that are from Maine all the way to California. I'm just looking to

see what's available what's the price, where they're located and is available now. I don't think if we're going to do this I don't want to place an order for a truck and tell the street crew well it'll be in six to eight months and the snow's flying. I want something that's actually that you can physically touch, it's ready to go, we have the money, we can pay cash; it's not an issue but you got to find the vehicles it's like a couple years ago. The chief knows this trying to find the police cars a couple years ago they were non-existent during Covid; you didn't get nothing

Mr. Telegraphis: well that's Co right now we're talking about who is handling this just you?

Councilman Orzechowski: I'm doing what I can and I'm trying to keep I'm keeping rest of council informed and it doesn't matter if it's me or it's Lois or the mayor or

Mr. Telegraphis: it should be joint it should be joint

Councilman Orzechowski: we are joint.

LT: it is it is daily Rodney we are day working closely with Rodney and believe me because they're the ones that know what they need to use so we are relying on them and then from there we go and seek out what they need

Mr. Telegraphis: okay um here's something else you're saying you want increased police activity on our streets

Mayor Mozer: police patrol yes

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah and I've been observing they've been very active I I see them always pulling people off now if you're that concerned where you don't need to have them going around like uh Speedy Gonzalez. Why don't you put speed bumps?

Councilman Orzechowski: those are not approved do has to approve those you just can't put a speed bump in and say here it is. you need PennDot no but you still need to have PennDot's approval before you can even

Mr. Telegraphis: even if it's your street?

Councilman Orzechowski: you have to have PennDot's approval.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay because we don't know these uh questions

Councilman Orzechowski: and now we now you know.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay some 35

Mayor Mozer: anything else?

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah I just want to know what are you going to do for your uh upcoming meeting ; what announcement you got you're working on

Mayor Mozer: what's that I don't know what are you working on?

Mayor Mozer: okay thank you Ernie

Mr. Ricardo Hall, 1224 Maple Avenue Monessen. I got two things uh in the alley behind our house on Maple there's a tree that is hanging way over and down in the alleyway so if anybody wanted to pull down into that alley they would be stopped right when they get behind my house. I'm not sure if somebody owns the house behind me or if it's vacant and I was wondering if the city will

be able - because I think it was cut down before over the uh alley but I wasn't sure if it was the city or somebody that lived in that house

Mayor Mozer: you know what the address of that house is and I'll check on it?

Mr. Hall: No I don't I just know it's well it's right behind me 1224 maple Avenue but I'm not sure the address of the house(I'm saying is the tree is in the alley) well the branches are way hanging way over and down in alley so nobody could drive down there because I can you can look down the alley you can see where they cut the grass in the alley up to the tree on both sides and stop

Mayor Mozer: so uh well it's our responsibility to try to do something with alleys and we're way behind on that because there's just more alleys and we've got manpower to take care of but if it's a tree in somebody's yard it's their responsibility; now whether they're responsible people is a different issue

Mr. Hall: well that's what I'm saying I don't know if anybody's living in that house or what I just know and

Mayor Mozer: I will try to check on that it's over and the check on that in the morning and try.

Mr. Hall: the second thing is uh on Reed Avenue I work at the SPS Building on 414 Reed, and when you come out of that parking lot between 414 Reed and the SPHS housing complex uh a lot of people whether they're visiting people in the housing complex or the family center when they come out of that driveway they turn right onto that one way street going down to the viaduct and there's also cars coming up from sixth from the beginning of uh sixth and Reed down that alley uh that one way street and eventually there's going to be an accident down in that corner because a lot of people they know that that's a one-way street so they not really paying attention when they get ready to turn up that street and a car is flying down that street and there are a lot of cars that have to pull off to the side because cars are coming on that street.

Mayor Mozer: absolutely and it's not limited to that that one way street either, in fact Karen was pointing out to me that she works at the library worked at the library and she saw a couple times when cars are going one way the wrong way on Donner so yeah that's the point is people have got to start paying more attention and we need to start trying to be safe when we're driving around.

Mr. Hall: okay but I was wondering if there could be a sign put up at that entrance that just that people that might not know they just might be coming down, that that is you cannot to make that right hand turn.

Mr. Hall: I thought it had one.

Mr. Hall: no there's not not coming from between 414 Reed and the SPS Building there's no sign there saying that you can't turn right.

Mayor Mozer: yeah okay that's a good point.

Mr. Hall: thank you.

Mayor Mozer: anything else? I would like to recognize somebody that's here with us this evening George Morgan the Fourth is visiting our country; he lives in Madrid Spain and he's got his lovely wife here from France, but anyway he is the fourth grandson of the famous Morgan Avenue that we have in town, is that correct? (Great grandson) great grandson so thank you for coming back to the City of Monessen.

Mr. Morgan: He's the first, I'm the fourth.

Mayor Mozer: well very good

Mr. Morgan: and as I understand there's a sixth now there's a fifth and sixth has decided to call himself Willam.

Mayor Mozer: okay well very good and welcome back to the city it's always a pleasure to see you

Mr. Morgan: thank you we've driven around yesterday and today um and I have two comments okay one is I don't know if the police have radar capabilities to slow people down

Mayor Mozer: unfortunately, cities cannot use radar yet only State Police can use radar okay um State Police there's other ways of doing speed detection though.

Mr. Morgan: there's a lot of abandoned properties some of which could be saved okay and that's kind of what we're trying to do we're looking for funding mostly. I think somebody in the city needs to come up with ideas to attract people to come here.

Mayor Mozer: no doubt and there's lots of things going on that hopefully will work out. The people across the way right here have a program where they're building five new homes on Motheral up there. those homes should be in place by September. now these are modular homes that are built in a factory; one day you're going to find them out there cleaning out the lot, the next day you're going to see a crane there and he's going to take these modules and just stack them up and two days later you're going to have a constructed house. that's the amount of time it takes to do that. they're also working on 10 more houses that will be on McMahon going and also over towards 10th Street, so there's a total of 15 homes that they're working on there. something to pay attention to is most of these properties that you're looking at is behind on taxes in big ways and it's difficult to get those taxes addressed. the easiest way to do that is for them to go through a judicial process. when they go through the judicial process it removes all the liens, taxes and so forth. the only thing that doesn't get rid of is federal liens and there's a couple places that we can talk about on that too, but once they do that they make the determination of is this house rehabilitatable and they do have some funding for rehabilitation of houses and we're working with them on some programs where we might do that very soon on some houses um but most cases the cost to rehabilitate them is greater than the cost of what the house would be if it was rehabilitated. you could build a new house so hence they demolished a lot of the houses. as I said there's some programs going on that that will be talked about in the near future about them rehabilitating some houses because there's been so many people that have approached them they've come up with a program that they only allow certain developers access to those houses that are going to be rehabilitated and those developers are controlled by the county so um there there's a lot of things going on with that but hopefully we're going to have some new places for people to live very soon.

Mr. Harhai: did that Josh ever get any he came and spoke at the last meeting? he went up to the county for $3,500 for the property next to the education center and by time it was done they charged him 11,000.00.
I couldn't tell you you'd have to talk to

Mr. Harhai: I thought you said were following up on well I'm trying to follow up on those things but those I think that that was acquired by the landbank one thing that the landbank has the ability to do is they have precedence over anybody else so if they want a property that goes through judicial they say I want this property that property and this one they get those properties. You can't fight that well but let me also finish there is a building on the end of Motheral it's actually on 6th Street; this is a redwood building. this building is in horrific shape. about a month ago - two months ago I contacted our federal senators and congressmen and asked them to work with the IRS because there is a $1 million lien on that property by the IRS. they cannot remove that via the judicial system. it is a federal lien. this property is going to hurt. somebody we're going to push it through public hearings and get it demolished; the uh the Senator Rechenthaler did the best job for us he actually contacted the IRS worked through the IRS process. The IRS basically said we cannot extinguish that lien they want to keep the lien but they don't care about the building so that lot will be a vacant lot that'll probably sit there till eternity until they give up trying to collect a million dollars on vacant lot many years ago.

Mr. Harhai: because of the federal it's hard to deal with.
Linda Lacy, 1624 Maple Avenue. My question is to I think it's Karen when you were talking about city park and the benches. Okay my question is do you know we only have three pavilions up there?

Councilperson Cosner: three Pavilions and then one I call a shelter well yeah I know yes.

Ms. Lacey: okay I think that if you put pavilions up there more people can utilize the park more than benches because I don't think there's been a new pavilion up there um since I was a little kid and that was probably 50 years ago.

Councilperson Cosner: well maybe if we get grants that be something talked about but I wonder I don't know who with the booking of the pavilion if there have been so many requests that we've never been able to handle them? do you know

Mayor Mozer: I'm not aware of that

Councilperson Cosner: that would be a question that I would ask before I push for a new one maybe uh just fixing up the ones we have I mean

Ms. Lacey: well there's a there's one up there that is historic; I understand you can only do so much of that but um there's only two. there's one big I think one other one

Councilperson Cosner: and then one shelter that's over sort of near the where the tank; is it's not a pavilion but you get a picnic there

Ms. Lacey: yeah well that's just like a platform with steps, I mean that was big

Councilperson Cosner: It has a roof

Ms. Lacey: it has Alum one that has the aluminum roof?

LT: no like two Benes like two tables in or something like that

Councilperson Cosner: right from the tank right from the tank yeah

Ms. Lacey: and um Mr. Orzechowski, when you were discussing the Civic Center there was already money allocated for the Civic Center which included the carpet, and if I have to go back through my notes and read it because it was $43,000 and some 43 something. I don't know if it's $43,700 but you took $13,000 away from them and left the Civic Center like $34,000 and something but the carpet was included in that estimated price; estimated price, so I don't know how come you didn't know that because we discussed it like three or four times; because it was a concern

Councilman Orzechowski: that was CDBG money I'm guessing you're talking

Ms. Lacey: correct

Councilman Orzechowski: yeah I don't get involved in CDBG money

Ms. Lacey: well we you were at our discussion when we were discussing that because I was wondering where the $13,000 went and what were you going to do with the rest of the money for that and then that's when they got the new stove I think and they did the handicap ramp. that was all included in everything and so was the carpet in two offices or three I can't remember now cuz that was either late September or first part of March and I have notes on it but I didn't know that was going to be a topic

Councilman Nestor: if I'm correct I think that 13 went to the handicapped ramp.

Mayor Mozer: right

Ms. Lacey: yeah but what I'm saying it was also estimated for all the carpeting that was done in there because see we saved money because you said Apex did the floor for free for the gym so that was extra money

Mayor Mozer: for whatever it's worth that was a 2021 money that expired the end of May

Ms. Lacey: well wasn't it used

Mayor Mozer: I think it all was used but we can get a full accounting of that money too

Ms. Lacey: no he said he don't get into CDBG money so and before Don Gregor retired I asked him about getting estimates and he couldn't get estimates because that was going against the sunshine act but you could get estimates for the truck and he couldn't get it for repaving the tennis court or during or investigating into a pickle ball court? he wasn't authorized to do that?

Councilman Orzechowski: he do that he did do that he couldn't get a contractor to come up and give him a price if I remember

Mayor Mozer: right

Councilman Orzechowski: there's no there's nothing to do with sunshine or anything he was

Ms. Lacey: well that's what he said he said he couldn't go out and get an estimate for it

Councilman Orzechowski: no that's not true just different than Karen to go out and say I want a pickle ball court

Ms. Lacey: that's what I asked them couldn't somebody that's on the board get just call a company and get an estimate

Mayor Mozer: you can get estimates now now

Ms. Lacey: if said no

Mayor Mozer: if it exceeds a certain threshold then you have to go out for bids that's the only caveat to that whole thing; what is that 13,5

Solicitor Dalfonso: for quotes and 23,6 or something close to it for public sealed bids

Mayor Mozer: yeah

Ms. Lacey: okay I have comment but I'm going to keep this one to myself thank you

Mayor Mozer: thank you

Mr. Stark: my name is Mr. Stark: I live on 39 Colonial Drive. my main reason for being here is back in December the 26th I proposed the letter to uh the mayor and that was for my retention on the city police and on account of ability board to retain my seat; the 5 year seat. okay never heard anything from anybody. then in March I approached you again and said does anything come about with that yet you said no we're not even working on that stuff yet. now it's June

Mayor Mozer: right

Mr. Stark: okay what I want to know is there's nobody on that accountability board right now

Mayor Mozer: nor has any have they had a meeting called

Mr. Stark: can't have a meeting and call when there's nobody there

Mayor Mozer: right and a meeting one doesn't work either so

Mr. Stark: I want to know whether I'm retaining my 5 year seat I want you guys to say yay or nay that's what I'm here for this goes back to December. Karen I was on when we first got started we were the first people on that board all I'm looking for is a yay or a nay of I retaining my seat of five years on this board

Mayor Mozer: when was it uh to be expired

Mr. Stark: at the end of last year December year yep I was up until December that's why I put this in so it would be brought up at the January meeting

Solicitor Dalfonso: you want the good news

Mr. Stark: yes

Solicitor Dalfonso: by law you're still a member of that board until somebody replaces you

Mr. Stark: okay well there's no one to replace me cuz there's no one there

Solicitor Dalfonso: my recommendation to council is maybe you advertise for it put Mr Stark on the agenda but until you're replaced you're still a board member that's just

Mr. Stark: okay there you go Chief we still have a board because we had a long talk about it, okay? that's good to know okay. you're still on the board too then.

Councilperson Cosner: I can't be on the board now but what about Butch? he was on the board

Mr. Stark: everybody was gone except for me well there's one more that expires at the end of this year I experienced it last year and we had our four plus the mayor at that point

Councilperson Thomas: is it possible to re advertise for all the open positions

Mayor Mozer: we should we need to make a mo

Councilperson Thomas: I've had a few people ask me about your board about being on your board yeah

Mr. Stark: I mean I even approached you mayor back when we still had people on the board to chair that committee

Mayor Mozer: right

Mr. Stark: okay and Karen knew that I did that and that never went anywhere yet so I mean with the stuff that goes on with the boards is there truth to these boards? I want to know

Mayor Mozer: to some of them to some there's not

Mr. Stark: okay so if something would happen and would have to pull the police in I'm going to sit there by myself; me and Dave right now

Mayor Mozer: right now that would be the case I guess um

Mr. Stark: I'm just trying to find out the facts behind it that's all I want to know if something would happen okay? Because Karen can't be on because she just said that because she's on Council.

Solicitor Dalfonso: there would not be a quorum on that board so you're not going to be able to operate.

Mr. Stark: so that's what I'm saying it's not operable okay? so, I got to reapply again to something I already applied for I should already be this should have been voted on in January that yeah you're on it for next five years; that's what I want; that's what I'm here for. let's get some hands up in the air come, you in favor of it?

Councilperson Thomas: did you send a letter in?

Mr. Stark: yes, I did it's right here in my hand - here's my letter.

Councilperson Thomas: was there a motion to appoint?

Mr. Stark: that when was this on the 26th of December. I submitted that here back in December, yes I did on the 26th.

Councilman Orzechowski: we would have we would have advertised for all boards.

Mayor Mozer: we did we did

Councilman Orzechowski: and just his came and just his came in?

Mayor Mozer: I don't know that one way or the other

Mr. Stark: yeah I mean Ian that's when I did it on the 26th because I wanted it in, because I expired at the end of the year and I asked for retention of my five years seat; it's all I asked for.

Mayor Mozer: put it on the next meeting that's all we can do. Can I make a copy of that?

Mr. Stark: I got more, how many you want? I brought copies. You can have one too Ms. Thomas.

Councilperson Thomas: thank you

Mr. Stark: but yeah that was submitted

Councilperson Thomas: it'll be our next meeting

Mr. Stark: and I never heard anything and I figured well maybe just things happen okay

Solicitor Dalfonso: it's a four member board plus the mayor

Mr. Stark: and by rights if you look at police accountability boards mayor can't be on it in a second third class City because he appoints police officers and the chief board; so you can't he can't sit on the board

Solicitor Dalfonso: the ordinance itself says the mayor is on the board and he

Mr. Stark: but if you look at all the other boards when I met with the guys from the city of Pittsburgh, they make the recommendations to the mayor on things that what happens

Solicitor Dalfonso: we probably need to take a look at that ordinance because of that too

Mr. Stark:: yeah because that's the way the board is set up it brings all recommendations to the mayor

Solicitor Dalfonso: no that makes… kind of why I asked the question

Mr. Stark:: I can show you the stuff from the Pittsburgh. I mean I have their layout

Solicitor Dalfonso: yeah it makes sense; it's his police department and exactly
okay someone will I hear something what I'm here for

Mayor Mozer: It's gonna have to go through the next council meeting before we can do anything; the next time we're going to have to we've already advertised we already advertised we can read advertise it if we need to

Solicitor Dalfonso: you have one candidate yeah we already sounds like you don't have anybody else so you probably should take somebody who's volunteering

Mayor Mozer: sounds good.

Mr. Stark: okay thank you very much for your time thank you

Councilperson Thomas: no we suggested that they advertise again for all the open positions on all them really

Mayor Mozer: or anybody you know that was to position send the letter yeah

Councilperson Thomas: not just for that

Mayor Mozer: for whatever yes

Mr. Lefevre: fever uh Keystone Drive. I just have one comment uh and this may involve the police department; on Tuesday there was a uh baseball game at the Monessen Park ball field. I know my wife and I know this young woman and she has three sons and one of them is around seven to eight years old so these two teams up here on Tuesday were made up of seven and eight year olds and there were younger parents there; she complained not that she wanted me to say anything but she talks uh she comes and visits she said it was so terrible on Tuesday up there the youngsters in the community they came into the crowd; they were using foul language they were disruptive uh and they kept doing this throughout the game and this young woman told me she saw a police car but it drove around the uh the fence area. I think this shouldn't happen in public like this if the police department if this is part of the police department's job of orderliness then I think an officer should - this is my opinion now, an off officer should be there. these young these youngsters, many of them just walked around the crowd and the bleacher; I think that was completely wrong, so if you're going to have uh there's going to be additional games up there for these seven eight years old baseball, something needs to be done. the language was horrible uh - that's my comment about tha. t I think the police should act. how many are are on the force right now?

Mayor Mozer: 13 well probably 11 right now

Mr. Lefevre: you know what does the ordinance the Monessen ordinance say about the number of officers for Monessen.

Solicitor Dalfonso: I don't think it's specified

Mayor Mozer: what we really try to do is keep at least two officers on duty at all times

Mr. Lefevre: okay but do you do you agree with that that there should be

Mayor Mozer: I agree that first off that shouldn't happen it should first off follow on the parents and the organizers of the event need to work with the parents to get that corrected. the police can show up if there's if you call the police and say we got a problem here that's unruly there's violence going on or something like that the police will be willing to show up but we don't have enough officers to be at every single baseball game football game soccer game there's there

Mr. Lefevre: this was a night game this but the point being is that is the organizer of that event that really should be should be talked to that that organizer

Mr. Lefevre: what's the organizer supposed to do

Mayor Mozer: well they're the ones that organize the event they should maintain control if they can't maintain the control they can place a phone call to the police. exactly I'm not saying the police won't respond if the police are called but I can't say that I'm going to tell a police officer he's got to go to all the different games that occur throughout the city.

Mr. Lefevre: I understand but I guess this was unusual since it was a night game at 8:00 and uh this wasn't a day game uh that you know. that's one my comment

Mayor Mozer: and maybe they show up but and that's the school

Solicitor Dalfonso: the school hires City police for high school football games

Mr. Lefevre: One other comment Evergreen Avenue by the cemeteries um reading uh the ordinance not the ordinance but the statement in the in the uh code for a third class City it actually states that the city can actually be involved in Paving that

Mayor Mozer: there no doubt nobody said we couldn't well the problem is we don't have the money to do that

Mr. Lefevre: where but I guess what I'm talking about is only the one section that uh borders the Catholic Cemetery okay and it ET: I'm talking about that the length where before it curves up in front of Grand View I understand what you're talking about it's like 100 no

Mayor Mozer: it's more than 100 feet

Mr. Lefevre: you know just as an incident

Mayor Mozer: five or 600 feet

Mr. Lefevre: years ago uh 13 years ago or more I worked with Bob Billick with his funerals and there was this one funeral, pretty high class it was a woman that was from Monessen and she had started her career in Washington DC and that's where she stayed these people came in all sorts of expensive cars and trucks and uh you could tell they were upper class. I was in embarrassed I was embarrassed for the street they had to go on.

Mayor Mozer: I understand what I would like to see happen is a rating system put together for the streets of concern and that's could be as many streets as people as we can afford to have them rated but one rating would be how many, how bad is the street? 10 being the worst and zero being the best. And I'd rate that a 10; the second would be how many people use that street?

Mr. Lefevre: many

Mayor Mozer: okay so you rate it what maybe compared to Donner is it maybe a five or a six

Mr. Lefevre: pretty close

Mayor Mozer: not 2,000 Vehicles a day

Mr. Lefevre: I used to walk up around there and I tell you there's a lot of traffic there's a lot of traffic

Mayor Mozer: we need we need to see if we can borrow a traffic counter from PennDot to really quantify that a little bit better; the third one was what is it going to cost to fix it - zero being the uh the most expensive and 10 being the least expensive. The problem is you can rate 10 on the first two; it needs it real bad, there's lots of traffic but it rates zero on the on the funds because we just can't get the funds CDBG will not fund that and we don't have Capital there hasn't been a capital project in so long I can't remember

Mr. Lefevre: but you know that street isn't even good for chips and oil

Mayor Mozer: I understand it's beyond that it's been on that street many times it's bad very very bad yeah there is no base put to it there's potholes there's there's there's no drainage for it it just it's a horrible Road

Mr. Lefevre: yes it is

Mayor Mozer: probably doesn't get planned, I don't know the answer to that

Mr. Lefevre: one other thing mayor uh what is the status, I noticed back in February I was looking through old articles of this year - the visionary group that you put together, is it active?

Mayor Mozer: it's active when we call them and try to get something going um

Mr. Lefevre: but it should be a constant thing should it not

Mayor Mozer: it should and really what they've got to do is put together some recommendations to take it to the wider group of people is what it really needs to happen

Mr. Lefevre: then this isn't happening

Mayor Mozer: not so far

Mr. Lefevre: you need to boost them
up yeah I do

Mr. Telegraphis: one question did you get PennDot to approve of that closure

Mayor Mozer: for which closure

Mr. Telegraphis: well the one that

Mayor Mozer: Yes yes yes yes we got the parade permit, yes yes we did, Well that's what it is it a parade permit.

Mr. Telegraphis: Did PennDot give you parade permit
Mayor Mozer: yes we applied for one and got it

Mr. Telegraphis: you could have joined the meeting

Mayor Mozer: anybody else

Councilperson Orzechowski: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting, is there a second?

Councilperson Thomas: Second

Mayor Mozer: any questions? All in favor? The meeting is adjourned thank you everyone.