COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 23rd, 2024

6:30PM

1. **ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.**

2. **OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY LOIS THOMAS, COUNCILPERSON, CITY OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA.**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF MAY 9TH, 2024 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 14TH, 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.**

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

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. Motion to authorize WEC Engineering to proceed with the repair of Fairfield Avenue and the associated storm drains. Being less than the bidding requirement threshold, this project will be run through the standard requisition system and circulated to Council before a PO is granted. The cost will be allocated from the Line Usage Fund.

b. Motion to appoint RVE as the City of Monessen CDBG Consultant effective July 1st, 2024, and also as a general consultant to work with the City of Monessen on all applicable grants and financial opportunities within the Public and Private Sectors on behalf of the City of Monessen.

c. Motion to approve the re- payment of the Tax anticipation Note for the City of Monessen for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of $282,616.38 or as adjusted for 5/23/2024.

d. Motion to approve a conditional offer of employment as a Police Officer in the City of Monessen to Ron Naylor, contingent upon completion of all necessary testing and required paperwork for the Police Department. Employment shall begin on the first scheduled day of work.

e. Motion to approve a conditional offer of employment as a police officer to Spencer Ramela, contingent upon completion of all necessary testing and required paperwork for the Police Department. Employment shall begin on the first scheduled date of work.

f. Motion to authorize WEC Engineering to develop a plan and prepare specifications for a USDA Phase 3 D project, utilizing the remaining funds remaining within the grant allocations for this project. Engineering Costs are not to exceed 10% of the actual cost not to exceed the grant funds available, and Project Management Costs for the same project undertaking are not to exceed 8% of actual costs.

g. Motion to authorize WEC Engineering to proceed with the repair of the combination sewer line located on the East Side of 3rd Street near the Reed Street Viaduct. Being less than the bidding requirement threshold, this project will be run through the standard requisition system and circulated to Council before a PO is granted. The cost will be allocated from the Line Usage Fund.

h. Motion to approve or deny the purchase by Amber Myers of property within the County of Westmoreland Repository located at 618 McMahon Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 Property ID Number 20-02-06-0-336.

i. Motion to approve or deny the purchase by Joseph Pager of property within the County of Westmoreland Repository located at 1006 Leeds Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062, Property ID Number, 20-02-10-0-470.

j. Motion to appoint Elizabeth Gregg of 921 Athalia Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 to the Monessen Public Library's Board of Trustees effective immediately for a three-year term.

k. Motion to appoint Valarie Hardison of 416 McKee Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 to the Monessen Redevelopment Authority effective immediately for a five-year term.

l. Motion to approve the demolition of the following properties located in the City of Monessen:

- 478 Motheral Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-07-0-136
- 617 McMahon Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-07-0-242
- 635 McMahon Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-239
- 1-3 Schoonmaker Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-04-0-036
- 7 Idaho Alley- Parcel Number: 20-02-07-0-766
- 456 Clarendon Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-07-0-188
- 606-608 Locust Street-Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-580
- 615 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-411
- 635 Rear Marguerite Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-407
- 632 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-574
- 635 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-406
- 623 Reed Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-03-0-320
- 642 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-572
- 627 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-409
- 637 Locust Street- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-405
- 611 Marguerite Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-351
- 1204 Reservoir Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-365
- 682 McMahon Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-06-0-321
- 433 Motheral Avenue- Parcel Number: 20-02-0-07-0-110

m. Motion to approve payment of invoices for the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania for work performed by Alta Vista

Consulting in the area of Blight Removal and Policy Development in the amount of $21,138.00.

n. Motion to approve payment to McGrew Construction for the completion of the ADA compliant Ramp, Steps and Railing from CDBG related funds in the amount of $13,950.00.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $49,681.11. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “A”.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $38.70. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “B.”

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $2,490.39. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “C”.

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $1,354.75. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “D”.

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $417.12. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “E”.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse Fund in the amount of $49,591.73. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “F”.

g. Motion to approve the transfer of $71,124.11 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for payroll expenses.

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending April 30th, 2024.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending, April 30th,2024.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks, and Public Property

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

b. Motion to approve utilization of City of Monessen property on Donner Avenue for a proposed Flea Market in August or September of 2024, contingent on the appropriate Plans, Event Details, Participants and required Insurance coverages presented to Council prior to the event.

c. Discussion of the proposed painting, renovation and restoration of the Tank located in City Park, led by Ron Chromulak, Commander of the American Legion Post 28 in the City of Monessen at no cost to the City of Monessen.

d. Discussion of a proposed “Adopt a Block” Clean Up program for the City of Monessen.

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

MINUTES OF CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 23, 2024

CITY OF MONESSEN, CITY HALL

MAYOR MOZER: it's now 6:30 I'd like to call this Monessen City council meeting of May the 23rd to order, could I have a roll call please.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR KORPOSH: Council person Cosner: Here, Councilman Nestor Present Council person Thomas, Here, Councilman Orzechowski Here, Mayor Mozer, Present
CITY ADMINISTRATOR KORPOSH: Mayor we note five present and a Quorum is noted
MAYOR MOZER: Thank you, at this time I'd like to ask Pastor Mike Fisher to lead us in prayer here
PASTOR MIKE FISHER: Father, God we just thank you again for the opportunity Lord just to come here and get things done decently and in order, we just ask the presence of the almighty God to be here to direct us and show us your Clear and Present will yes I just Thank you God for all your blessings. I thank you for the blessing each individual here by the power of the Holy Spirit Amen.
MAYOR MOZER: Amen 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. At this time I would like for somebody to make a motion to approve the May 9th and the May 14th City Council minutes, when they are ready.
COUNCILMAN NESTOR: No Mayor, we everybody are good. Mayor a motion to approve minutes of previous sessions of May 9th 2024 and the special meeting of May 14th

2024.
MAYOR MOZER: Thank you, Is there a Second, Second by Councilman Thomas, any questions Please Call the Roll:
CITY ADMINISTRATOR KORPOSH:
Councilperson Cosner yes, Councilman Nestor, yes, Councilperson Thomas yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.
MAYOR MOZER: At this time I'd like to allow public comment for agenda items Only.
TED HARHAI:, Ok, you said all right, the first order of business was the authorized WEC Engineering. Did you pay him I mean that was the big thing at the last special meeting on Tuesday.
MAYOR MOZER: Yes he's been paid in full he's been paid in full or he needs to submit requisitions through the process to get the rest of the money.

TED HARHAI : Okay was he paid $38,000 for the 500 Donner Avenue that he had to wait two years for that. It was addressed in the last week's meeting, okay I didn't I didn't catch that I didn't think he was and I was curious, the second thing is a motion to appoint RVE and I thought that there was some discussion they were over in Charleroi. I thought it was funny that they gave a presentation and never mentioned that they
served Charleroi. Because they didn't do grants and they didn't apply for Grants
and it says here that the motion is for them to help as a general consultant and all applicable grants and financial opportunities. You're missing a key word CDBG consultant I'm sorry the key word are they are CDBG consultant okay now. CDBG was usually handled by Urban Design, that's correct I think that's the name of the firm. Are we getting rid of them? Although they've been here for about 20 some years and done a fantastic job and are noted for doing that and charged a good 20% on every year since then and
now on July 1st we won't have anybody to apply for the grants that we need in a city like Monessen is very needy.

MAYOR MOZER: We'll have that taken care of.

TED HARHAI: Are you sure? I'd like to see that in writing somewhere hopefully. Also, there is a motion to appoint Valerie Anderson 416 McKee to fill the spot for Mike Kelly who resigned from the Redevelopment Authority. It says effect effectively a 5-year term. Mike had two years left on a term don't you finish uh appointing someone to that two-year term and then they qualify for the 5year term?
MAYOR MOZER: That may be an error in the agenda we'll have to correct that yes you're correct, you are you are correct She will fill the remainder of the term

TED HARHAI: Once in a while I get it right. Alta Vista Consulting who
are they? Are the people that's part of the Housing Alliance that
did the Blighted Property? Do they have a key person that we know or does Tom Hardy
who's made the presentations? Tom Hardy? Tom Hardy has made presentations. The reason I ask is because we get all this money from the American Rescue Funds and they take care of all the blight and removal. Wouldn't that fall under that
purview? Okay I'm just wondering maybe we're double spending and that's why I'm asking the question. The motion to pay Farmers National Bank and Loan, that's been

kind of an itchy thing with me for a long time because they're paying interest on $938,000 that former Mayor Lou Mavrakis walking out the door and December of 2017 as opposed to refinancing bonds. That was my business and lowering the amount of Interest had to be paid on the debt service so I just wanted to bring that to your attention We shouldn't be borrowing against bonds we should be trying to
refinance. The School District just did it not too long ago two or three months ago and knocked down about two points or $300,000 in payment so we ought to take a look at that in the future. Farmers Bank is in Ohio by the way. I know who they're affiliated with. Lastly just a statement, the budget was not balanced in 2022 budget. It was not balanced in 2023 and I say that because meeting payroll does not balance
a budget. If you go back and we go back so we don't make these mistakes in
the future. Now when Tony was the acting Mayor from 18 to 21 he handed in all the finances. Shorraw didn't show up Tony handled the finances. The December meeting statement says he turned it over and said that they turned the corner we had $125,000 in debt.

MAYOR MOZER: Only so this is supposed to be
about agenda items. Is this this is Agenda?

TED HARHAI: Yeah, it's agenda because it's about budget. Okay, well you left us with $656,000 in debt.

MAYOR MOZER: I will also point out that this is the first two years in a row that we've ended up on a positive fund balance.

Ted HARHAI: Since before you were mayor yeah, I would say you're incorrect and that's not the truth, look at all the agendas Thank you.

ERNIE TELEGRAPHIS 29 Rex Blvd: What qualifications did this guy had that you going to start him on July1st, who are you talking about be more specific the um the new people on the Block.

MAYOR MOZER: RVE is a is a Consulting Engineering Company that's been in business for over 100 years. It doesn't matter how long you're in business for over 100 years they have got over 250 employees alone does not make you ask me their qualifications. I'm giving you, just give me time and they and they we have a complete portfolio of all the cities and all the grants that they've done you're welcome to look at it I don't have it with me
but you're welcome to come back. We're picking these people up because you think you're going to get grants from them. I'm picking them up so we can move
this city forward.

ERNIE TELEGRAPHIS: Yes, you're adding words what grants you think you're going to get from these people grants that we don't have time to do ourselves so what happens uh next year?

MAYOR MOZER: At this time not one penny came in and we'll find somebody else.

ERNIE TELEGRAPHIS: You're going to get rid of these people if they don't perform.

MAYOR MOZER: We will get rid of them.

ERNIE TELEGRAPHIS: Okay and how much money will they start you don't put down how much is it costing.

MAYOR MOZER: No, they will be paid nothing up front. You don't per they will not be paid up front but what would they be paid the only funds that they have the opportunity to earn money on is 10% of CDBG funds and any potential grants that
they do that's it they get paid those two ways.

ERMIE TELEGRAPHIS: Did you try looking for somebody else? You said you've looked at a whole bunch of engineers. Who's the whole bunch you guys? You always
say a whole bunch.

MAYOR MOZER: You're welcome to come back and I will show you all that we did. Oh, I know that this town, especially this whole valley, they go to the same water hole getting the same people out of the pool. That's the reason why we're doing
something a little bit different.

ERNIE TELEGRAPHIS: Now okay well we'll see. The other one I'm
kind of confused on page five this guy McGrew Construction. Was he the same guy that got to do for $13,000 a handrail at the Civic Center? He's getting another 13 now?
MAYOR MOZER: No this is to pay him for this the same one.

RON CHROMULAK: Good evening, Ron Chromulak. I'm here representing the veterans of the American Legion and the VFW. I'm here to request
permission from the City Council to refurbish the World War II Sherman tank that's located in the City Park, and our aim is to have the tank refurbished
at no cost to the City. We just need permission from the City because the
tank actually belongs to the City.

MAYOR MOZER: Okay this is supposed to be for agenda items, but we did in fact okay that. We did in fact approve you are doing that at no cost to the City. it's on the agenda.

RON CCHROMULAK: okay all right I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Perfect, I thought we' already done that but okay. Great okay so I as I said uh that that's our main reason here to get an official blessing to do this, so that we don't run into any roadblocks down
the road or any other problems.

MAYOR MOZER No problem I think it'll go through. Just once again thank you for your service as always, every time I see you I have you know, Thank you welcome home welcome home I appreciate it

ED LEFEVERBE: I'm curious of all the Motions like motions through

and I'm just curious are all the council members agreed on these like prior to this meeting tonight?

MAYOR MOZER: They've all been provided with the agenda in advance yes tonight yes prior to tonight yes prior to tonight prior to tonight always a minimum of 24 hours in advance so they've had 24 hours to look at the agenda That is correct okay

ED LEFEVERBE: The RVE is an Engineering firm correct? Why not use WEC to be Monessen's CDBG consulting firm?

MAYOR MOZER: WEC said that they were not really in a position to be CDBG consultant. That is not what they are. They are an engineering company that does structural and Sewer engineering. Okay well RVE has different groups within that that thing they are engineering they're grant writing they are they are Consulting they do many things. They are a 250-person organization with many different departments so what Westmoreland Engineering does not have. Any other questions on agenda items? Let's keep this moving on. Is there any correspondence of council would like to bring forth?

COUNCILMAN NESTOR: No Mayor.

MAYOR MOZER: I ask our Solicitor for his report please.

SOLICITOR DALFONSO: Thank you, Mayor. Good Evening Everybody. Council voted to transfer a property located on Linden Avenue at the last regular meeting. That deed was drafted sent to the city to be signed off with the RDA. We had our demolition hearings prior to this meeting at 5:30. There is one property that needs to be pulled from the list it is 627 Locust Street. There is also the USDA notified that the City has spent at least 1.5 million dollars so the first USDA loan will kick in and there'll be a process that the city goes through to make that happen. Just as a reminder, the interim PNC loan is at a much higher interest rate than the USDA loan which I believe is at one and a quarter per. one and a half percent. Thank you, Mayor, that's all I have this evening.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you, our City Treasurer and City Controller are not here, so we'll get their report at the next meeting. I'm going to take a little bit of leeway here and reorder the Motions as that are in my section starting with motion D which is a Motion to approve the conditional offer of employment as a police officer in the City of Monessen to Ron Naylor contingent on upon completion of all necessary testing and required paperwork for the police department employment. The employment shall begin on his first scheduled day of work. Is there a second?

COUNCILMAN NESTOR: Second Mayor.

MAYOR MOZER: Any questions, call the roll please.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KORPOSH Councilman Cosner, yes Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilperson Thomas, yes, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, Yes I also like to make a motion to approve the conditional offer of employment as a police officer to Spencer Ramela contingent upon completion of all necessary testing required paperwork for the police department employment, and his employment shall begin on his first scheduled day of work. Is there a second?

COUNCILMAN NESTOR: Second Mayor

MAYOR MOZER: Questions? Call the roll.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR 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 ask our judge, the Honorable Wayne Vlasic, to come in and swear these officers in.

DISTRICT JUSTICE VLASIC: I State your name do solemnly swear that I will support obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties the duties of my office as Patrolman in the City of Monessen with fidelity. Congratulations

MAYOR MOZER: In an effort to keep things moving along with some of the interaction that we have going on here, I'm going to do first a motion to approve or deny the purchase of by Joseph Pager of property within the county of Westmoreland from the county of Westmoreland repository located at 1006 Leeds Avenue, Monessen, PA property ID 20-00-21-0-470. Are you here Joseph yes would you like to come forward, and address to Council for just a minute

MAYOR MOZER: Yes, okay so I guess only thing I really want to understand is what are your intentions for this property.

MR. JOSEPH PAGER: I'm going to fix it up inside and out and flip it and sell it. Okay now this property has an asbestos roof and asbestos siding, and I'm aware of that what handling and prepared to address those things. I've been and done it. I've been doing my whole life. Do you have any questions? Do you have any of the properties I brought back from the dead in Monessen in here. I wrote down if you want to.

MAYOR MOZER: Why don't you just kind of list off some of those properties so we understand what you've done for us in the past.

MR. JOSEPH PAGER: Do you want to list a full list?

MAYOR MOZER: Well just rattle off a few.

MR. JOSEPH PAGER: okay U let's see I did 517 Schoonmaker for Dave Cruz. It was used to be Bunny's Salon there I did the apartment

upstairs new floors new walls wiring uh the downstairs storefront I put um
expensive laminate floor in there waterproof laminate floor walls new lights ceiling panels
um let's see 7:35 South 14th Street I did the whole inside of that one um from
the electric to the plumbing laminate floors carpet walls ceilling
lighting and um 727 South 14th Street
same thing and actually made the basement living space and that one too made a big
bedroom bathroom uh and all that in there 122 Reservoir I did but right when I
finished it the guy went to prison um anyway leave that one I should
brought that one 6:35 South 14 Street same thing the whole inside 36 aliper
Avenue the whole inside including the framing in the basement and making a living space as
well 2234 Street which
Bernie and Sher well Sherry turkovich gave it to me because she knows that do nice work and
she didn't want to get it
on a tear down list uh because it's a Sentimental family house they grew up in
so she gave it to me just to uh bring back and sell it or rent it and S it to
my brother and we fixed it up and he's living in it now uh Mr Joe's corner store I did the
floor I just put a new 32 foot um 32 foot counter in there with new
shelving under and all that new flooring um some new electrical um same goes with Coaches
Corner score the same guy owns a CR and I did the the half genre in there with
the Lexing glass fronts and buter block countertops and electrical and a whole
lot of plumbing and a new roof sounds like you're very well qualified yeah I did the hot dog
stand
on the front of copos they bur dead a few years back and I think he used it one time I think Joe
Delo used it when
first open uh the old the old M copos yeah
yeah I think he used it um whatever it was he's the only one who used it never opened Dave do
have time
to open it you know whenever it was a $166,000 job and you never used it it's been like
five years but it's there um let's
see I think you you made a point you're very well qualified and I I do appreciate that that matters
where are
you from Mr ped I'm from SCH origin originally and I've been in about 22
years now I live I live my bought 1107 leagues and it was a repository house as
well and I've been here about 10 years now I've got the inside done and some of the outside but
this is stopping me from
finishing the so busy all the time okay I'd like to uh modify that
motion as a motion to approve the purchase could I ask one I just ask certainly what's the time
frame on a
house like this or have you ever got this one here less than two years for me I already bought 12
new windows and two
new doors in my in my especially in my living room my house you've never gotten to a point
where you've gotten into
something and said oh my goodness I had no idea it's too much for me and then no because it's
my first like really flip
like for myself the rest I did I did one for my brother I sold to him but the

rest of these were for other people and I'm just tired of making them all the money so I'm going to going do this one
for myself and uh you know it'll be worth a lot because it's on that corner and there's nobody across the street you
got store a couple houses down there and it's and the rest of the houses on the other Corners are really nice so it's a
nice neighborhood and I think it'll go for a good chunk of change when it's done the Pick It fences up and the only
concern that I had expressed to me by the neighbors was the concern of the bestas which I brought up I I got to do
that the right way with the UHA and then a tunnel with the dumpster and wear the
suits and I know all about that did that in Sher a couple times so yeah we'll do
that the right way and I'll get the proper permits through who you guys are okay I do I put two bathrooms in for
yoya officer Al and he knows my work too I do a really nice work okay any other
questions no mayor okay I'd like to make a motion to approve the purchase by Joseph pager of property within the county of West mland County repository located at 1006 Leeds
Avenue manessa PA 15062 property ID number 20210
0470 could I have a second second any questions we've had those questions
callor rooll please council person Cosner yes Council manester I council person Thomas yes Council norowski yes
mayor motion yes thank you thank you than you we'll uh get that submitted to
the county immediately thank you take yeah you're good y take care be
safe um at this time Amber Meyers here okay would uh would you like to come and
talk to us a little bit about 618 McMahon Avenue uh property 2020
6336 yes Hello nice to meet you um so 618 I went
to the repository obviously to get the propert um I do have the funds to fix up the property 152,000 so I want to update it
and I want to rent the property out because I mean it look terrible right now so we want to make Maness and great
so we want to update I have contractors um I brought my father up here from Ohio
so am okay no that's so I have
$152,000 to fund the property I have contractors my father I brought him up here from Ohio um to help assist with
the property I want to make it into a rental okay does anybody have any
questions did you hear sorry is this your first flip I
well I'm going to be rented yes this firster it is working you
can well it is but you can use this
to so it's my first property okay and I want to rent it out okay
yeah are you from this area too um I'm not I'm actually from South Carolina but
I moved up here a couple years ago but you live here now correct water okay
yep very good um nobody has any other
questions I'd like to make a motion to approve the purchase by Amber Meyers of property within the county of West
Morland for repository located at 618 McMahon Avenue mm
paa property ID number 202 06336 is there a second second any other

questions caller roll council person cner yes councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes councilman or chowski
yes mayor Mo yes thank you thank you
all right let's get back on target here uh since I've got things pretty baled up
I'll go ahead and read my own motions this evening I need a motion to authorize WC engineering to proceed with
the repair of Fairfield Avenue with the stor Associated storm drains being less than the bidding requirement threshold
this project will be run through the standard requisition system and calculated and circulated to city
council before PO is granted the cost will be allocated from line usage fund I need to make sure that everybody
understands that that threshold is 12 126
$12,600 so as long as it's under that we we can do it this way if it goes above that the threat the purchase order
system will not work the table I don't think so this is
the
okay any other questions or is there a second first off
second um let me explain this just so everybody under really understands what this is a section of uh Fairfield
collapsed and um I go up there and I measured the void underneath it there's about an 18inch void underneath the
concrete the that not no wonder why the concrete broke and so forth right below
that is a manhole right above that are two storm drains and today they ran die
through this system to determine uh what the communication was with the the water
and how it interacted with the storm drains and the and the uh the manhole
and there is communication so part of this will be done through the USDA the current plan and everything's
subject to to change but the current plan is the manhole will be lined as part of the USDA project and using the
same same technique as they line pipes and they apparently can do that with u with uh manholes as well the um fixing
the road which is this which is also part of the uh line usage project will
be done with this this
motion okay so let me get this straight okay uh if if it's under
12,600 600 we'll do a PO and we'll do l usage if it's over
12,600 it no longer will be a line usage it'll have no no no no it still be has
to go out three quotes three quotes have to do like we regularly do for quotes right and if it's more than
20 22,200 I believe then it has to go out for written bids advertisement and bids
and when does it fall under the sewer project always this will always be under
the line usage hasn't the the the project itself is a line usage project
the issue is how do we process the the uh the purchase order and the payment of that it will always be line usage but if
it's less than 12,600 we can do it through the requisition system make sure all the council agrees if it's more than

that they have to use a a a quote Pro process and then more than 22,000 we
have to do written bids all right but the 126 that's
the hard stat fast that would be WC's cost no that's no no no that's the
maximum that you can do in this procedure that's the maximum to not have to go that's the maximum by law that you
do not have to go through a formal bidding procedure we expect this to be substantially
less I wouldn't know how much substantially L that's going to be before we do anything well
that's the reason why it will be done through the
purchasing system with with everybody's approval the reason why I'm trying to do
this this way is because we have somewhat of an emergency situation we have a road that's collapsed we have
cones out in the middle of the road it's difficult for uh it's right in front of lb's house it's just a problem it needs
to be addressed as quickly as possible just so you know councilman or jakowski WC did attempt to get multiple
quotes for this and they didn't get it so the purchase order for the service will have you know the traditional
tabulation of those of who we tried to contact and who did not return quote so
we still are going to have to vote on whether to proceed with the project no this is this was to proceed what we will
vote on is a payment it's delegating I'm not comfortable voting on something that I don't know what cost
for at all no way shape or form less than 12,600 this doesn't work at all well
again that's not what I'm hearing I'm hearing if it's under 126 all right we can do you won't be able to move forward
if it's over $12,600 we will not be able to do this with a requisition system this motion fails if it's more than that
that is a hard fast ceiling but that doesn't say that here that's does That's the Law that's what the standard through
the standard requisition system that is limited to that when are you
guys so my question is then why why put a PO in to the
purchasing system if we don't have anything yet to put into the purchasing system we hope to have that within the
next 24 to 48 hours then why don't we do it after that happens well the the whole
problem is is we've we've got a whole neighborhood that's hamstrung with this
problem it's not the first time we've been handstrong and had a problem with the city that we had to do something I'm
just saying I want to put the cart in front of the horse and that's what we sound like we're doing
well we're we're we're we've got a limit on this and
you're not comfortable with that I guess we can change it but P please this is not a discussion
with you too many people wait a minute guys too many people are well all I want to know is how long an emergency how
long has it been like that's easy question to
answer is this the thing that was running down that you sent us pictures on on third no that's this is something

totally different this something totally different no I'm really confused that's the next one we're going
to do oh okay I
don't I just don't I just think it should be tabled until we get an actual cost I
agree I really do I don't like working working things or whenever whatever it
is unless a building's collapsing and we have such an emergency we got to fix it no matter what
well what I'm saying is
you will know the exact cost before purchase order is issued the purchase order will be for 12,600 or less so what
you're telling me then is is if a purchase order is put in for 12 126 for
this I'm going to have to approve it anyway that's exactly right wait you're he's saying yes no if it's
$12,600 yes or anything less anything over $500 you have to approve so there
you be I I just don't like there's no
there's no M I don't feel comfortable doing something that I don't have a number attached to it because what even
if we have to do it above the 126 okay and there it has to go in bids what I'm
worried about is the infamous oh it's 15 oh there's change order one now it's 22
oh change order two now it's 35 before you know it the damn thing doubled and tripled before we even do anything about
if if it's more than $12,600 this project does not go forward
in the next two weeks and we will have it brought up again the next meeting it just can't stick
it can't I I I just don't see the reason to even do it until we know have numbers
well if this was in front of your house I'm sure you would see the reason for wanting to do it quickly that's besides the point that's besides the point still
would have to be consistent with everybody I I just brought out my
concerns that's all is there a
second oh we did a second already I guess yeah was already question no we didn't second there was no second there
was no second I think that was the yeah there is no second you asked for questions and then ask questions till I have a second
but we ask for is there a second
second I motion to table to okay fine table it in which case
we're going to table second for the table is there a second for the table
we follow call Ro please council person Cosner yes Council
manester I council person Thomas yes councilman Rakowski yes may a motion yes
you can still go through with finding at this point I'm going to uh [Music]
remove the Third Street as well we'll get to it you table that as well okay
Council motion to appoint RV for the city of engine as for as the city of Maness and R cdbg consultant effect of
July 1st 2024 and also as a general consultant to work with the city of messent on all applicable grants and
financial opportunities within the public and private sector on behalf of the city of messent is there a second
second any questions yeah you want to go go you everybody's got questions I a few

questions down before we started the meeting I know they've sort of been addressed but I just want a clarification
that RVE would supplement rather than supplant wec as a city engineer this has
nothing to do with engineering okay and then my second one is their primary focus will be on grant writing and cdpg
and cdpg and miscellaneous kind of grants that have come across absolutely yes they would be out there looking
because we've all said we need grants for various things then at the end of the year will they or somebody prepare a
report comparing how effective they were during this last six months of the year as compared to Urban Design Urban Design
up to this point because I'm new I don't know but I'm just it' be curious to see how two different um firms operated I
would even go so far as that to uh say that we need to require RV to be president our Council meetings going
forward for the rest of the year my question is would they charge us for that though no they wouldn't charge
us so then my next question we talked about this earlier what what is the percentage that we would
be paying for the projects if for cdbg or they committed to a 10% is that with
approving the C if if the grant was approved and or also would the 10% still
go out and allocate to them if the cdbg yeah but if it was let's say a project
was denied do we still have to pay them to 10% no no this is cdbg budget and that's that's allocated by the state
yeah we got about three $300,000 this year okay that that brings up Min that
they follow all the reports I kind of curious about like the general consultant like what is the general
consultant I mean it's it's just it's just I just was questioning because it's just broad I
was just wondering General consultant okay so I have I'm okay with the 10% Grant okay because we you know searching
out grants is fine but the cdbg comp isn't that what WC is our consultant
they're not our consultant that's wal so that's not affecting WC not at
all n not at all
theying would you please be quiet because they so you said we don't pay
them anything unless they get us something is that correct that is correct but the cdbg
they will be the ones that conduct the public hearings that we do for cdbg funds they will be the ones that rep
generate the reports for us they'll be the ones that that that uh uh file all the reports with d with
fries so that goes underneath the general consultant part right that is a cdbg consultant what's the general
consultant part the general consultant part was for any grants that they do they will come to us and say you know
this is a grand opportunity we have and this is what the terms will be okay I think I think what we need to do
though also is would you please wait we need to make it crystal clear
and ask Joe to draw some type of simple contract that states this that states

that you get a grant you get us so much it's when it's approved not after it's
denied but if it's approved and we get the money you're entitled to 10% okay uh
cdbg are you're going to charge us 10% there to get what you're going to use in there that way it's Crystal Clear on
both sides and there's no questions asked and that way like Karen said we can evaluate what's going on at the end
of the year and say look we're getting all this this is fantastic or is some of
the concerns of the people out there are in the audience are saying it doesn't matter people let C companies go but I'm saying to you companies let people leave other companies go you can
go up and down and go to you can go to car de even car dealerships I wouldn't buy a car there if you paid me it's the
best experience I ever had it's just personal things we can't base our judgments on that until we have actual
facts and see what happens so what's it it's not going to cost us anything it's not going to hurt us to anything and
what we could possibly get out of it is tremendous if they follow through with it so just leave it there it will leave
it there it cost it ain't I don't care if it cost shoy $10 million I don't live in charoy and neither do you right I
okay come on let's let's keep I'm not a shouting match but enough of this with to worry about it let's not get S match
um we had a a second let's call the role please so just so this is taking nothing about any of the duties that WC in they
are still nothing whatsoever so they had nothing involvement with this whatsoever that's right okay so they'll still be
able to work with third third street all projects okay color roll U I have another
question so when we have our cdb Pro usually they oversaw a lot of our projects are that is that still they're
still going to oversee the projects once they're okay I just want to make sure nothing was been taken away from WCA no
wec will still oversee all the city BG projects and everything this is this is
design okay all right I'm F that okay all right any other
questions okay color R council person Cosner yes councilman Nester I council
person Thomas yes C chowski yes mayor motion yes
make can make a motion to approve the repayment of the tax anticipation note for the city of manes for physical year
2024 in the amount of 2 28271 62 as adjusted for 523 of 2024
which is tomorrow this should be for tomorrow 24 is there a second second any
questions comments different than the number about $100 different that's
because the number originally was for two days ago this is for tomorrow okay and the number that you just read was
from CFS Bank CFS bank for tomorrow Yes again that's $282,700
need to make a motion to authorize WC engineering to develop a plan and prepare specifications for the USDA
phase 3D project utilizing the remaining funds remaining within within the grant
allocations for this project engineering costs are not to exceed 10% of the actual

cost and the cost is not to exceed the available Grand funds available that
does not read right but I think it's says is there a second second any
questions uh question is this this which is this Third Street no
this is 12th Street and Sixth Street Sixth Street yeah these were 12th Street
over here at Sixth Street yeah can't be lined they need to be excavated that's
the scope of phase 3D okay and this is basically to allow him to start doing the specification so we can go out for
bid and those different things so many pH yes it's
confusing sorry any other questions call roll council person cner
yes Council Miner I council person Thomas yes Council chowski yes mayor
motion yes this next one I'm going to ask for to be tabled but let me explain what
this is this is uh on Third Street near the Reed Street viaduct in fact it's
directly underneath the viaduct there is a manhole on the side of the Hill along
with a terracotta line that terracotta terracotta line has broke it needs to be
repaired um every time it's we have a storm we
have sewage running out on Third Street and that's what this project was to address but I'm make a motion to table
this is there a second second any other
questions callor roll council person Cosner yes councilman Nester all council
person Tom yes Council tski yes mayor motion
yes made a motion too appoint Elizabeth Greg of 921
aalia Avenue of Maness and Pa 15062 the men and public libraries Board of
Trustees effective immediately for a three-year turn is there a second second any questions call the rooll council
person cner yes Council Miner I council person thas yes counc chowski yes may
motion yes make a motion to appoint Valerie
Hardison of 416 mcke Avenue Maness PA 15062 to the Maness and Redevelopment
Authority effective immediately for the term vacated by
Mike forget his name Kelly Michael Kelly which I believe has two years left I
would just say the remainder the Remain the remainder of his turn is there a second
second any questions call the rooll council person cner yes councilman Nester I council
person Thomas yes councilman Rakowski yes mayor Mo
yes motion to approve for demolition the following properties located in the city of manessa these properties were gone
through in immediately preceding this uh session in a in a review 478 motheral
Avenue personal number 2020 7136 617 mcmah Avenue parcel number
20207 0242 635 mcmah Avenue parcel number
20206 0239 1-3 scoon maker Avenue parcel
number 20204 0 036 7 Idaho alley parcel number 20 02
07766 456 claran Street parcel number 20207
0188 608 606608 Locust Street parcel number
20206 0580 618 Locust parcel number
20206 0411 635 rear margarit Street parcel
number 202 0647 632 Locus Street parcel number
20206 0574 623 Reed Street parcel number
20203 0320 642 Locust Street parcel number

2026 0572 627 loc Street 635 oh we we skipped
that no we're ski 627 you're at
627 yeah that's what I said we're skipping 627 is pulled off the
list okay 637 Locust Street parcel number
20206 0405 611 margarit Street parcel number
202 20206 0351 124 Reservoir parcel Number
20206 0365 682 McMahon parcel number
20206 0321 and 33 433 mother rall parcel
number 2 02 0 070 1 1 0
could I have a second please second any questions what was the reasoning for pulling 627 I must not have heard those
are properties that we just did not run through the the the board before
this any other questions caller rooll please council person Cosner yes
councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes Council chowski yes mayor motion yes I point out this is a I think
17 more houses that'll get demolished in the very near future thank
you make a motion to approve payment of invoices for the housing Alliance of Pennsylvania for work performed by Alta
Vista Consulting in the area of BL removal and policy development in the amount of$
2,138 0 is there a second second any
questions let me clarify this real quick this $2,138 is the total bill as I understand
it we will only be responsible for 10% of this the cdbg will will will
reimburse us the remaining D DC was doing DC DC will re will reimburse us
the remaining part of that yes they take five to eight
weeks we take five to eight weeks to pay uh no is when was this
started during mats so we got we got railroaded into pain for
something that we actually got something from it he developed our blight blight comprehensive plan he presented here in Council this Tom Hardy he's been here
cple I just have a hard time understanding this because the's taking care of it no no
this is DC and uh I was told by dced we will get no F further assistance from
dced including stamp assistance if we don't pay this bill we haven't got anything from DC
anyways well because we haven't paid this bill why don't you ask the other May
well
excuse we did your yes yeah we approved it already we approved
go
ahead that has nothing to do with the council tonight 617 would be a tax exoneration issue that's something
different nothing to do with on the list it's not on no it's no our list oh list yeah that we
read it's not on our list like we're reading properties for demolition yeah
that's what I'm talking about 617 is the second one yeah it's going to be demoed it's
scheduled we approved it for demolition no is there a demo hearing there a demo
demo hearing so you've already had it they're saying you missed a demo no it was at 530 before this
meeting when did you become the record property owner of this
property March 20th of this year it's it's still not it's not recorded with the quarter of deed though I

all right Council has voted on it um the
reason you didn't get notice of this because you're not the owner of the property the Deeds not filed but what we
can do is need to get with Marvin Davis the code enforcement official so we can try to figure this out um you will
receive a letter from my office notifying you of council's decision and we can have a conversation after that
how much
good on call the rooll
please council person cner not your portion of the meeting councilman not your of the meeting council person
Thomas yes Council M chowski helping a resident and wants
help all right come on just keep on going yes mayor Mo yes
motion to approve the payment to mcgr construction for the completion of the ada8 compliant ramps steps and railing
from C using cdbg funds in the amount of $1 13,950 is there a second second any
questions I do have a question should we be specifying on here what year of cdbg funds we're taking I think we should it's actually a year that if we don't spend it before the end of the month we're we lose the
money all together well it's just a matter of just on here I I don't know what year that is to be honest I mean
it's usually three years behind and we're usually using money yeah this is maybe even four it might be a
combination of multiple
years okay we we voted on is that right is it done yes yes
okay motion to pay Farmers National Bank loan interest payment we didn't vote oh I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm sorry we have a second though yeah and we is there other questions no
mayor okay callor roll council person Cosner yes councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes Council morowski yes
mayor motion yes okay
sorry motion to pay Farmers National Bank loan interest payment of $88,900
using Debt Service fund is there a second second is there any questions
call the rooll council person cner yes Council manester I council person Thomas yes Council chowski yes mayor motion
yes okay I relinquish the floor councilman fory sski would you like to
give us your report please mayor thank you
uh just on a prior note we were just talking about Farmer's Bank it would be
a good idea to see what our interest rate is compared to what's still out
there even if we can get one percentage one percentage is a lot of money on what we're still have out there for a balance
so is that something you can do Mike sure thank
you okay I need a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $ 49,682 and cents all
invoices are attached to J's attachment a is there a second second any questions
call the rooll council person cner yes councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes councilman chowski yes mayor

motion yes motion to pay the following invoices from the direct account in the amount of $38.70 all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment B is there a second second any questions call the rooll
council person Cosner yes Council manester I council person Thomas yes Council nor chowski yes mayor motion yes
motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund the amount of $2,490 and 39 cents all invoices are
attached to this agenda is attachment C is there a second second any questions
call a roll council person cner yes Council manester I council person Thomas yes Council morowski yes mayor Mo yes
motion to pay the following invoices from the liquid fuels Fund in the amount of $1
13547 All In voices are attached to the agenda is attachment D is there a second
second any questions callor rooll council person coer yes councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes
Council chowski yes mayor motion yes motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage account the amount
of two $417 12 all invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment e is there a
second second any questions callor roll council person cner yes councilman
Nester I council person Thomas yes Council Rakowski yes mayor motion yes
motion to pay the following invoices from The Refuge Fund in the amount of $ 49,5
19173 all invoices are attached this agenda's attachment f is there a second second any questions call the rooll council person Cosner yes Council manester I council person Thomas yes Council chowski yes mayor motion yes
motion to approve the transfer of 71,000 $124.1 from the general fund to the
payroll account is there a second second questions callor roll council person
Cosner yes councilman Nester I council person Thomas yes Council or chowski yes
mayor Mo yes and these are the following balances of as of today AR fund has $1
155,156 Debt Service has 1, 50,7 one33 3 fire
escrow has $2,393 38 Grant fund has
50,52 198 Healthcare has $1,823 182 line usage has
$664,000 181 liquid fuels has
$145,500 Parks has $13,570 185
5 payroll has $1 14,766 Recreation has
$513 83 Refuge has $236,500
63 and the general fund has $938,000
3 and mayor I yeld yield to fill thank you fil I yield thank you councilwoman L
Thomas would you like to give us your report good evening everyone a streets department report for April 2024 picked
up garbage twice a week downtown marked 45 pa1 calls C patched several streets
throughout the city installed and removed several signs throughout the city reported two sewer issues at Grand
Street and Fairfield swept the streets with the street sweeper cut City Lots um started removing the river mud from the
boat launch and helped the parks department as needed but also just like to um thank the crew for the wonderful

job they're doing getting the streets in the city ready for Memorial Day with the seven man crew that they have I know
that's not um you can only do so much with the seven but you do such a great job that some people can't even do a 14
so just let it be known that we thank you very much God bless you thank
you councilman John would you like to give a your report please thank you mayor honorable mayor members of council
Ministry of Staff real offices and the citizens of menes and here's a following
report for the police and Public Safety reports for the month ending in April 30th
2023 Police Department receipts for the month of April 2024 and I said three
last time but uh we'll just ignore that miscellaneous collections were the following restitution $45 for grand
total of $45 Court receipts from The District's justice Office are the following code
office fines collected $1,445 crime code fines collected $29
$1.35 city ordinances collected $482 60 code enforcement collected
$44.25 for the total receipts for the district's Justice office is $1,858 65 total receipts collected for April 2024
$1,936 total citations for the uh police department for this year
or for uh this month is 94 year to date is
245 code AC activity report for April 2024 habitation permits 10 collection
letters 23 animal complaints were the following three dogs two rats two raccoons miscellaneous miscellaneous
complaints 10 Health inspections four office meetings with residents three citations issued uh at this time it's
undetermined hearings undetermined building per per four zoning permit six
uh we had the Mis complaint misc complaints of uh miscellaneous complaints of grass noise abandoned vehicles and homes uh so far the demos
of being uh done at this time were uh are prepared is
172 following is the manessa municipal fire chiefs report for April 2024 vehicle accidents two electrical
fire three fire uh trees down one Appliance fire one grass G fire one
structure fire one smoke and structure one natural gas leaks one medical assistance 2 automatic fire alarms three
Stow fire one wires down one flooding five calls outside the city structure
fire shry one structure fire fil Township one total calls 25 total
firefighters 247 firefighters per call 7.88 Total man hours
311 that's currently all I have mayor i y the floor thank you thank you a if I can say one thing Delmore please let um
Josh Arnold know that he did an excellent job when um light work brought three groups of clients down and he just
gave him a tour he did an excellent
job yeah yeah so thank you very
much thank you Chief councilwoman Karen CER would you give us your report please
sure first of off I had neglected at our last meeting to thank people who showed up for the City-wide cleanup on May 4th

it was a rainy day so for those of you who showed up and spent part of your day there we do appreciate it very much and
also if you haven't been down to see the ramp in front of the Civic Center I think that they did an absolutely
beautiful job you know just take a walk on it and see see what's done I think they did a nice job so the report for
April is the the garbage in the Parks was picked up as was litter cleaned the Civic Center as needed turned on the
water all the Park facilities cut all the parks and ball fields whether they permitting and help the streets
department as needed and um I think the last meeting
or meeting before last I had mentioned perhaps using the lot across from the historical society as a community flea
market I don't think we've had one of those in a number of years maybe um we and I thought to earn money for
the Civic Center to buy some um shelving un units and maybe some supplies for Julian when he when he plans his
programs so um I have a motion to approve utilization of the city of messent property on Donner Avenue for a
proposed flea market in August or September of 2024 contingent on the
appropriate plans event details participants and required insurance coverages presented to council prior to
the event is there a second a second uh just a quick question yes this is a
single weekend event or this is spread out across weeks or months or it would be one Saturday one Saturday one
Saturday and what I want to do is do some research on how long do most flea markets last during the day like 9 to5 9
to three because I really don't know and seem to come up with a consensus of the best number of hours and um as I said I
have research to do and then try to pick a weekend that not everything is happening in other parts of the valley
and maybe our businesses would agree to be open on a Saturday and if people come down to manessa they could just walk
around and go into businesses and see what's happening that's what I'm hoping and say it's a really huge success maybe
we can do it a few times next year okay so is this something the the red board
or the Civ who's overseeing this is it City or so it's a City Event not not not
the Civic Center jul no I just thought it would be a good use of money to try to help him out um so we'll point out
that the RDA because this is I was just going to ask I was just going to ask she did approach the RDA and they gave her
that was going to be my next question because it's a mixed lot I I went to a meeting when was that Tuesday night and
they said fine they said they would pay the insurance for their part of the lot and everything they they were very
amenable to to using it the Redevelopment

Authority I did okay they were they were it was
presy I have a question yes and maybe it's too early yet because you said
prior to council approving stuff who's collecting the money that's
that's a that's something we'll have to discuss because I I don't know what have you done in the past if you had an event
I know we would charge but I don't I don't know how you want to administer that the way it would happen if you
wanted to rent something in the city is you have to come to the city treasure and put your deposit down or or uh
I don't want to say lease it but you would just reserve it okay this would be totally different because you would have
individuals wanting to get a table and pay for that yeah I would suspect that uh you probably need to talk to the
treasury Department and work out plans for receiving the money for receiving the money and um so that I would know
because I thought well I know that Paws when they do the park they block everything off with chalk and they allow
certain space and I thought that's a good plan I could do that as well so we knew in advance Maybe we have spaces for
a 100 tables and figure out the length of the tables because we won't provide anything like that did you were I think
you might have to and you may already have done this and I'm just spent on you probably have to talk the chief will
have to know any for Traffic Control if it's very
prosperous you could have a ton of cars down there well that's a good point I'll mark that down these are all questions
that's why I'm bringing it for IDE is because I never did it
before well I'm coming to you guys for ideas and I hope what you'll do you'll be so excited you're going to go home
and clean out your closets and and support this tell your
friends that's what I'm hoping you know there are a lot of questions a lot of plans and the first time maybe it won't
be a hit but it's worth a shot are you also considering people you
had well
no can I ask or no thank you uh now I
forgot what the hell was gonna ask you oh I know what it is are you
considering anything of having uh any food well that was a thought then I
would have to know if you have food what are what's the policy to have food if there's a food truck I know that you
have to get what a license or a permit or whatever yeah work but these are all
questions I think most of the answers would come from here people would tell me what to do yeah Marvin will help you
with that because it wouldn't be any different because there's no I don't think there's any electricity that's you
problem is electricity the only thing it would be limited to have a generator those the only ones to be able to do to have

aat right anybody anybody else have question call the roll then council
person cner yes councilman Neer I council person Thomas yes Council norowski yes mayor moer yes that's all
yours okay well thank you I'm excited I can get started I like projects and then Ron already presented to the the council
about the um the tank so there was a I guess we need a discussion
or it's all a motion a motion would
make turn that into a motion motion to uh to propose painting
renovation and restoration of the tank located in City Park led by Ron cromac commander of the American Legion Post 28
in the city of manen at no cost to the city of Maness is there a second
second any other questions or discussion you doing that I think it's a fantastic
opportunity for the city to uh re reap the benefits of of something we
got in our Parks col R council person Cosner yes councilman Neer hi council person Thomas yes Council rowski yes mayor moer yes and then I had another idea as one
day I was driving through manessa and I was looking at the litter and the weeds and the abandoned signs driving driving
through and then coming back again that even though we always I know we don't have money to do a lot of things and our
our crews work so hard the parks are beautiful but it would be so nice if we could organize volunteers who would say
you know what I'll take charge of that corner and I will pull those weeds I will pick that litter up I will sweep
the cigarette butts off that corner so when people drive through they'll see we're trying to make an impact and I
know we already have volunteers in this town who do various projects on their own and this is not going to be like it
was the adult the highway where every two feet you had a sign and said so and so Ops this highway because sooner or
later those signs become litter and trash and they cost money so this has to
be an altruistic Venture intrinsically motivated because you're not going to
get like huge Rec recognition the only recognition would be that you knew you played a part trying to get some pride
back in messent and maybe I was thinking maybe I could meet with um Douglas and maybe some of their students because
they're young and strong maybe they would be willing to help anybody can help even if it's an hour a week just to
try to clean up what we can and have this street look
beautiful over what we could have trash cans but
this is a terrible comment to make but I have seen trash right by trash cans yeah and I don't know I have watch
people pull up in a parking lot where there was a trash can empty their car and toss their trash I do not know how
to instill pride in people but I think it's worth a shot so if any of you want to sign up we can have volunteers and

what I plan to do is go through and I'm going to take pictures of these corners and so we at least we can Target
if there's an abandoned sign or anything else looks a mess try to get it cleaned up a little bit on our main streets here
in manent just to make us I think we can be cute I think we could be a cute to what do youall think I think it would
work I mean so if you want to help before you leave tonight give me your
name phone number and email address so if I ever get things going in a planned Venture I can um call you and you can
tell me what where you choose to do your work so that's that's all I have thank
you at this time I'd like to open the floor for public comment directed to myself on any items related to the
business wance statues and resolutions of day or daily work product and the attention of the city of messent
Ernie first I want to start with a good remark here this is the first time after
two years Tony then John Nester jumped in then
Lois and even uh car through Ducker ball you guys questioned what was being
presented on the U agenda and I really like that first time I saw you guys
jumping in there happens no not that often but anyway giving you uh just so
you know Ernie you may not see it but there's a lot of sometimes there's questioning on the agenda before there's
a pre agenda that goes out there so you I know but this first time live in front of
TV I prefer not to but anyway um I want to go back to a
couple things here one you went to the Ary uh armor uh the Army um engineer
down here Elizabeth yes all they talked about was the uh D did you bring up did
they uh mention what they're going to do in fact they came here today to talk about that they came today how come you didn't mention it didn't have a chance
well what did they say well first off think about what they're doing here
they have redone the the lock four at charway that is one what they claim is
they put how many did they say $1 billion dollar on that lock in the total
project yeah this is the most advanced lock in the world let me let me finish
the boat lunch no no not the boat lunch the lock but I'm worried about the okay so now Elizabeth they're removing the
lock completely and there's the next one will be at what's up it's up by renon
well bradic is the point being is that will greatly
improve the traffic on of the tugboats they claim that it will be a $200
million kick per year to people on the M River so this is a huge thing what it
will do will be dropped the river level here in manessa by about 3 feet at least that's what's being predicted when they
drops 3 feet that brings in several things that we had to concern about at the boat lodge the the the the
the barges whether the ramp is long enough that they can still use it for launching boats all these different
issues so they came here today to look at those various things they identified that there is a problem with there is a
potential problem with the the the barges um they don't have money just

dripping out of their pockets to fix it immediately but they are looking at different solutions for it we will keep
with them and till we find out what kind of risk ass assessment did they do is it
dangerous or what sure well the the risk risk assessment was done by our Engineers yeah it's a starting of the
process today yeah but what's the risk assessment could we use it yet no no we
should not so the boat launch is closed out for no not the bo launch just I'm talking about the boat launch the bo
launches are closed the barges closed yes okay because I didn't know know what
happened now um I just want to make this statement here
I like to see manessa be a prosperous Town not a nice planted uh cleaned up
area what good is all of these cosmetic effects when the town is
broke now the the only way you're going to get everything to come together is if
we got industry hiring 500,00 2,000
employees which most of them reside in manessa I don't like these deals when you guys give deals to these companies
okay and then 80% of their res of their employees come from out of town we lose
on taxes and then what happens the people who remain get hit with hir taxes
and fees so who's working on that bringing the industry we've been working very hard on
no the only thing you're bringing like that's uh RVs you're looking for Grants you're not looking for industry so uh
let me point this out still to this day you drive down Donner and there's signs on the the fence that say help
wanted we haven't even filled the jobs that we have here now much last more and more yeah I want to yeah now present
that that same company still got s and dangerous substances coming out of First
Avenue I brought this up last month it's still there there you guys are not addressing it
why that's a d issue what a DP if I threw uh McDonald's french fries out
there I'm going to get fine these guys are going to get DPA to look into it
Maloney I nobody's addressing
that french fries I don't know anyway
what do you have to go forward with industry that's what I want to know all
these people you're bringing in are just advisors consultants and then they promise you we're going to get
grants I invite you to help me bring in people well I asked for two months now I
don't want to throw the blame on uh my courb but I like to see a map the city
property owned and the Redevelopment so I can make something sense to present to some other company to see if they'd be
interested in it I can't just go there and talk I got to show them a map I
haven't gotten it yet those are available from Greensburg he just told me he could get
it for me I'll get it for you bro I told you out of my yeah I I know but I'm not
blaming you I'm just saying I I like to do something he keep telling me to do something well I need some tools
so um I I hope we could bring industry here so then the town gets prosperous
instead of cosmetically uh you know made up it's got to all go together yes first
comes Prosperity then everything comes

together here we go hi my name is
Pina 45 more favor by S paa no and I
don't give no tax break you give it to those that don't need a tax break we pay our tax but I got a question you say you
need people to help you correct and you went to the Redevelopment meeting right
how many people were there I'm talking about people like
coming to the place to say besides this guy here which is like an X and you so
there's nobody good to them right so they put out a letter here a little while ago about people disrupting
to me asking question is not disrupting okay they're the one that are
disrupted because when I look at that Ru close I see that you you were in a
development meeting part you got a piece of property for four grand or nothing
the same thing buzy everybody that's on the board get something or do make deals
for themsel not for the city of Vanessa okay they don't do that so you
got to keep that in mind you need to ask him the one thing that drives me crazy it says you ask question and they give you answers yeah it was nice did they give
you did you give them a written question no I asked because they said that you
have to I have the piece of paper that says that but I have an A that it's looking at I'm not worried number one
number two being the you into the mood of cleaning six Street wall what are you
going to do with that the one that is gave
in got an answer where are you talking about it caving in there's only one wall
when you go up six street you understand on on the Shar where the stones are the whole Wall come down what you going to do when you going to fix it you can fix
that whole area and you go there and you look nothing but an when you going to fix it the city workers can't do that CU there's only so many of them you need stones too didn't
we ask if that could be included in cdbg didn't we ask Park yeah it's Parks they
included at six Street Park cdbg proceed with that yeah we
thought that we could use it with c CDG yeah except for every no
CG yeah because we I agree with him that's something that we were hoping to addressed when we did the the statue we
were hoping that we could have got the wall done but at the time that money was not available well you squeeze what's
what more engineering right for 28,000 didn't squeeze anybody yes you did we didn't squeeze anybody you didn't pay
for they are quite happy with the agre pay for 28 we paid him 300,000 they're
not here complaining you didn't pay for they're not here compl no no no no you want to talk ilal that's when you allow
me to talk I'm going to talk whenever I want to talk okay there was a dispute on invoices and a contract two legal issues
WC in the city resolve those issues I don't see Tony Vel here complain how did we solve it tell me what do you mean how do they fix how many times do we have to repeat ourselves up here I never heard it
because they owed him 28,000 did they pay the it was 38,000 did they pay the 38 they forgave it in return for
amending the pen vest they pay the $38 it was part of a resolution to two

different disputes Peno so in other words you didn't pay they agreed not to
be paid oh okay so you squeezed them no we didn't squeeze them that's basically that's what I not at all squeeze it
you're wrong but continue that's fine I I ask a simple question to you you could
answer you're going to write a letter to that lady or that gentleman that was here how much you going to charge it's
going to charge what what it cost to a simple letter my fee we've been over this I don't know three years $100 an
hour so you're going to pay them $100 it's not going to take an hour why don't
you just do it for nothing do you work for free well neither is that neither that's West you know that West Mar
engineering works for free well we we paid them last week when we had our amount we paid $300,000 to $300,000
you understand when there's a contract dispute a legal dispute yeah parties agree to resolve it at a different
number right that's what happened here so what's your issue with it I have an issue because he had no choice no he had
against the wall either you either you take the money that we give you or you could go and sue us period That's not at
all the way it was that was the way it was not at all you can say no but that's fine I just want to make it clear that
you squeeze them it clear you know nothing about what took place we're not going to badap Mr Vel or WC Engineers
there was an issue it was resolved favorably both sides are happy both sides were happy you may not be happy he
he needed to be paid he had a bills to pay so he had to get some money are you his representative I mean because I
spoke with Mr vitel he was happy with the resolution I pay taxes in I
understand you do to pay our bill but you don't understand to pay our bill Mr Vel and wec were perfectly fine with the
resolution that we collectively put our heads together to to resolve how much you charge it for doing my my time for
being part of the meeting to resolve the resolution you don't call a plumber to to fix a legal contract issue so you
just you didn't do that how much you charge them for I would have to I would have to look I was here for a meeting and see how much the cost are not to pay probably a lot less than $38,000
well tell me give us a number okay I guess you can't give me your number again I'll come back with a
number okay do that I like it might be next meeting it might be the meeting after when I get to it that's fine you give to meon writing I appreciate it
sure now rbe they got rid of him in charoy as an engineer we're not hiring
him as an engineer understand it's two different functions no I want to make sure you understand what we're saying
that's fine go ahead say what you got to say they did not hire them for a cdbg consultant they have entirely different
processes we did not hire them as an engineer in this city they are not doing Engineering in the

city you done I'm done has nothing to do with charway was letting go of charoy as
the engineer as the engineer was let go be accurate be
accurate you guys got something to say go ahead be accurate what you're saying okay I agree with what you said you
agree I agree with I'm just asking to be accurate rbe also said that they could
get grants what Grant did they give from Charo nothing but they got a bill and that's
what we're going to do we're going to end up with the bill again for the same people so how stupid can you be by
hiring somebody from down there I think you missed the previous discussion that Council had they've tasked me to come up
with an agreement from RVE that they are going hold on hold on hold on no no no no you're accusing them of running up
fees for this they said to the city they're not going to charge any more than 10% to ad ministrate the cdbg
project Urban Design Ventures charges 18 and up 18 and up they're going to commit
to 10% to run the C City cdbg program file all the necessary paperwork have
the necessary public hearings at 10% whatever they do at 10% of the cdbg cost
okay the budget whatever the budget is they're going to get 10% your current so if our budget is what $300,000 get 10%
they $30,000 $30,000 that's less than the 18% on top of the monthly retainer that the city's paying their current
consultant today list Tony question that whole thing about a half hour ago and I listen to it and he has every right to
question that if they don't do any other grants or anything else we're not limited to them for Grants and so forth
we are allowing them to write grants but we can do other companies to allow them to do grants as well let me ask you a
question just tell the truth one time I am telling you the truth every time oh oh yeah yes who told you to
hire I knew RVE who told you they hire nobody oh
yeah nobody come on you don't know you don't even know what Ninth Street is let
alone orb so anyway I'm going to leave it at that being that you can't tell the truth
I'm going leave it at that that's fine that's your prerogative okay now you keep wanting cleaning the city right
up in N Street when they going to fix that mess where the light used to be
intersection when they going to fix that well let's put it this don't say that P because that's CA trouble you know we're
not prejudiced that's a b part intersection N Street you did a job you
did a job in the parkk intersection but you tell me what the pile of ship doing
running the middle of the road
about the intersection the P that PL are for the road I think that's what
no I think the road is where it's going to be that's what the pin bestest project left us with okay but the plate
that's there and a and a pilot and that is what WC is trying to get resolved
with with with Reynold's Brothers there's it's part of the punch list to finish up the pen vest

project nothing thing has been like that for the last two years exactly and they're talking about making the place
look better well in that place is a mess it makes actually it makes a nice park
here's the thing look like crap pvest said the company's not getting paid till they fix the punch list pardon pennvest
that controls the project that's who funds the project state agency that funds the
project they're not paying the contractor until the punch list is complete and that is one of the items
what that got to do with cleaning up the mess that is part the that's what the punch list consist of for two years
contract my not got paid for two years and I guess Tony's right he hasn't be paid for two years this isn't Tony this
is Reynolds brother I understand Reynold also works with he was here that Reynold right and Reynold needs to finish up in
with his project so we can wrap this project out High work but I'm saying to
you Thomas you understand that right does it need to be clean oh definitely
for two years I don't care who does it it needs to be clean I agree and then
you tell me you want to make medent look better and we're how you going to make
medon look better okay when you're holding on to the money for why is that
let's let's back up why is the problem on Nine Street think about what caused that problem to occur that was when
Reynolds Brothers goes out there and red does the sewer line all up and down 9th Street and across to the park and all
the way up that way when they did that they put up those barriers and they they still have some plates up there that is
up to them they have a contract to fix that and they are supposed to fix that and if they don't fix that they will
they will not be paid for their work that's what you normally do you them again what for not doing their work
absolutely getting contractors here now so I pay them because they didn't do their work that's a great idea all I
saying it needs to be cleaned up let's continue on did we beat this to death next thing hey real quick it wasn't
actually it was Street those respons
for well that's when they separated the two n streets upper and
low oh is that the reason it became one way they had to the
road he's hey he's the mayor of the he didn't ask the mayor the other mayor
what you do yeah and I think he's talking also about
the it is and it needs to be
fixed I want to ask you one more question there's been money being held for two years to do Third Street when is
that going to be done probably towards the end of this year or the beginning of next year why are you holding on to the money because we had several issues well first off they were tearing up Third Street with
all the sewer work we have to get that all finished we still have some St storm drains that have issues we have businesses on Third Street that have

asked us to wait is there something yes yeah right across the from Buzzy's place
that sewer line has a break in the storm told you to do that it's a broken sewer
line it's all I'm saying is this two years the money has been approved to get
Third Street done and if we did it it would it would be dug up three times already make man look better when I see
the sidewalk up on as soon as we get through with the work it will be it will be done pie of crap come on we ain't
blind I got bad eyes and bad ears okay move on move on well I just tell you
didn't give me an answer I gave you an answer you don't listen you said the end of this year you said that about everything nothing happened move on okay
you need to move back to where you came from cuz I think you actually are taking our city into bankruptcy
how can you do that when I control the finances well you
control got the mayor I have a real quick question to
Karen okay is is the Civic is the the
Civic Center is it done what do you mean is it all the appliances that we purchased is it all
done I think that it was inspected wasn't is inspected Friday by Marvin Y and they had a event an event there on
Saturday so I think everything is in place the ramp was finished the kitchen was finished as far as I know that was
all that was left to do there's always improvements to be made everything was T
done and what's going on with our half assembled ping pong tables and
everything they need adjusted they need they need adjusted they were never broken they were never par parts missing
I need somebody to go down there with their little hand skills and do something to the bottom of those I can't do it but we got one of them fixed
somebody I know came down and adjust the legs to bring them up like this however
in that room which is not a very large room there were two ping pong tables ordered some foos-ball table and a air
hockey table one of them has not been assembled but if you had active kids in there I think there's like too much
stuff because that they don't stand still and just ping pong or whatever they do so no it's an active sport it's
an active sport so you need so much space between what's not put together what needs to be ad-justed are the the
legs of the one ping pong we have three of them that the one was never really it
was never broken it needed adjusted so we folded it up jul we moved it out of
the way and then we need to locate the the paddles and the balls that were came
as part of a unit you can't find them
okay what about what about the air hockey table one of them which one is not assembled I don't know the
difference between but one is still in the box because there was no room so we
not you but we spent money to get equipment down there for kids or and
people or adults to use who and we still have it sitting in a box what's wrong
with that I don't know I wasn't here why can't we get people down there to get it all assembled and put up and be done

with it that's a question but now I think he's made room so at least if somebody would go down there and
assemble it but again there's so much equipment in that room kids it's just
like too much for that space But it's there it needs assemble I don't think they're going to use it at all yeah I don't think you're going to use it at the same time I think sometimes it was for if they had an event day and they put it on the sides
of the gym it wasn't to be used all in one room is to have event days where you
have game days and they're on the sides of the basketball the ping pong tables fold up the other two tables they're one piece
they don't fold up right but they weren't all meant to fit in and I'm not trying to commit somebody to this or
anything but I would possibly hope that you somebody here could tell Rodney and
ask the guys to say look on a day it's raining and it's born it's miserable out and we don't want to them I wouldn't
want to be outside is that a nice ins project that you could take all day and do and get it up and running because
again an air hockey table if it's any decent was probably a couple Grand I'm sure that's they're all extremely nice
pieces of equipment I was when I saw them I thought oh this would be a lot of fun for the kids yeah absolutely my
again my question to councel is why aren't we moving forward and making sure this is done and put this to bed instead
of sit talking about it for at least what last five six months well it's been there for a year we wanted to do the
three other rooms Tony with paint and Carpeting and lo was all for that and we still potentially have cdbg money to do
that and then put everything up I thought we were all done with cdbg money for that project no for that year we are
that year but I think we have a little extra that we could work with our vendor here in town for Carpeting and Flooring
and paint to buff up those three rooms well which they need to be done and Lois
felt the same way when all right then I'm going to I'm going to push Council and and everybody and say I
want I want to see a price and a quote or three quotes before the end of middle of next week I can yeah and then I want
to know at delivery time that this can get done and and get this committed and if it's under a threshold Joe is that
something we can just do if it's under dollar threshold ,600 okay I'm in so this does not show up again as a discussion next council meeting it is to be done and put to bed
before next Council and what are we talking about exactly painting and car painting and carpeting so the other things can be there so there's no
Juggernaut that says oh we can't move forward because of this because of this no we got to stop making excuses and
just do it very good tell you that's what they do make excuses make them pay
the money is there to pay I pay my taxes on time for that reason to pay his taxes
I don't want to get into that but the thing is we need to just do it I'm sorry

let's do you're committing to it as Finance I'm I'm in I'm telling everybody as Finance
let's get the damn thing I didn't realize there was money left to do anything I didn't know there was money
either and I don't I don't control the cdbg money but still if there's still money left over we got I think to to
move the money with cdbg we actually have to go through hearings and so forth to realign the money be difficult yeah I
don't think you can just I think you spent the cdbg that was allocated to the Civic Center we spent all that money
that there's no more okay we even make this simpler then forget cdbg money I'll just say it right now get get a quote or get two or three quotes to find out what it cost to paint and carpet take the dang money out of
the art money and be done with it we're going to put this to pay I'm done that's what we needed perfect
excellent all for that I work with Lois and Karen on that if that's use our own
use our own and and anything else before we adjourn to
use we I'll get
you they're just in my car I'm gonna run outside I'll get on
tomorrow and schedule here uh motion to to adjourn tonight's meeting at 811 p.m. is there a second second all in favor I I meting is Jour thank you
nice have an open house oh sorry
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