COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JULY 25, 2024

6:30PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT - (5 present)

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY AMY, ORCHARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, JULY 11, 2024.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS N/A

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

Solicitors Report for the City of Monessen.

8. **REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER**

Treasurer's Report for the City of Monessen.

9. **REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER**

Controller's Report for 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 July 11, 2024, to July 25, 2024.

b. Motion to permit legal advertising for upcoming Demolition of Property Hearings to be held on August 22nd at 5:30 pm in the City Hall of the City of Monessen. (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to approve a Handicapped Parking Space in front of a residence at 208 Knox Avenue in the City of Monessen. (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to accept the low bid for the CDBG 3rd Street repaving project, submitted at $244,530.55, by Morgan Contracting, Inc. with the formal bid award to be provided by WEC Engineering. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to repair the alley behind the former Eisenberg Building, with Line Usage Funds not to exceed $8650.00. (Vote 5-10)

f. Motion to obtain bids for the Spring Drive Storm Pipe upgrade from an 8-inch line to a 15-inch line utilizing Line Usage funds. (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to accept the resignation of Karla Spangler as a member of the City of Monessen Recreation Board effective immediately. (Vote 5-0)

Councilperson Thomas: motion yes motion to accept the resignation of Leticia Alloti as a member of the city of Monessen Recreation board effective immediately.

Councilperson Thomas: motion to accept the resignation of William Sanders as a member of the city of Monessen Recreation board effective immediately.

h. *Motion to appoint Christina Campbell to a position on the City of Monessen Recreation Board for a five (5) year term.*

i. Motion to appoint Reggie James to a position on the City of Monessen Recreation Board for a five (5) year term.

j. Motion to consider and approve one of the opened Bids from July 11th, 2024, for the approval of a Public Works, 2023 Ford Dump Truck Vehicle. (Motion amended, Vote 5-0)

k. *Motion to further diagnose the issues and problems with the 2011 Ford 550 Truck vehicle currently in the possession and control of the City of Monessen.*

l. Motion to reinvest the CD held at Farmers Bank as collateral to a 12-month CD yielding a 4.90% APY.

m. Motion to change front door locks at the Civic Center and remove the key lock box at the facility. A PO will be developed for approval of this expenditure.

n. Discussion of Reed Street project over Third Street (Viaduct) relative to repairs with the participation of PennDOT.

o. Motion to solicit bids to replace Police Station door facing the parking lot for Security reasons. A PO will be developed for the approval of this expenditure.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to transfer $73,880.46 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for payroll issued on July 18, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $80,751.38. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “A”. (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Fund in the amount of $11,549.99. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment” B”. (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $737.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “C”. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $4,224.06. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "D". (Vote 5-0)

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas, Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending June 30, 2024

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

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

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks and Public Property

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

a. Motion to approve retroactive waiver of fees for the Monessen Cheerleading group for a cheerleading camp and practice held at the Monessen Civic Center on July 8, 9 and 10 of 2024. (Vote 5-0)

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Transcript

Mayor Mozer: it's now 6:30 I'd like to call this meeting of the city of Monessen and Council to order; could I have a roll call please?

Michael Korposh: council person Cosner - here councilman Nestor- present, council person Thomas – here, Councilman Orzechowski - here, Mayor Mozer – present. Mayor, we have 5 present and have a quorum.

Mayor Mozer: thank you; at this time, I'd like to invite Amy to come up and pray; here you can use this mic it works a little better.

Amy: okay thank you Lord, we just we come together tonight to just give you thanks Lord the honor and Glory that you deserve Lord God; we ask that there would be peace among each and every one of us here tonight that there would be Unity Lord God and that your will would be done Father and that every word spoken would be done in peace and nonaggression Lord and um we just praise you for what you're doing in uh Monessen and in the Mon Valley Lord so we come believing that there is change coming and seeing the changes Lord God so father I thank you and I just give you all the honor and glory amen.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Mayor Mozer: um I'm going to suggest that we uh delay the approval of the meeting's minutes from the previous session of July the 11th until our next meeting there's some 38 Pages there and we just got it tonight so take them home read them and offer any corrections throughout the week that you might have. At this time I'd like to open the floor for public comment on agenda items only; here you go - they both work this works better.

Linda Lacy: 1624 Maple Avenue I just have two questions they're on the agenda um page two item D. Okay it's the repaving project that's on Third Street, okay as I recall you took money from 10th Street to go to the project on Third Street and it wasn't nearly $244,000 to pay that little quarter mile into Highland Manor so then you're doing a repair in an alley behind Eisenberg's for $8,600. When are you going to pave 10th Street and why did 10th Street have to wait but you're going to do Eisenberg's alley?

Mayor Mozer: you want me to try to answer those?

Linda Lacey: yes.

Mayor Mozer: okay well first off 10th Street we can talk about more as time goes on they've since the time that you started pushing 10th Street they've vacated that Westmoreland County Housing Authority; there's only two people that living up there

Linda Lacey: well hold on mayor one minute that money was allocated for 10th Street; you did improvements to Madison Park where do you think these people are going to park when they come visit that Park?

Mayor Mozer: if you let me finish talking

Linda Lacey: okay

Mayor Mozer: um we also met with CDBG today that 10th Street that between Knox and the Westmoreland County Housing Authority would have difficulty meeting the requirements of CDBG as far as the number of people that it served so you can't just pave it for a one-time parking event I'm just saying that.

Linda Lacey: It served the whole Community

Mayor Mozer: it's only two people live there

Linda Lacey: regardless of how many people live in Highland Manor; other people use that street okay? Now I'm very upset because that money was allocated to do 10th Street and you took it away from there and that little bit of money that you took away from 10th Street doesn't even amount to what you're going to pave Third Street which you said, and your staff said was going to be allocated to Third Street.

Councilperson Thomas: question Mayor, so if after getting the truck how much money is it to do 10th Street do we have enough ARP funds a possibility that we can finish?

Mayor Mozer: the engineering estimate was $70,000.

Councilperson Thomas: for 10 Street?

Mayor Mozer: for 10th Street.

Linda Lacey: to do a quarter mile road to from the corner knots to the end of that one street

Mayor Mozer: that was from the corner of Westmorland County Housing all the way to um McMahon.

Linda Lacey: look that's not even a mile that's probably not even a half a mile.

Mayor Mozer: I'm just telling you that's what the engineering estimate was we

Linda Lacey: why couldn't you why couldn't you take line usage money like you're going to do

Mayor Mozer: that has nothing to do with line usage.

Linda Lacey: what there's no sewer up out there?

Mayor Mozer: if the road required if the sewer mess up the road it would be something different.

Linda Lacey: I'm saying is you better figure out a way how to do 10th Street and Knox.

Mayor Mozer: you're welcome to come to our CDBG public hearing that we're going to have on the next round of funding which should be occurring in the next month or so and present that.

Linda Lacey: well, why are you doing the alley behind Eisenberg Apartments?

Mayor Mozer: because we have a line failure over there; a sewer problem that occurred there and it etched a big hole in the middle of the alley, and it has to be fixed or somebody's going to break a leg walking down the alley.

Linda Lacey: oh, but you can tear your car up parking on 10th Street.

Councilperson Thomas: so, I have a question, Mayor; since it was previously allocated for 10th Street when they had enough residents, wouldn't that be

enough to continue to have that done with the next CDBG round because it was at that time it was eligible for that because the residents are living there? It was already on the list; we had already approved it.

Mayor Mozer: right but the residents aren't there anymore.

Councilperson Thomas: but it was already approved.

Linda Lacey: regardless of whether there's residents there or not.

Councilperson Thomas: It was already approved.

Mayor Mozer: all I'm saying is I met with Charlie Fies today I took him up there and I showed him the road and he said that this did not meet the qualifications.

Councilperson Thomas: did you remind him that it was already approved previously?

Mayor Mozer: that doesn't mean that it still gets…

Linda Lacey: regardless of whether there's no one living in Highland Manor it's still a road in Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: yes.

Linda Lacey: and it needs to be fixed.

Mayor Mozer: there's several that do yes.

Councilperson Thomas: I think that might make a difference it was already approved by Council and I the only thing we did was transfer the funds at the time so regardless of whether the number has changed we previously approved that so I think that makes a difference.

Mayor Mozer: it might I don't know.

Linda Lacey: somebody find out.

Mayor Mozer: well we can check with Charlie Fies; he's the one that would tell us; go ahead.

Ernest Telegraphis 29 Rex. Now three people resigned from the Civic uh board.

Mayor Mozer: yes.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay who's replacing them?

Mayor Mozer: we need to advertise and find some people that are interested in serving that board.

Ernest Telegraphis: ok so what have you got now? Who's left?

Mayor Mozer: um Mark Pannacucci, and who's the other one?

Councilperson Cosner: Val.

Ernest Telegraphis: that's it two people?

Ernest Telegraphis: yep, they don't got enough for a quorum.

Mayor Mozer: they haven't met in three months anyway, so I guess it really doesn't matter too much.

Councilperson Thomas: you do have some people interested right?

Mayor Mozer: yeah I hope so yes

Ernest Telegraphis: but that lady that was here last time?

Mayor Mozer: yes I've contacted her.

Ernest Telegraphis: are you going to put her on board?

Mayor Mozer: if she puts in an application

Ernest Telegraphis: well she said she wanted to

Mayor Mozer: yes I understand but

you need to put her in written application okay what's the latest with uh junior

Mayor Mozer: he still has some medical issues

Michael Korposh: he's back in the hospital

Ernest Telegraphis: okay so who's going to be running the show then you guys got to have a second back up

Mayor Mozer: right now we've been relying upon Teresa Sey, excuse me to help us with that that task and she's been quite accommodating

Ernest Telegraphis: well make sure you bring that other woman on board because she seem like she's ready to go she's full of energy.

Mayor Mozer: I understand

Ernest Telegraphis: okay then I have a question here with the uh CFO here now you specify all your money locations from the general fund except for one. You say go look at addendum A; I don't got time to go look for all these uh - do you see what you got there?

Rosalie Nicksich: what he talking about?

Ernest Telegraphis: Tony I'm looking at um B on page three it says $79,000 you don't say where it's going say all invoices attached all the other ones you got some Clues you give us but no clue on B; so what's going on with B?

Councilman Orzechowski: you want to answer that or you want me to answer that?

Ernest Telegraphis: it's coming from you you're the one who wrote it down in new section.

Councilman Orzechowski: so to save money and paper we decided many many many many

months ago; I'm sorry? (save money and paper?)

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah that's what really saved the city okay go ahe

Councilman Orzechowski: we decided to print this out per on request if you need it be happy to make you a copy and you'll oh look at that oh you got it already well I'm glad Mike is on board so uh but the thing is

Councilman Orzechowski: that's something standard that happens every meeting yeah

Ernest Telegraphis: well the thing is you got to be more detailed more informative you can't just make a general line and then you throw it at us to go looking for it like we're looking for eggs at Easter time.

Councilman Orzechowski: well there should be there should

Mayor Mozer: here you go and this is the first Administration that would do this by the way cuz none of the previous Administrations

Ernest Telegraphis: I appreciate it I appreciate it and as long as I've been going

Ernest Telegraphis: Tony ain't giving us a complete picture I appreciate this

Councilman Orzechowski: now there should be there should be a sheet that just lists what everything is; that probably includes the actual statements I take it you gave him, right but there should have been C page yep

Mayor Mozer: there's a cover that cover page has for the general and then there's one for line usage.

Councilman Orzechowski: I appreciate it.

Michael Korposh: and the bills.

Councilman Orzechowski: but yeah there should have been also a sheet that I send back to you that's in there okay we can make a couple of those and put them over there if that need be yep.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay I guess I'm the last guy up here in the front Last Man Standing

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to ask our solicitor if he has anything he'd like to report on?

Solicitor Matta: nothing for public session.

Mayor Mozer: thank you does the city treasurer have anything he'd like to report?

Treasurer Saksun: uh not at this time mayor I'll have my report for next meeting.

Mayor Mozer: thank you, does the city controller?

Rosalie Nicksich: yes mayor- the general fund SCH Federal Savings Bank checking account the bank reconciliation as of June 2024 the beginning bank balance as of May 31st 2024 was $1,251704.56. Deposits made - $271,473.77. Expenses $460,830.05. The ending balance as of June 28th 2024 was $1,062,348.28. Outstanding check $64,687.59. Outstanding deposits $759.62. The reconciled balance to the bank statement is $998,420.31. That's my report.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you. There are only a couple of things going on for the last two weeks, since the last meeting we had um one of which is this morning we met with uh the gas company they're looking at doing some gas work up along Pennsylvania; excuse me along Pacific all the way around the loop up there the entire length of the road. The problem is to be real open and honest with everybody is the gas line currently runs about 6 or 8 ft inside of people's yards away from the road. If they had to go underneath the driveways against across the walls and yards and everything else, that gets to be a really a big project - lots of impact; um there it was suggested they're looking into the possibility of moving that line from there to the inside of the road by along the curb which uh could conceivably be uh less intrusive to say the least um either way it goes they put it off for a month. They've got other things they're looking at that'll take them a while to evaluate that so we - although people up that live up there see all the markings on the road, rest assured nothing's going to happen for about a month and before anything happens there'll be notifications going to all the residents up there letting them know exactly what they've decided to do. Other than that there's the only other thing is of significance is the viaduct. PennDOT has a program that

they want to repair the viaduct. Now their definition of repair and mine might be a little bit different from each other. What they're talking about is repairing all the top half of the viaduct, taking the pavement off, taking the walls along the side off, taking the fence down, redoing the surface, rebuilding the walls, building everything that's above grade there. They will also uh realign the bearings that the uh the viaduct sits on and paint some of the underside; the uh concern that I have is that we've had history of concrete falling from the bottom of that viaduct; um we've got to make sure that that is addressed at the same time, so that that's one of the things that we've been working with. But that said let's uh continue on. would you like to read my motions?

Councilperson Thomas: I already got it. Good evening, everyone, I'll put my glasses on. Motion to permit legal advertising for upcoming demolition or property hearings to be held on August 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the city hall of the city of Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll please.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve a handicapped parking space in front of a residence at 208 Knox Avenue in the city of Monessen

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

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Councilperson Nestor: second.

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Councilperson Thomas: motion to accept the resignation of Karla Spangler as a member of the city of Monessen Recreation board effective immediately.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll please.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilperson Thomas: motion yes motion to accept the resignation of Leticia Alloti as a member of the city of Monessen Recreation board effective immediately.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilperson Thomas: motion to accept the resignation of William Sanders as a member of the city of Monessen Recreation board effective immediately.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll please.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilperson Thomas: motion to consider and approve one of the open bids from July 11th, 2024 for the approval of a public works 2023 Ford dump truck vehicle.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Orzechowski: Gary, I got a question on this.

Mayor Mozer: we need a second first.

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Now you can ask a question.

Solicitor Matta: yes

Councilman Orzechowski: can we… I know we can forego the bids because Council can reject that's correct?

Solicitor Matta: Council can reject any bids.

Councilman Orzechowski: and if found a truck with Co-stars can we still amend this tonight?

Mayor Mozer: well, it is when you're buying a truck it do which truck so that would work fine.

Solicitor Matta: it says the 2003 Ford pickup truck um

Councilperson Thomas: still in there.

Solicitor Matta: but it it's talking about the that you open the bids from July so if you would like to uh um amend that to use a Co-star pricing then you would need to have the motion reflect that.

Councilman Orzechowski: okay, so we need to make a motion? We second this.

Solicitor Matta: So, we vote it down and then make another motion; um there's still a motion on the agenda about purchasing a vehicle, so if now you're just purchasing from a different place because of cost, you could still place another motion on the agenda, okay in that means.

Mayor Mozer: do you want to modify that motion?

Solicitor Matta: you can modify; you can modify if the two if the person making the motion and second it would uh um acquiesce to an amendment um you can amend the motion.

Mayor Mozer: I acquiesce as my motion.

Councilman Orzechowski: okay.

Mayor Mozer: so, John you – your second?

Councilperson Nestor: Second.

Councilman Orzechowski: you're okay with that?

Councilperson Nestor: yes.

Solicitor Matta: so then the new motion would be motion to consider and approve um a Co-star uh purchase of a 2023 Ford dump truck um from out of the Co-stars bids.

Councilman Orzechowski: okay that's correct; you want to make that?

Mayor Mozer: motion to consider and improve the purchase of a 2023 Ford dump truck using Co-star funds. Is there a second?

Solicitor Matta: using Co-star bidding requirements?

Mayor Mozer: Yes, okay.

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: questions?

Councilman Orzechowski: okay so if anybody has any questions or what this is Council previously looked at a couple different trucks and some of the

trucks were out of state hence the bidding that we put in the paper uh thank you. And this came up because this morning I went out to look if those trucks were still available because they fluctuate; they could be gone last week – whatever. One of them was, one of them I could not find but I was able to find one down in Pittsburgh and the dealer Allegheny Ford is a Co-star dealer so we don't have to go through everything thing; uh I believe it fits and it fits the requirements of what our street crew exactly needs. We can take immediate delivery of this and move on.

Ernest Telegraphis: how much is it?

Councilman Orzechowski: the total of the truck is 89,000.

Ernest Telegraphis: that's even better.

Councilman Orzechowski: well that they're going to use the street crew has an extra plow and an extra salt spreader so they'll use that on that truck.

Ernest Telegraphis: 35,000.

Councilman Orzechowski: not 37,000 it was 114,000 to have to pay - 1500.00 for them to bring it. That was 115,000 total for the other one, so I just want to let everybody know where this came from - I sure hope so.

Mayor Mozer: the only concern that I would have with this is that uh the plow requires the Hydraulics to raise and lower it there are special lighting requirements and controls that are used for our salt spreader as well -the 80,000 is a great price for what we're getting but I don't think that that's the total of what this is going to cost us.

Councilman Orzechowski: well, I'm fully expecting that if we need to and they say that the plow that they have that's hydraulic, which isn't a preference anymore, actually all the places I've talked to everything is electric now.

Mayor Mozer: either way you still got to be able to raise and lower this and…

Councilman Orzechowski: and that would be inside so even if we have to take an extra $10,000 and go to Zoresco's and say we want a brand new plow and controls put on this, that's okay; we have we have it figured already into there, so we just want to get this ready and operational before the snow flies and I know it's 90 degrees out and everything else but it'll be here before you know it and…

Councilperson Thomas: it's a truck.

Councilperson Thomas: yeah, it's not the same size.

Councilman Orzechowski: you go in the country the streets are going to be the same width and everything

Mayor Mozer: when there's snow you have to care.

Councilman Orzechowski: We can't change that, yeah I mean if you if you're going to park there you're going to park there if you can park somewhere else and let the plow go through trying to generate income or we have to vote on it right yes we have to vote on it - we have a second we do it a second. thank you car the uh

Mayor Mozer: the only concern that I would have is we have limited ARP funds. I would still suggest that we can consider financing this truck in order to preserve our ARP fund so that we could use the ARP funds for doing things that you can't finance such as road repairs but I will go along with whatever Council wants to do.

Councilman Orzechowski: my question to that is and I'll use this as a not a I don't mean a term by this to anybody, but show me the money.

Mayor Mozer: that's what I'm trying to do

Councilman Orzechowski: and we don't have any outlet for that whether it be CDBG whether be any grants or any there's no cash so I'm going on the premises like I do the finances - show me the money - it's in the bank it's sitting there it's cold hard cash we can use it. If it shows up some more time later that would have been different but we can't take the chance because

these trucks go. And I'm I don't want to be waiting until October and we're still messing around trying to look for a truck; I'm not disrespecting anybody.

Mayor Mozer: I'm not even suggesting that but go ahead call the roll please.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes, with reservations. Okay I'm going to vote Yes but I have reservations on that.

Councilperson Thomas: motion of discussion of Reed Street project over Third Street viaduct relative to repairs with the participation of PennDOT.

Mayor Mozer: and I did already take care of that so we can move on. Tony, would you like to talk about your accounts and receivable?

Councilman Orzechowski: I'd like to make a motion to transfer $80,751.30 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll issued on July 18th, 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund the amount of $79,701.38 - all invoices are attached to this agenda as attachment A.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund the amount of 11,549.99 - all invoices are attached this agenda as attachment B.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion yes motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund the amount of $737.00 - all invoices are attached this agenda as attachment C.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll please.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from liquid fuels Fund in the amount of $4,224.06 - all invoices are attached this agenda's attachment D.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the refuse account the amount of $49,591.73 - all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment E.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion yes make a motion to pay the retired healthcare benefits in the month of June for the amount of $11,419.99.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: and these are the following balances as of today: American Rescue fund has $156,065.70, Debt Service has $1,243,262.04, Fire Escrow fund has $21,482.40, Grant fund has $64,638.70, Healthcare fund has $8,130.01, Line Usage has $680,881.38, Liquid Fuels - $93,816.19, Parks has $183,850.16, Payroll fund has $22,301.50, the Rec fund has $5,212.71, Refuse has $163,735.26, and the general fund has $828,991. Mayor that is my report.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you. Councilwoman Thomas do you have a report?

Councilperson Thomas: Yes, Streets Department report for June 2024 - collected garbage twice a week downtown, marked 90 PA One-calls, cold patched several streets throughout the city, painted a curb for no parking, put up signs throughout the city, trimmed trees at the boat launch, fixed the temporary fence at the boat launch, cut city lots, patched the sinkhole on 9th Street; got a few trucks repaired and are starting repairs for the rest of the fleet; fixed a few minor repairs on their tractors as well, made preparation for the Fourth of July and helped the parks department as needed. That is my report, Mayor.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Councilperson Thomas: you're welcome.

Mayor Mozer: Councilman Nestor, would you like to give us your report?

Councilperson Nestor: thank you. Mayor, honorable members of staff, citizens of Monessen and members of council, here is the report for June 2024. Miscellaneous collections which were copies of police accident reports -$60 for a total of $60; court receipts for the District Justice Office are the following: vehicle code fines collected $762.12, Prime code fines collected $279.13; code enforcement collected $285.47, total receipts from The District Justice Office is $1,326.72, for total receipts collected for June 2024 is $1,386 72. Current citations for June 2024 for uh for the month of June - 76, year to date 384; following is the code activity report for June 2024: habitation permits and correction letters - 33, animal complaints - 4; miscellaneous complaints - 13; Health inspections -2, office meetings with residents -4, citations issued -4, hearings -3, building permits -2, zoning permits -5. The following report is the Monessen Fire Chief's report for June 2024. Vehicle accidents – 3, Public Service - 1, trees down – 5, miscellaneous fire alarms – 1, structure fires – 2, medical assistance - 6, automatic fire alarms – 13, carbon monoxide – 1, wires down – 4, landing zones – 2 Calls outside the city: automatic fire alarms – Our automatic fire

alarms, Charleroi – 1, structure fire North Belle Vernon – 2, structure collapse Charleroi – 1, total calls – 42, total firefighters – 391, firefighters per call 8.11. Total man hours 439. One injured to a fire due to miscellaneous fire a false alarm, malicious fire alarm and then uh that's all I have Mayor, I yield the floor.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Councilperson Nestor: thank you.

Mayor Mozer: Councilwoman Cosner, do you have anything for us?

Councilperson Cosner: yes, I do. Collected garbage and picked up litter in the Parks, cleaned the Civic Center as needed, cut the parks and ball fields, cleaned the pavilions for events that were scheduled, fixed the lights in the bathroom at the boat launch, and helped the street department as needed, and that's the report that I have, Mayor.

Councilperson Thomas: Mayor, if I could just remind if they don't know to remind them about the event at um Anthony Madison Park on Saturday, that's a second annual cultural heritage festival - it starts at 11:00 goes to dusk and it's followed by fireworks down at the boat launch; there'll be vendors and truck food trucks gains for the kids and things like that, okay.

Councilperson Nestor: and also thank the uh NAACP unit 2274 for sponsoring Miss Linda Carson.

Mayor Mozer: yeah, thank yeah this is a this should be a good thing; the fireworks will start at 10:00 so you have all afternoon to enjoy the festivities at Madison Park and plenty of time to get over to the uh the boat launch - it's nice and dark then that's just time. Oh, we'll also have a DJ there playing music at the uh at the uh boat launch too; okay I think we covered all that.

Councilperson Nestor: um motion.

Mayor Mozer: excuse me?

Councilperson Nestor: she has a motion.

Mayor Mozer: oh go ahead.

Councilperson Cosner: I have a motion to approve retroactive waiver of fees for the Monessen cheerleading group for a cheerleading camp and practice held at the Monessen Civic Center on July 8th, 9th, and 10th of 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes, Councilman Nestor – aye, Councilperson Thomas – yes, Councilman Orzechowski – yes, Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilperson Cosner: did I mention about the day camps being finished?

Mayor Mozer: no go ahead and talk about it.

Councilperson Cosner: um we had with along with Penn State Extension, their 4H program scheduled two day camps; it's held at city park for the youth in our schools, and we had one in June and today was the second one in July, and I think the children had a really good time; it was a good experience for them and they're hoping to come back and we can do this every year. And I'd like to thank Mark Coleman because he was there bright and early when I was and got everything ready for us, so I do appreciate all of his help, and I also want to remind you about our community flea market that's scheduled to be held on Saturday September 7th down at the um the lot across from the um Historical Society. If you have any questions just give me a call. Thank you.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to invite for uh the public for public comment directed to myself on any item relating to the business ordinances, statutes, resolutions or daily work product in detention of the city of Monessen.

Ed Lefevre: Keystone Drive. At the last at the last council meeting a comment was made about uh an inspector of uh Plumbing uh for the for the city, and that sort of tweaked my mind uh about certification of any inspector so I went to - the first place I went to was third class city code and in section 141 a 04, under D it says inspectors, Council may appoint property maintenance inspectors who may, subject to constitutional standards; that stopped me right there, I wonder what a constitutional standard is, so I looked that up for Pennsylvania and it says the Constitutional standard in Pennsylvania are outlined in the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and it says the Constitution of Pennsylvania is the supreme law within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; all acts of the General Assembly - the governor and each governmental agency are subordinate to it. So that didn't answer my question, so I Googled Pennsylvania building and plumbing inspectors, and what I came up with was certified code officials, and it states as of April 10th, 2009, the only persons who may legally engage in any aspect of UCC - and that means the uniform construction code enforcement, are those who hold UCC certification in each category of work that they perform. Categories - residential building inspector, residential electrical inspector, residential mechanical inspector, residential public inspector So that wasn't enough for me so I Googled further on for Pennsylvania and I found what was called the uniform construction code UCC certification booklet, and this is a booklet designed, it's entitled the Pennsylvania construction code act 45 and the uniform construction code UCC regulations, established training and certification requirements for all construction code officials in Pennsylvania. That really didn't satisfy me too much so finally I kept searching under Pennsylvania government and I found this um under these certification requirements, it does show the certification category and its residential building inspector, residential electrical inspector, residential mechanical inspector, and residential plumbing inspector. So these categories, if you want to be part of that group, you have to take a test and I wondered well where's the law. I'll find it. So under the Department of Labor and Industry I found this 34 PA code 4013; a person may perform - I'm sorry - a person may

not perform a plan, review of construction documents, inspect construction or equipment, or administer and enforce the uniform construction code without being currently certified or registered by the department in the category applicable to the work. A person may not approve plans or perform inspections relating to accessibility requirements without being certified by the department. So my final question Mr. Mayor is if the city code inspectors are not certified, will you have them take the tests according to 34 PA code 401.

Mayor Mozer: first off I very much appreciate all that you've researched for us, and I will take it under advisement and look into it; thank you very much.

Ed Lefevre: no I'm not finished I want to make a statement - if you're talking about an exception then I'll just further check uh with the Department of Labor and Industry, if there are exceptions.

Mayor Mozer: if there are exceptions, you're welcome to do that.

Ed Lefevre: well, are these men are these inspectors for Monessen certified?

Mayor Mozer: like I said I will check into it. Thank you for doing the research.

Ed Lefevre: they are an inspector.

Mayor Mozer: for 25 years they've been acting as…

Ed Lefevre: Buzzy Baron is not. Mr. Harhai showed a document he is not certified.

Mayor Mozer: okay he's not but….

Ed Lefevre: and the building inspectors are not certified.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Ed Lefevre: so you're in violation.

Ernest Telegraphis: I just want to Boomerang offer this - before you hire anybody you got to do your due diligence and put the right people in, and for some reason you guys just go along like it's a club. You just let people go in

and then if you make a mistake you still cover it up you just keep going with the same uh locomotive. I don't know why. That doesn't mean uh that you guys are doing everything right but that's the main problem here in like Karen Cosner just said something before. It struck me she wanted you guys to approve something and July 8th already passed so what are we doing? We're back swimming, we're back paddling; we did the same thing with um all these other invoices with W.E.C. What are you guys doing? We can't do that in the real world.

Mayor Mozer: first off, I think you have a very narrow view, but you know what, you know how you solve this problem, come January, February you start collecting signatures; you get yourself on the primary and you run for office.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah, but I'm not just talking to you, I'm… you guys all prove as a whole on something… you know when I go to print my…

Mayor Mozer: well first off let's just talk about that for just two seconds and I'm not going to spend more than that; Buzzy has been the plumbing inspector for 25 years.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah but he wasn't legally uh qualified.

Mayor Mozer: it doesn't matter.

Ernest Telegraphis: when doesn't matter to be qualified?

Mayor Mozer: no I'm not saying that I'm just saying when he came to it he had the what we appeared to be the qualifications. We will look into it and we'll address it.

Ernest Telegraphis: well appearance is nothing I mean you could watch a magician act and that's an there's nothing there.

Mayor Mozer: after 25 years I would think you'd know but go ahead anything else?

Ernest Telegraphis: who would know you guys either follow the law or you don't so it has nothing to do with what I think he knows, and then then you got chaos you don't got no form.

Mayor Mozer: okay.

Ernest Telegraphis: of authority. Now I want to know this, and I want this on the record; how are the two people working out because I'm hearing some rumors on one of them. Now how are the two people that you hired - bookkeeper and the other one that works down here how are they working out you guys checking on them they are on par?

Solicitor Matta: Mr. Telegraphis we can't have discussions about personnel matters in public.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay so uh you guys down tell me if uh these guys are following uh their prerequisites or anything? There's no uh, you can't say that they're following?

Solicitor Matta: you can't have a discussion about the employees and personnel in public.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay can you tell me this you having some sort of a uh, what do you call it, review on them have you saw often you checking them out?

Solicitor Matta: I mean you could just talk in general.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah well you doing that you checking them out or you just letting them fly whatever they want?

Solicitor Matta: I believe that the city manager with all employees across the city has a constant review of them; if somebody is…

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah but we got a history sir of people like uh they just hired somebody back in February and she left in March and that was because they were telling me she was hitting the bottle so the thing is they're not doing it.

Solicitor Matta: I'm not going to discuss specifics about any uh previous or current employee.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay I'm just asking is…

Solicitor Matta: the manager the manager is taking constant review of…

Ernest Telegraphis: I hope so because the thing is we got to have a reliable responsible authority here because if we don't then how could you expect that from the general public if you guys don't shine as a role model? I have some other uh little tidbits like um what are your plans here with RVE? They started in January; they're going to show up and tell us like where they're at at this moment in time as far as grants or anything?

Mayor Mozer: they spent all day today working on the CDBG project so.

Ernest Telegraphis: who did?

Mayor Mozer: Aaron, he's the representative he's the engineer assigned to us.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay they're going to have a report?

Mayor Mozer: he will provide reports to us yes.

Ernest Telegraphis: how often they're going to?

Mayor Mozer: probably monthly, but we only got reports quarterly from uh the previous person.

Ernest Telegraphis: all right so I'll go with the quarterly so back uh so let's say September you're going to have something uh to what they've done in last three months?

Mayor Mozer: I will try to report to you exactly what the status is on them as we get the reports.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah, and now I like to see in evaluation you give them an A, B or an F?

Mayor Mozer: okay well see what they do.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay and um one last thing, I hope you do work with Tony on that because you are working within Pennsylvania and we're looking at substantial savings. And like you said you guys - you guys can't sit on it because these trucks come and go then we're not going to have anything.

Councilman Orzechowski: Ernie, it's a done deal.

Councilperson Thomas: approved it already.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay.

Councilman Orzechowski: I'll make a phone call tomorrow, put a deposit on it, pick it up, get the paperwork, sign it off.

Ernest Telegraphis: he left a statement the mar did like he was going to like uh what you were going to question it or?

Mayor Mozer: no, no I approved it too.

Ernest Telegraphis: you approved it, okay, because you threw some sort of a statement and that threw me off.

Mayor Mozer: I have concerns, but that's fine.

Ernest Telegraphis: and the last comment is I hope, the treasurer give us a three-month report next time.

Treasurer Saksun: you just got a six-month report.

Ernest Telegraphis: well we need three because uh

Treasurer Saksun: no you'll get a six-month and a yearly.

Ernest Telegraphis: Mr. Lefevre motioned it and I seconded it when he wanted a three- month.

Councilman Orzechowski: but you didn't vote on

Treasurer Saksun: you got your three-month in May.

Rob Saysack, Motheral Avenue I have a petition here for you to not build low-income housing on Motheral Avenue; it's signed by residents on the street in neighborhood.

Mayor Mozer: okay.

Rob Saysack: sorry you need to take this across the way to Community Action they're the ones doing it, but I will talk to them about this yes.

Rob Saysack: why wasn't that property offered to the residents on the street we instead of being considered for building new housing?

Mayor Mozer: there are properties all over town that are available for city residents. Those properties - they were available too. Any of the properties that are owned by the landbank or the city are available for sale. We can transfer their RDA and they can handle it; there's lots of property and I encourage development of property.

Rob Saysack: why are they picking Motheral Avenue? Why don't they go pick Marguerite, which is empty from nth Street to Sixth Street with not one resident on it?

Mayor Mozer: I don't know what there I don't know what their reasoning is or anything else but I would be more than happy to talk to Community Action; you're welcome to go across the street across the way talk to them yourself - it's their project. The landbank and the city did it was both of us. Well they came to us with a proposal to build houses; that's what we're trying to do get property taxable. That's what they do. Rob Saysack: what's that low-income housing going to bring in? The neighborhood's actually quiet now on Motheral Avenue. I've lived there my whole life.

Mayor Mozer: you know it's fascinating to me when I went up to Motheral the first time a couple years ago I walked down Motheral and uh I was doing a Blight study - blighted house, blighted house, good house, blighted house, blighted house, good house, blighted house, blighted house, and as I get to the end of the street I was carrying two cell phones - one local and one from

before. The bottom line is what, just walking the way I was gal comes out of the house and starts yelling at me he's got a gun - he's got a gun! No, it's two cell phones.

(person in crowd): that's me and I didn't say he got a gun I thought somebody trying to hurt my dog.

Mayor Mozer: no, no but anyway you assumed I had a gun; the bottom line is that, and I talked to you, and you said you know many mayors have come here before and they promised they'd get rid of blight and nobody ever did it and you didn't think that I was going to be capable of it. So I worked to deal with the county and the county came in and removed blight; so far they've done in the neighborhood of about 150 houses in Monessen. They promised to do as many as 300 so there's lots more blighted houses that are going to go.

Rob Saysack: The recent one they tore down on my street 430 mother actually could have been saved mean.

Mayor Mozer: that's your opinion

Rob Saysack: but meanwhile there's a the red one at the point at the end of the street it's falling down there's caution tap around it

Mayor Mozer: I'm just saying all there's a map over there and I invite you to go look - there'll be red and pink dot

Rob Saysack: Why wasn't the one that's actually literally falling down tore down first that's a saf

Solicitor Matta: you realize there is more blight I do realize the city of Monessen than in the entire County. We have more of the blight for the county here so the the reason the county is trying to assist to tear 150 houses down in in in a two-year process is considerable; it's more than has been done.

Mayor Mozer: yeah and by the way

Linda Lacey: I understand what he is saying is that there was worse houses that could have been torn down first.

Mayor Mozer: maybe but there are wait wait wait wait that's your opinion; they have a set of engineers wait wait a second let me let me finish. Quit talking. They have a set of engineers that come out and do the inspection of it and there are documentation about the condition of the houses. They do a formal evaluation; does it cost more to fix this house then the house would be worth when it is fixed, and if it's that the equation is wrong, they demolish it; that's just quite simple and they've got documentation. The houses that you say that that could have been saved, I invite you to contact the the Westmorland County Redevelopment Authority and they will give you their documentation that says why they demolished that house; then talk to them talk to them.

Councilperson Thomas: question, question, is that is not that apartment building a possibility to be considered for emergency demo? Yeah but I mean I mean isn't it like possible we're looking into emergency demo for that?

Mayor Mozer: so all these places have been submitted for demolition but they have to go through a complete thing with the SHPO, with the environmental and everything else and some of these just take time to do. They are issuing contracts, several contracts per week; there's teams going all throughout town. The fact that they pick, seems like they're cherry picking, they will come back and pick those that they they skipped along the way.

Rob Saysack: they're doing a horrible job at it.

Solicitor Matta: some of the reason they have to do it is there are requirements because of asbestos, that if they do too many in too many residential properties in the in one area then they have to fall other type of regulations about asbestos but if they take one down in an area and one down in the next block they may not fall under some of those requirements.

Rob Saysack: I understand that but if you stand in where that house was you can literally see five other houses that have holes in the roof or no roof though at all.

Mayor Mozer: and you'll find those places gone over the course of the next year.

Rob Saysack: That's the one I was talking about well

Mayor Mozer: that's an interesting that's an interesting place that happen that used to be that wasn't a house that was a doctor's office and this doctor actually did business. He was a I forget, I'm not but this is important this is important to understand this is important to understand - it was a doctor's office that didn't pay us taxes. If you do a title search on that which we did because we got to make sure we can demo a house there is a $1 million lean on that house by the IRS, so what I did is I contacted Reschenthaler's office and I said can you help us with the IRS getting this lien cleared? He spent many trips to the IRS there in Washington DC and they basically said no, but you can demo the house. There is an emergency demo order that's trying to go through right now to get that brought down.

Linda Lacey: That's the same thing that happened on street right Janosik's Pharmacy

Mayor Mozer: I'm just saying that that place is going, there's a contract out for it'll be down soon.

Linda Lacey: We are going around in circles.

Mayor Mozer: no I'm not that took a lot of effort to get rid of that place a lot of effort.

Councilman Orzechowski: Linda can I can I ask you some both of you something okay and I don't know if this applies but I can tell you firsthand a situation; the properties that you mentioned about why they didn't tear this one down versus leaving this one up and things like that - there's also a possibility and I'll ask our solicitor to make sure I'm correct on this is that you

know a lot of that stuff that goes through the land bank had to get cleared to make sure there wasn't people that still owned it that owed taxes and things like that. They just can't take it, even there could be a sour spot in the middle of a street because somebody owns it, and the land bank can't touch it or we can't find out who owns. I'll give you the perfect example - on my street at the end, wait no, on the end of my street when you turn and you go on shell right there, there is a house that the roof, the windows have punched in and the grass is taller than you are and it's been like that for five years; and the city cannot find out who owns it. 5 years.

Rob Saysack: these houses have been empty for 20.

Councilman Orzechowski: this has been this has been um empty for at least 15, okay? The people that owned it or the relatives passed away from what I've been told, okay. There's nobody else that's assigned to it so the county nor us can touch it and it's unfortunate because if I live next door to there I swear to God I put a 10-ft fence because the weeds are at least 8 foot tall, and it's the biggest eyesore in the world. But you can't touch it. That may be the case with some of those properties. I can't tell you they are.

Rob Saysack: well regardless of that.

Councilman Orzechowski: it's not regardless, it is that.

Rob Saysack: back to my main point - we don't want low-income housing built on Motheral.

Mayor Mozer: I'm not saying it is low-income housing.

Councilperson Thomas: I think that might be a misconception of terms.

Rob Saysack: in the last agenda it says low-income housing.

Councilperson Thomas: in the way you're saying it because….

Mayor Mozer: it's income-based housing.

Councilperson Thomas: right, that's what I'm saying, that's not how it's right, right that's…

Mayor Mozer: that's Section 8 housing

Councilperson Thomas: exactly, exactly this is not.

Linda Lacey: but you cannot build; why are you calling it low income?

Mayor Mozer: I call it income-based - it's income-based housing.

Councilperson Thomas: in trying to buy…income-based.

Mayor Mozer: it's for purchase.

Councilperson Thomas: for purchase.

Mayor Mozer: no, it's income-based.

Councilperson Thomas: it income based.

Solicitor Matta: it's income based.

Mayor Mozer: you have to have a certain income.

Solicitor Matta: you have to live in it for a certain amount of time and then they waive the initial cost.

Mayor Mozer: it's income based.

Rob Saysack: I stated my point.

Mayor Mozer: I would suggest I'd like to suggest that we set up a time.

Councilperson Nestor: uh mayor if we if we may for a second if we can get on a lighter note real fast, Mayor, Linda, I have the floor. Can you please uh just tell us about what's going on August 2nd and 3rd at the church that you're part of?

Rob Saysack: that's Epiphany Church Festival on Pennsylvania. It's an annual Church Festival; there's bunch of food, music, yeah it's open to the public.

Councilperson Nestor: it's open to the public.

Rob Saysack: there's signs around town yeah.

Councilman Orzechowski: thank you.

Nancy Horvath, Arlington Street. I'm so glad to hear that we're not getting another no taxpayers building. I'm so relieved; thank you for clearing that up. It's misleading. Do we or as far as I know we do not have an emergency system in town; if there is one I have no idea - some catastrophe or other, is there any way of notifying citizens immediately of some major catastrophe?

Mayor Mozer: we do have an emergency coordinator for the city and it's probably a good thing to get him down here to explain to us how that works. Do you have anything to offer for that Delmar? What in the event of a major emergency in the city, how do we notify the citizens?

Dh: Mark Single is our emergency coordinator.

Mayor Mozer: Mike Single is our emergency coordinator.

Nancy Horvath: and how would they be how would he be notifying does anybody know how?

Mayor Mozer: it would be on your radios your TVs and everything else; there'd be all kinds of…

Nancy Horvath: but no wooh or whistle or anything?

Councilman Orzechowski: those days are gone

Nancy Horvath: they are gone oh that's what I relate to those old days. Okay, uh that was all. Monessen has the high school has a baseball team; are we going to be able to have uh basketball, football, does anybody know this year? I see we have cheerleader practice.

Councilperson Thomas: yeah that was the other school.

Nancy Horvath: I was just questioning if anyone knew based on it was just citizens concern whether I go to the games this year or not. (audience comment) good question; good question. We had 19 kids playing in the band the last time they were on the field. A couple of years ago, I'm not quite um sure. (audience comment) It would be nice. I have had this problem I brought it up before with the sewer in my house; a sewer line. I had my

basement waterproofed last week now I'm cleaning up and the smell - I couldn't work in the basement; it gave me a headache, it made me nauseous - it is so strong. It's unbelievably strong, I wish I could have bottled it and brought it down it's just sickening and I don't know how I'm going to be able to finish it. It's so bad - not to my knowledge who knows I don't know. My line in front of Arlington was supposed to have been done on one of the top numbers; it was numbered like number five farest condition years ago and it's never been touched. I don't know if that has anything to do with it. I know I can't get anyone to get through with an electric snake; it doesn't work, neither one works in the garage. So I'm sure that terracotta's all tumbled down and blocking everything but

Solicitor Matta: I would call the sanitary author um that that's who handles the sewages.

Nancy Horvath: I have called them not recently, but I've called them several times and they tell me make sure there's water in the trap - cover it with a bucket was my last advice.

Solicitor Matta: I guess you know the other thing that you could do is um if you can only move a snake so far you have to find if it's on your property or if it's…

Nancy Horvath: well it can't get it they can't get it out of the garage the snake, its jammed there but it's on the other side that the smell and outside of course.

Solicitor Matta: is it's probably because it's getting caught up coming from your home toward out to the to the main line.

Nancy Horvath: the city told me a couple of years ago that they put a camera down and there was no apparent blockage.

Mayor Mozer: that's on the sewer line outside of your property but you have a lateral that runs from your house to that sewer line.

Nancy Horvath: well the one runs and it that's where that oh.

Solicitor Matta: I would assume just from what you're discussing that the your lateral to the main line; there may it might be compromised.

Nancy Horvath: well no doubt it is from in the garage and I'm going to get that dug up as soon as I can.

Solicitor Matta: yeah that will probably be, usually everything comes through either get it into that way or right past the uh, sometime in certain homes mattering how they were built right past the uh - there's a connection from the house into that line as well but it appears that you're lateral is probably the problem.

Nancy Horvath: some parts of it; the one side of the house is running clear - it's okay, but that's where the stench is coming from. I think that's all; I think that's it. Thank you very much.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Nancy Horvath: I'm so glad to hear about that property not being a rental.

George McGrew, hello honorable Mayor, Council - my name is George McGrew, and I live on 420 Motheral Avenue, and I was there the day you and another fellow walked down the street years back and you know I want to commend you and Council who was involved in for getting the funds to tear down these dilapidated homes, but my concern is what's going to go in there - you're saying low income or more income based, okay, well what's this based on.

Mayor Mozer: It's based on a percentage of the norm income that's there. I think some of it has to be a minimum of 80% of the normal income that's in that general area there.

George McGrew: that's on the value of the home right I mean - what their income is, what they can pay for that house that they're going to build.

Mayor Mozer: but it's not just any income that works you have to be at a certain level within the ratio of the neighborhood that's there.

George McGrew: right but okay another question to you sir is who's going to move in there? I mean where are these people going to come from?

Mayor Mozer: you have a lot of people in this town that are that are doing rentals paying 8- $900 a month to live in a in a trap. This gives them the opportunity to invest in a house, build equity, and get out of that world.

George McGrew: but are they going to be able to pay the taxes on that house?

Mayor Mozer: they have to they're paying 8 or $900 to pay rent; they can typically get into the house, pay less, and pay the taxes and everything else.

George McGrew: well who determines on where these homes are going to be built? I mean they said these homes are going to be right there.

Mayor Mozer: there's a complicated thing ,and I would really suggest that we get a hold of the community action and have a meeting with them either in their building over there or over here. I don't really care, Community Action is very much into working with the community that they're working within; they would love to sit down and visit with all you guys and talk about what they're doing, why they're doing it, and if there's any changes they need to make.

George McGrew: but where's all this money going to come from is it a grant? Is it is it loans or what is it I mean is it? Taxpayer funded?

Mayor Mozer: it's uh really wild because as I understand at the way they're working they actually obtained a loan to build these houses; they have to sell the houses and pay off the loan or they fail; so they have to build the houses and sell the houses in order to be successful. Now they do get some supplemental aid from HUD to do this; how much that is I don't know. I think that's where the income base comes from, but these are questions that they across the way can answer. They across the way can explain this much better than I can; it's an opportunity for the community to have something new brought into it.

George McGrew: that's all well and fine but some of this money is going to be spent there's homes around there that elderly people, I don't consider myself elderly, but there's homes that could be that need money to be fixed up with. Are there any other grants?

Mayor Mozer: absolutely and they are the people that can help you with that they have whole home repair uh grants they have uh lead abatement grants - they have a whole variety of ways to help people that are living in a house that's getting old and needs repair.

George McGrew: well thank you, you answer a lot of my questions and you still did a good job.

Mayor Mozer: thank you, but I do invite you invite people we need to get a hold of them across the way. Community Action next right there Westmoreland Community Action.

Erica Getamine, 468 Motheral, Monessen, um I just want to piggy back off of a little bit what Robert was saying about the houses - you just got saying that you know we should talk through development but I have one question for as I know when I first talked to you about the houses being tore down I asked you about tearing down the house that was next door to me and I also asked you after when it was tore down if I could buy the property so I could fence my dogs in; you told me yeah and then the whole situation changed. I seen you talking to some ladies outside the business whatever and you asked her what can we reconsider for Erica because she did ask for this house. That never happened, okay but we're going to pass that up now because it is what it is. My question now is how long is it going to take for these houses to get built because now that you tore down the houses I got weeds to the sky, you know what I mean - I feel like I'm cleaning up Monessen's mess because it makes my house… that was the same thing I said about the back the field in the back; I asked you if you could get that cut you did and I appreciate that, but now I have weeds on the other side it's growing. I don't know how long it's going to take for these houses to be built but I have mice all through my

yard - you know what I mean I have I have two pit bulls that bring mice in my house - they catch them outside and it's disgusting so I'm just asking is there anybody that can cut the grass until you decide what to do.

Mayor Mozer: I do expect I do expect that they will be coming in and clearing those lot those lots out a bit this in the month of August - next month.

Erica Getamine: because I know the ones up on Clairton, they look nice.

Mayor Mozer: but they were freshly demolished too.

Erica Getamine: yeah that's what I mean so why was mine not cut when it was freshly demolished?

Mayor Mozer: some the people that did demolitions did a better job of cleaning up than others - um the point being is they're supposed to clean up the lots um next month; they're supposed to build the houses the following month and they will be done through a modular process.

Erica Getamine: okay so how many houses is supposed to be on?

Mayor Mozer: five; the five and five in September; now they've already started planning for 10 more homes that will be along um McMahon and back over towards uh 10 Street.

Erica Getamine: okay, well I mean it is what it is I just please just cut the grass, that's all I got thank you

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Michael Burnski, I live up on Motheral. Quick question uh the guys that demo the properties in this area uh how liable are they for the damage that they do to the streets as well as the sidewalks uh while they're doing that process, do they have to fix the sidewalks uh fix the streets that they screw up, stuff like that?

Mayor Mozer: they should they should they absolutely should.

Michael Burnski: because is last week one of the properties up there on Motheral, actually the one that's straight across the street from me uh well it's adjacently straight across, the guy came down, turned his uh front end loader - the backhoe, ground out part of the road there then went up over the sidewalk in front of my property onto my property then proceeded to take down the house while he was sitting on my property. He smashed part of the sidewalk, he ground up the ground there. I went out after him saying yo dude, you just screwed up the sidewalk you screwed up the ground you're on my property. “oh I just thought it was an abandoned lot” - that was his excuse didn't he even check this

Mayor Mozer: no first off you have those kinds of issues and I would invite anybody that's watching this on YouTube or Facebook that if you have those kinds of issues contact our code enforcement officer he will contact the people that doing this in Greensburg, the Redevelopment Authority. Those people that are doing this destruction do have they have liability, they have insurance, and they will hold their feet to the fire.

Michael Burnski: well that's what I figured because when I mentioned it to him he just trying after I walked away because I got cameras out front I watched him through my window too, he just went over and he just grabbed the pieces that he screwed up and just threw them and acted like he didn't do anything

Mayor Mozer: You should get full restitution for that.

Michael Burnski: yeah cuz there's two large chunks in the sidewalk right in front of my property now that yeah.

Mayor Mozer: they're liable for that, they all have to be bonded. They're all bonded, they're insured.

Michael Burnski: I figured as much.

Mayor Mozer: I think they have on the order of a million-dollar insurance plan; that doesn't mean you're going to get a million dollars out of them, but they are covered well.

Michael Burnski: but yeah, because the sidewalk in front of that part of the of the property, there was nothing wrong with that sidewalk until he decided to run the backhoe right up over top of it and grind off two large chunks. I'm at 426 it's straight across the street.

Councilperson Thomas: yeah and I agree um if you definitely call, what's your name? what did you say your first name is?

Michael Burnski: you come you come fourth and go straight on and then it's I'm like right in the middle of mother R

Councilperson Thomas: if you definitely call The code enforcer they will take care of it because it happened next to my house; they tore up the sidewalk and I said are they coming back to fix this - they were, he just said I'll call them and they came back within that week. They repaired the whole sidewalk to new you just have to let them know like you said everybody listening if they're tearing up property where you live make sure you call Marvin and them and they will get on them and they will be back to fix that property.

Mayor Mozer: they're very they're very good about that we've got some people that are doing the demolition much better than others.

Michael Burnski: I just wanted to make sure and make that aware because that that's a pretty big issue I mean I've seen other places throughout the city itself where I've been watching them like up on Chestnut, and that. Chestnut looks like trash right now because the guys that did the ones off the side of there, that whole road they trashed and I haven't seen anything redone there; the city should be on about that one because nobody else owns that there, so uh another question up there on Chestnut too, when you come around uh Chestnut I can't remember the little Street comes down I think it's Short or something, down yeah Summit, I know it started ask thank you

ladies, uh right there on the corner it's really hard to drive down that street with people parking on the corner; you go to come around people are parking right along the thing on both sides. You pretty much have to thread a needle to try and even get through there - if you have even a slightly larger vehicle like a moving van or anything you're going to have to back that thing out to go there; something has to be done about that, just that turn area. There's plenty of parking up along that street ahead of that area but right there along those corners it's very dangerous for anything going there.

Mayor Mozer: if they're illegally parked or obstructing traffic then that's a call to 911 and get the police there and they will address that issue.

Michael Burnski: wouldn't it be much easier if you just had a no parking between x and x sign system? I mean that would help.

Mayor Mozer: I didn't know that that was a problem at that particular spot.

Michael Burnski: well that's what that's why I'm bringing it up - it's the little cars across, it's the little ones across the street. The new apartments that got refurbished that are doing it and the new tenants - they're parking along there and then the houses on the corners are parking up so you're getting a truck, a car, three cars there, and you're trying to go through. That's one of the hardest things with it so I just figured I'd bring that up. I didn't get a chance to do it before another at any of the other meetings because I've been busy and unable to come down but uh I figured I'd just mention about that. Maybe it can be looked at because it does get pretty hard there at times.

Mayor Mozer: so you do live on mother all there?

Michael Burnski: yeah um the other thing with it is uh people are constantly going up the wrong way up there too; they'll come down Summit, they'll turn left and go up that way even though they have a one way.

Mayor Mozer: I can't account for a lot of idiots.

Michael Burnski: yeah I mean there's plenty, the other thing I mean you'll find plenty of vehicles that are actually parked the wrong way halfway down the street, so I mean yeah it's nuts but yeah that's it. I just wanted to address those concerns. I'm good, thank you.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Mark Johnston, hi I'm Mark Johnston I'm from 432 Motheral; my wife and I own it - she's back there, um when they tore the house down next door they hit our house with an excavator but they also uh left a large tree out front and the retaining wall in front of it is disintegrating and as it does the tree is leaning it's into the lines and I think it poses a problem. I think it will fall and I think it will damage the lines and it's a nuisance tree. I don't know how we get rid of it.

Mayor Mozer: that's interesting; I do know that the philosophy that they're using in Greensburg for demolition of property, you go to the house, they don't remove all the trees on the lot they are there to demo the house they're not there to take care of trees and there's a lot of times that they make decisions that I just simply don't understand, but if they're damaging your house, if they're damaging your house in any way again talk to Marvin. Marvin will talk to them and they will get back down there and they'll do restitution.

Mark Johnston: it's repaired now.

Solicitor Matta: you repaired it?

Mark Johnston: it’s repaired.

Solicitor Matta: if anybody has damage to their home, we should be uh contacting the demo companies and uh they are responsible.

Mayor Mozer: yeah, go through Marvin because he goes through the people that contract the contracting companies; he can he can get it addressed.

Mark Johnston: do you know what we do about the tree that's falling into our lines?

Mayor Mozer: no but uh I I'll go up there and take a look and see what we can come up with.

Mark Johnston: it was on that property - it's still on that property, but it's leaning toward our.,

Solicitor Matta: so they damaged the tree to cause this problem?

Mayor Mozer: no, the land around it.

Mark Johnston: as they went back and forth with the excavators the pressure caused the retaining wall that is in front of the tree to disintegrate and the tree is now leaning more toward that area.

Solicitor Matta: that's something that we need to be addressed as well.

Mayor Mozer: yeah.

(Audience) I was there, and I asked them what are you going to do about the tree you know and they said it's in the works.

Mayor Mozer: and that's probably true and like I said they're not there to be tree trimming people um but if there, if they're going to build on that lot they would yes absolutely. I will make a point to go up there and take a look and see if I can come up with some ideas what we need to do.

Mark Johnston: thank you sir and I do appreciate everything you've been trying to be doing getting rid of the blight and stuff. I don't know.

Mayor Mozer: that's on the list talk to Marvin.

Linda Lacey, Maple Avenue which brings me to the question after the Motheral people spoke because about the sidewalk and I think that whatever it costs to fix the sidewalk on Motheral you should extract that from the $244,530.55 that Morgan Contracting destroyed so whatever that sidewalk cost there on Motheral and 10th, deducted from that amount of money because it's been like that for five years.

Councilperson Nestor: she said so.

Solicitor Matta: Ms. Lacy if I may?

Linda Lacey: yes.

Solicitor Matta: so, um there's an area that a contractor that was hired by the city has damaged some area.

Linda Lacey: it was Morgan who did it; we had a sinkhole that was huge, and um we had a sinkhole that was huge on Motheral, and I documented it from day one when they started work and I got over a thousand pictures; they rode over the sidewalk with those - he called it a land mover - I don't know what it is; it's a big excavator. Thank you, um and damaged the sidewalk and I've mentioned this to city council more than one time because right across the street there is a school bus stop and I understand that one of the kids fell over the hill anyway a couple years ago.

Solicitor Matta: is there any documentation?

Linda Lacey: I can get you a picture of it if it's not overgrown.

Solicitor Matta: I'll write it up after the meeting with you.

Linda Lacey: Okay, that's fine okay.(audience: are you talk about Motheral, right on Motheral) no, it's Motheral it's right there where Ida May used to live on the corner, and that um what's this Mike Smith it was in Mike Smith's yard actually; you know where the Bells you know where the Bells live used to live?

Councilperson Thomas: are you talking about McMahon?

Linda Lacey: I said Motheral, I met McMahon.

Councilperson Thomas: that's what threw me off, yeah, I knew where you were talking about.

Linda Lacey: I said Motheral because they were talking about that, but it's McMahon, and it's been five years.

Solicitor Matta: oh what yeah it's been five years?

Linda Lacey: fix it, fix it.

Councilman Orzechowski: wait a minute is this is this the big sink hole we had in 2019? We had the major collapse - we had the major collapse in 19. We weren't still on Council.

Linda Lacey: The thing about it is that sidewalk been like that for at least five years.

Councilman Orzechowski: that may be a problem; yeah they're not going to do anything five years later. We should have known about that.

Linda Lacey: well you need to deduct it from that $244,000 and don't use Morgan anymore because if they still going to

Solicitor Matta: I'm going to come up and look at it though I'm going to come up and look at it

Josh Lindsay, good evening, Josh Lindsay 43 Schoonmaker, 345 Schoonmaker, 347 Schoonmaker, two quotes I'd like to tell you tonight Malcolm X said if you want to hide information from people put it in the book, as this gentleman found out, and JP Morgan said gold and silver is money; everything else is credit. The question I have tonight is um about 361 Schoonmaker, Lawrence and the landbank jacked price up which I have some federal ways to get around that but it's on a demolition list. Is it; you know I don't want to get demoed while I'm taking my other options. You know once it's on the demo list how long does it take to get?

Solicitor Matta: so it matters sir which demo list it may be on; um it matters where funding comes from.

Josh Lindsay: okay

Solicitor Matta: um you know normally what again we have a lot of blight so if we can um and we have the number of houses on the demo list, somebody comes in and says - hey I'm interested in that one – we try to put that one to the back of the demo list to use the funds that we have to the first ones. We

can try to look into this one and figure out if we can get it to the back of the list so to speak.

Josh Lindsay: yeah yeah, I'd like that because I when I went to buy it the land bank, it was third I said it the last two Council meetings ago or something it was $3500, I went to buy it the paperwork jumped to $7,000 then the land bank started at $11,000 a bid then when I talked to Brian Lawrence he said we won't accept nothing less than 20 which is a little odd because you know nonprofit or whatever but…

Mayor Mozer: so bear in mind that property belongs to the land bank we have nothing to say about that.

Josh Lindsay: right but the fact that the county took it from $3500 listed online, day of the auction the new paper said $7,000 the guy said bidding starts at $11,500 I thought well how's this jumping up and then when I went to talk to Brian Lawrence he said I offered him a thousand bucks, because that's what it would have been with all the fees I'd have still got it for about $3,500 and he said we can't accept anything less than $20,000 and I said well then I don't know what you guys are doing but nothing sounds right.

Councilperson Nestor: Marvin has something to add to that as well. You have the floor, Marvin.

Marvin Davis: that particular building - is right now that building as a matter of fact if it wasn't for some just movement issues that building would have been the first one done today that is on the list that contract now.

Solicitor Matta: if it's already been put on a on a list already been uh contracted out contracted out I doubt. I'll try to make a couple phone calls tomorrow to see but I doubt it.

Josh Lindsay: well, that's what I told Brian I said if it’s the route you're going and just tear the whole city down I guess that's what you want so.

Councilperson Nestor: is there anywhere you get to try to back away from that house? Is it really too late? I'd rather see something happen.

Solicitor Matta: no doubt about it.

Mayor Mozer: have you been in it?

Councilperson Nestor: I know I I live by I know what the house is but I mean I've seen his work though - he's willing to invest in property and put his work into it.

Mayor Mozer: you need to look at that before you say that seriously. Is there anybody else with comments?

Solicitor Matta: no, you can't do that.

Mayor Mozer: could I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Mozer: second?

Councilperson Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: all in favor? (Aye). Thank you everybody.

Solicitor Matta: Hey, I already paid my sentence here for five years before Joe was around.

Councilperson Nestor: Ernie, can you go grab that paper because I'd like to get out of here.