SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

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JULY 30, 2024

6:30PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. (4 present, 1 absent)

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY COUNCILPERSON LOIS THOMAS,

MEMBER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL, MONESSEN,

PENNSYLVANIA.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

4. OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

ONLY.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs.

a. Motion to approve the attached Payment Requisition No. 21

and Certificate and Invoice in the amount of $170,575.00 for

Phase 3 work performed by WEC Engineers, Inc. for the period

from March 15, 2023, through February 23, 2024, as approved in

Amendment No. 5 to the Owner Engineer Agreement on July 8,

2024. Copies of all Invoices and Materials are attached as Exhibit

"1". (Vote 4-0)

b. Motion to Approve the repair of a void underneath Oneida from the middle of the road between Reed and Knox. This void is several feet deep and related to an apparent issue with the Water Line and the nearby storm drain. Contract to be awarded to the low bidder, Dirt Genetics for $12,505.00. (Vote 4-0)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Transcript

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

Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – **absent**; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – here; Mayor Mozer – yes. Mayor, we know four present - one absent we note a quorum.

Mayor Mozer: thank you, I'd like to ask councilwoman Thomas to lead us in prayer.

Councilperson Thomas: bow your heads; Heavenly Father, we just thank you Lord once again for this day how you just gone before us and follow us with your grace and mercy; we ask you to just continue to be with us now as we enter into this session. Help us to be in one accord and give us the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to do His best for the city of Monessen. In Jesus name we pray and thank you, amen.

Mayor Mozer: amen.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Mayor Mozer: at this time, I open the floor for comments on agenda items only.

Pino Cianflone: I'm looking at this agenda and it says you guys are probably going to approve
$170,575 to pay Westmoreland Engineering, correct?

Mayor Mozer: this is a brand-new invoice yes.

Pino Cianflone: so then when I look at the numbers we were correct, you guys balance the budget by not paying them, because they should have been paid way before.

Mayor Mozer: no this is a brand-new bill that was given to us just last week.

Pino Cianflone: I'm only looking at the numbers that you wrote down.

Mayor Mozer: well I'm sorry.

Pino Cianflone: from the 23 till the 24th before they got paid so we are correct in saying that you guys never balance your budget you just paid it with the money that you didn't pay other contractors.

Councilman Orzechowski: that's absolutely not true for the mere reason that when we make the budget at the end of the year, all the invoices to the best of my knowledge were paid 100%; there wasn't anything that was um due.

Pino Cianflone: only look what you wrote.

Councilman Orzechowski: I didn't write anything; I'm telling you what I did it for the budget.

Pino Cianflone: when you paid it?

Councilman Orzechowski: I'm Sorry?

Pino Cianflone: it was paid from uh it tells you from March 2023 - 2024 which it tells me that you balance your budget on that money.

Councilman Orzechowski: it says it was for work performed. No, I balance the budget on what money I have; I have nothing to do with it.

Pino Cianflone: well, that's your opinion, I'm only good.

Councilman Orzechowski: I don't have to have anybody's opinion, I'm the CFO and I'm going to tell you that's how I do it.

Pino Cianflone: That doesn’t mean you're a good one.

Councilman Orzechowski: it doesn't mean I'm a bad one either.

Pino Cianflone: well that's your opinion again.

Councilman Orzechowski: so I guess it's a stalemate.

Pino Cianflone: I'm only telling you what I read inside; that's how you balance your budget.

Councilman Orzechowski: and I'm only telling you that what you read doesn't make sense but thank you for your comments. I'll take them into consideration.

Pino Cianflone: What you say doesn't make any sense to me so.

Councilman Orzechowski: it doesn't have to. I'm tired of answering stupid questions for things to make sense.

Pino Cianflone: It’s not a stupid question because - stupid the budget.

Councilman Orzechowski: the budget was presented at the end of the year, okay, and the numbers have to match by state law, and as our auditors were here and those this bill or anything owing W.E.C. was not at that time anywhere close to being in the budget because we just got this, so no I'm sorry I'm not going to sit here and listen to people - anybody is going to sit there and tell me what I do know and what they don't know, but they don't want to see that's in black and white, and that's the budget. If you've had a copy of the budget or you need a budget, I'm sure Mike will be very happy to still give you a copy of the budget and it'll show… and I'll tell you what I'll buy you flipping dinner if you can find this bill.

Pino Cianflone: you could not afford to buy me dinner.

Councilman Orzechowski: I could afford anything you don't know what I can, but you find me in this bill -find me in the budget where this bill is.

Pino Cianflone: believe what you want to okay?

Councilman Orzechowski: I'm just saying.

Pino Cianflone: We had an auditor here

Mayor Mozer: let's move on because...

Pino Cianflone: we had an auditor here.

Solicitor Dalfonso: the USDA Project funding?

Councilman Orzechowski: yeah, none of that's in the budget.

Pino Cianflone: we had an auditor here that gave us their answer to what the problem was, and I got thrown out of the meeting because he would not allow us to ask the question.

Councilman Orzechowski: but this isn't even paid out of the general fund.

Pino Cianflone: I know how you balance your budget.

Mayor Mozer: okay let's move on.

Councilman Orzechowski: wow.

Pino Cianflone: yeah you can say wow.

Councilman Orzechowski: that's a big wow, that's a wow it's you can't believe it.

Pino Cianflone: well, you can say you have the last word you said there for long.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay.

Councilman Orzechowski: I'll still have the last word trust me.

Ernest Telegraphis: is this mic on?

Mayor Mozer: yeah, this one works; it should work I don't know.

Ernest Telegraphis: hello; okay, um I just got this one baffling question why is it that we're backstroking the bills; in other words, like Buzzy was two years ago, this

one's a year ago, even Karen had July 8th. Why are we going back and then approving it in the future? I don't understand that. I don't think that's proper.
Mayor Mozer: well, I tend to agree but this is the way they gave the invoices to us so I can't really change anything here.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay well can't you like uh give them some sort of an incentive like a penalty?

Solicitor Dalfonso: this is um USDA sewage project. It was all supposed to be one phase when it started. The permitting and everything else it was broken down into different phases; um there was an amendment the council voted on; I think in July. It was amendment number five.

Ernest Telegraphis: this July?

Solicitor Dalfonso: yeah July 8th; um because the work was broken down in the different phases it went out to bid different times meaning there was more cost to bid multiple times; this is just the engineers catching up.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah, we talked about it last time I mean you guys got to have some sort of a structure where they get penalized if they don't…

Solicitor Dalfonso: this isn't something the city was surprised by; it was just a function of how the projects were broken up.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay I just hope in the near future when you guys are passing ordinances…

Solicitor Dalfonso: it would have been much quicker except every time there's an amendment or something the council votes on it, it has to get approved by the USDA and their own certain procedures.

Ernest Telegraphis: the thing is they should be presenting you that.

Mayor Mozer: it goes through them first.

Ernest Telegraphis: yeah, yeah but they should have giving you like some sort of a…

Mm; it just takes a while to go through the process

Michael Korposh: and this wasn't council's fault. I missed this bill.
Ernest Telegraphis: You missed it?

Michael Korposh: I did, so that's what happened.

Ernest Telegraphis: thank you for being honest.

Michael Korposh: I am yeah, I absolutely did. I missed it Pino when it came through for the last meeting.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay I'm glad you spoke up; thank you again for that. Now "B" - this $12,500, what are we uh bidding on? Are we going to get three bids or just one bid?

Mayor Mozer: they've already got them - it's already gone out for bid; it's already been bid; we did get three bids - this was a low bid on the project. This is a void that's underneath Oneida Street.

Ernest Telegraphis: so it's just that.

Mayor Mozer: yeah, it's just a huge void underneath the street - we got to get it fixed.

Ernest Telegraphis: okay so out of the three bids, who's the lowest?

Mayor Mozer: Dirt Genetics won the bid.

Ernest Telegraphis: that $12,000, what was the most expensive one?

Mayor Mozer: I don't have the bid sheet with me, I can get it for you later.

Ernest Telegraphis: all right, give it to me Friday. All right that's all.

Mayor Mozer: does anybody have any correspondence they'd like to bring forth? Any new business? I'd like to make a motion to approve the attach payment in Requisition Number 21 and Certificate Invoice in the amount of $170,575.00 for phase 3 work performed by W.E.C. Engineering for the period of March 15, 2023 through February 23, 2024 and approved as in Amendment 5 to the

Owner/Engineer Agreement on July 8th 2024. Copies of invoices and materials are attached as exhibit one. Could I have a second?

Councilman Orzechowski: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Mozer: I am making a motion to approve the repair of a void underneath Onida from the middle of the road between Reed and Knox; this void is several feet deep and related to an apparent issue with the water line and a nearby storm drain. Contract to be awarded to the low bidder, Dirt Genetics, for the amount of $12,505. Could I have a second?

Councilman Orzechowski: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Mozer: at this time, I'd like to adjourn the meeting.

Solicitor Dalfonso: you need a motion and a second.

I make a motion to adjourn. Second?

Councilman Orzechowski: Second.

Mayor Mozer: Any objections? All in favor (aye). The meeting is adjourned at 6:40.