COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 6:30PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY PASTOR STEVE BERKICH FROM THE REDEEMED LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, OF AUGUST 22ND, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. SPECIAL REPORT BY WESTMORELAND COMMUNITY ACTION ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

8. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN

Solicitors Report for the City of Monessen.

9. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for the City of Monessen.

10. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER

Controller's Report for the City of Monessen

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs

a. Discussion of Issues of Mayor Mozer within the City of Monessen from August 22nd, 2024 to September 12, 2024.

b. Motion to Approve Contractor's Application No. 5 for Payment for MCSP, Inc. for Sewage Rehabilitation Phase 3 C, Replacement of Grand Blvd. Pipe and CCCP Lining of Parente Boulevard Pipes in the amount of $83,904.00. (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to approve Change Order #3, Project MON-2022-03, with an effective increase in the Contract Price to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of $4,319.66. (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to approve Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 3 Payment Requisition and Certificate No. 23 in the total amount of $97,048.11 for Phase 3 Work performed during the month of August 2024. The individual invoices will be paid to W.E.C., Inc. in the amount of $13,144.11 and MCSP, Inc. in the amount of $83,904.00. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to approve the celebration of Halloween within the City of Monessen with a Holiday Parade on Wednesday October 23rd in the City of Monessen commencing at

6:30pm at 1st and Donner Avenue with the Parade starting at 7:00 pm. Trick or Treat in the City will be on October 26th, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. (Vote 5-0)

f. Motion to approve a return of fees to Lucero Property Investments for a dye test fee of $30.00 which was not required for the property. (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to approve submission of an Authorized Official Resolution of the City of Monessen to request a Category 4 Facilities Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Financing Agency for utilization for equipment, programs and services within the City of Monessen. (Vote 5-0)

h. Motion to approve exoneration of City Taxes for City Owned and tax-exempt properties as follows:

*** 20-02-03-0-040, 544 Donner in the amount of $2,642.65.**

*** 20-02-03-0-019, 567-575 Donner Ave in the amount $1,182.08.**

*** 20-02-03-0-018, 577-583 Donner Ave in the amount of $18,804.58.**

*** 20-02-03-0-038, 554-560 Donner Ave in the amount of $4,567.08.**

*** 20-02-06-0-181, 920-922 Knox Ave in the amount of $134.50.**

*** 20-02-07-0-193, 434 Clarendon Ave in the amount of $355.66.**

*** 20-02-06-0-816, 1049 Knox Ave in the amount of $1,706.18.** (Vote 5-0)

12. Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to transfer $71,927.34 from the General Account to the Payroll Account for Payroll issued on August 27th, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $33,211.95. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to pay the following invoices for the Parks Fund in the amount of $2,035.77. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B". (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $1,046.32. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "C". (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $3,217.73. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "D". (Vote 5-0)

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $31,621.47. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "E". (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant Fund in the amount of $13,199.60. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "F". (Vote 5-0)

h. Motion to transfer $69,288.65 from the General Account to the Payroll Account for Payroll Allocations for September 12, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

i. Motion to transfer $2,500.00 from the General Account to the Healthcare Account.

(Vote 5-0)

13. Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending August 2024

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

15. Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks and Public Property Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending August 31, 2024.

16. 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.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Transcript

Mayor Mozer: I'd like to call this city council meeting for the City of Monessen for September 12th to order. Could I have a roll call please?

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – here; Councilman Nestor – present; Councilperson Thomas – here; Councilman Orzechowski – here; Mayor Mozer – present. Mayor, we note 5 present and note a quorum.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you. At this time I'd like to invite Pastor Steve Berkich from the Redeemed Life Fellowship Church to lead us in prayer.

Pastor Steve Berkich: Well I tell you, it's a pleasure to be here today; anytime I get to come and do something for God, it's a pleasure. You people are so beautiful around here. So loving, kind, and we need that. We need that especially in our meetings and that here. God keeps us all straight. If we ain't here, He ain't here, you go off on your own, and when you go off on your own, that's when things get messed up. But you keep God in your heart and keep doing it the way He wants you to do it, I'll tell you what, you're not going to have any problems; none whatsoever. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. I won't hold you too long; I probably could preach for an hour, but I won't. I'm glad to be here. I'll just say a short prayer for younz and you can get on your way, alright? Praise You, Lord. Praise You. O heavenly Father, like I told them Father, it's a pleasure to be here. It's a pleasure to work for You O God. Father I just want to ask that you would be with them, that You'd guide them, that You'd teach them because we all need to learn. When we think we don't know it, when we think we know it all, we're in trouble. Don't ever think you know it all. So Father I thank you for these people here; they give their time, they come and they try to do their best. And I know from the city of Monessen how things are going. They're doing a pretty good job. So I thank you Father and Father. You know I can't get over how good they are. They're loving people Lord. Lord You've got a lot of people that love You so very much and I see Jesus in this meeting. So I know it's going to go great. So

all I can ask in my prayer - I'm going to ask you do what He tells you to do and ask Him how to do it and He'll tell you the way He wants it done; He won't leave you stranded. He's out there; He won't shame you; you'll never be ashamed when you do for God. When you need council meetings you should be glad you're in the seat you're in because it's an honor; God put you there and it's an honor. He puts you there to do a job for Him. Don't think you're doing it for any man - you're not - you're doing it for Jesus, after all He went and died for you. Now we can die a little bit for Him each and every day you know, when we're working for Him and serving Him that little bit of us is dying, so it's like dying a little bit every day for Jesus. So father I know they're going to do their best; bless them bless them abundantly Lord and cause the people that's here Lord to be blessed also, not just the ones leading the meeting but all the people here. Let them all be blessed; let them understand, Jesus is the only way; there is no other way. If you don't serve Him, you're going to be ending up on the short end of the stick and I don't want to see that happen. That's why I'm a pastor because I want to tell people about Jesus. Love Him and He loves you. He went and died for you, and he didn't know if one person was going to come. He didn't know and he died for you, but a lot came, thank God. I pray a lot more comes so Father I say now I just ask where everything go perfect for them in this meeting. I pray that they come up to the decisions that they have to make that are made wisely oh God, made in the understanding of what You want and how Your Word says life should go on, so Father, you just have them do that; You just bless them abundantly Lord. I know you're going to in Jesus' name. Thank you very much; may the Lord bless you.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like for a council to review the minutes that have been previously distributed and when ready, make a motion to accept them.

Councilman Nestor: honorable Mayor, motion to approve the minutes of the previous session of August 22nd 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilwoman Thomas: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes; Mayor Mozer – yes.

Mayor Mozer: at this time, I'd like to open the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Hearing none; is there...

Mr. Harhai: I wanted to ask a question about these modular homes this morning.

Mayor Mozer: it’s not on the agenda.

Mr. Harhai: I thought it was on the agenda. They're going to give, they're going to talk about all of the good things that they're doing.

Mayor Mozer: no, they're talking about something entirely different.

Mr. Harhai: okay, and I should wait until the next?

Mayor Mozer: you may wait till the end of the meeting.

Ernest Telegraphis. Tony, I know it says go look at the amendment but uh there's $33,000. What's that about, General funds to do what?

Councilman Orzechowski: What are you talking about?

Mr. Telegraphis: It is on page three on the bottom; the bottom one - 33,000.

Councilman Orzechowski: that's all the invoices.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay what did they buy? They just give us a label, like what's it for?

Councilman Orzechowski: is there a list Mike, for them?

Mayor Mozer: is there a list of the bills.

Mr. Telegraphis: 33,000. I don't want itemized lists, I just want to know.

Councilman Orzechowski: it's not itemized, it’s a list.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay, what areas does it cover,

Mayor Mozer: all areas?

what's all areas

Councilman Orzechowski: everything that's got to do with liquid fuels or anything else why

Mr. Telegraphis: but what is all areas, but the public don't know what all area is

Councilman Orzechowski: how long have you been coming to meetings are you missing something?

Mr. Telegraphis: it's not for me, I'm talking to the public; the public here is going to be, what they're going to be, sitting in the pier and just listen to the Lord talking? Come on, we need details so where is this problem going, 33, now the first one is self-explanatory it's going to payroll well what are the second one.

Mayor Mozer: it's everything from copy machine to gasoline to everything that...

Councilman Orzechowski: this hasn't changed in over four years.

Mr. Telegraphis: so nothing was added or subtracted is that what you're telling me?

Councilman Orzechowski: you're not even making, you're not even making any sense.

Mr. Telegraphis: no you said it hasn't changed.

Councilman Orzechowski: the format has not changed.

Mr. Telegraphis: well the format, I want know details. I heard that they are

Councilman Orzechowski: what else do you want; do you want me to print you out the agenda? I'll be happy to do that.

Mr. Telegraphis: is this it?

Councilman Orzechowski: yes, it's always always available up there.

Mr. Telegraphis: is that it?

Councilman Orzechowski: yes.

Mr. Telegraphis: the 33,000 yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: what part of this are you missing?

Mr. Telegraphis: the 33,000.

Councilman Orzechowski: I think you're missing more than that, and I don't think it has to do with a figure either.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, anyway, you can be as defensive as you would like but the public has a right.

Councilman Orzechowski: no, it's nothing the public has a right to know, no.

Mr. Telegraphis: if you ask a question to the public, it's about, they won't have a clue.

Councilman Orzechowski: no Ernie, let's get something straight; it's provided, it's always provided, it's always available; it's even online. Would you like us to mail you a copy at home maybe?

Mr. Telegraphis: send me a link online because I can't find you guys' phone numbers. Everything's online; it's not there.

Councilman Orzechowski: Ernie, when you make sense, I'll be happy to help you.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah well I don't make sense because I'm not in your collusion, that's why.

Councilman Orzechowski: no but you collude for everything else.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay so um we're going over here now; recreation amount, why was there another $1,000 for recreation; what was that for? Is that for planting trees or what?

Councilman Orzechowski: what are you talking about? what is about recreation?

Mr. Telegraphis: this is on page four.

Councilman Orzechowski: and which one is it, Ernie?

Mr. Telegraphis: uh number D.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay invoices to recreational account.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, what's that for.

Councilman Orzechowski: Civic Center yeah.

Mr. Telegraphis: what do they do at the Civic Center, what's that for?

Councilman Orzechowski: listen, it's different expenditures that the Civic Center incurred since the last meeting.

Mr. Telegraphis: and $1,000 came through in one month?

Councilman Orzechowski: $1,000 went out.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, went out, so like they've been playing basketball? I don't see nobody playing down there.

Councilman Orzechowski: what does that got to do with heating electricity and everything?

Mr. Telegraphis: where do the expenses come from? I mean the building is sitting by itself and it starts deteriorating. I just want some...

Councilman Orzechowski: do you cool your house and even though if you're not at home?

Mr. Telegraphis: so, is this all electric?

Councilman Orzechowski: no, it's not all electric, but it's part, it's utilities, it's everything.

Mr. Telegraphis: everything? there we go.

Mayor Mozer: it's the cost to run the Civic Center.

Mr. Telegraphis: what's that?

Mayor Mozer: it's the cost of running the Civic Center.

Mr. Telegraphis: well I'd like to know what these costs are, especially when nobody's in there. Okay, so um what about the uh Parks, "C"; is that for trees, to pay $2,000, first one?

Councilman Orzechowski: it's expenditures.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay for what, was it for trees? "C" shows liquid uh funds; that's self-explanatory, but when you guys just give me a label with no details, I don't know what it is.

Councilman Orzechowski: is there not a list over there of the bills?

Mr. Telegraphis: well, I don't know, I'm not going to waste time; you got the bills, all the invoices that he wrote down?

Mr. Korposh: yes, absolutely.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay, because I don't have it.

Mr. Korposh: there should be one at the desk.

Mr. Telegraphis: I went up there and all I saw was uh the last two uh...

Councilman Orzechowski: I thought we decided to list, to leave a one copy over there, if somebody wanted to see it before a meeting they could take it, and if anybody else requested it, we would just print them off.

Mr. Telegraphis: very good but there is one copy up there; I was up there; I was looking for it - the last two meeting agendas are up there and today's agenda that's all I saw up there.

Mr. Korposh: I'll get you a copy of this and yeah absolutely, and these are all listed then; every bill is listed within the uh the different sections.

Councilman Orzechowski: okay now.

Councilman Orzechowski: Here Ernie, we'll make it just simple for you, that's my copy. I have electronic.

Mr. Telegraphis: Okay and I just want to know where the money's going that's all, now one more thing Tony, this um this is “G”, page 4 “G”, it says pay invoices from the grant fund, $13,000, what's that about? That's G on page four.

Councilman Orzechowski: the grant fund is...

Mayor Mozer: police.

Mr. Telegraphis: what Grant is it, I mean you got, don't?

Mayor Mozer: police.

Mr. Telegraphis: the police?

Councilman Orzechowski: police, for radios.

Mr. Telegraphis: oh for radios.

Councilman Orzechowski: yes, and Ernie.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, well it doesn't say.

Councilman Orzechowski: you said Ernie you want the information, correct?

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah.

Councilman Orzechowski: Did I not just hand you a whole stack of papers?

Mr. Telegraphis: I know, but I'm not going to read it here.

Councilman Orzechowski: well then if you're not going to read it, don't ask me questions.

Mr. Telegraphis: I just want to know.

Councilman Orzechowski: do not ask me questions when stuff is right in front of you that you physically have.

Et; okay well that's all, I wanted to ask about you because uh when I see big large number of funds and all you got is like a simple label, that's not enough but anyway thanks for giving me your uh detailed sheet. Anybody else?

Councilman Orzechowski: thank you Ernie.

Mayor Mozer: does anybody have any correspondence they'd like to bring forth?

Councilman Nestor: no, Mayor.

Mayor Mozer: at this time, I'd like to invite uh Dan from the Westmoreland Community Action Group to explain to us a little bit about what the neighborhood partnership program is.

Mr. Giovanelli: well I'm pretty loud, I don't know if I need it.

Mayor Mozer: well it needs to go to the room.

Mr. Giovanelli: thank you for coming.

Mayor Mozer: Yeah, thank you.

Mr. Giovanelli: thank you; thank you so much for having me again tonight. It's always a pleasure to be able to come down. the mayor asked me to come talk about the neighborhood assistance program; my name is Dan Giovanelli. I am with Westmoreland Community Action; uh we have the Welcome Center next door for example. We're building some houses; we have some Head Start classrooms in the city; we've added just an outstanding partnership with the city for quite a few years now and uh some months ago we started talking about the possibility of working with uh the city ourselves, some Community groups and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on a state tax credit program so the state offers this program called neighborhood assistance - a partnership where businesses can donate and they get a tax credit from the state and then those funds can be used uh for a whole variety of things in uh in the city that they're targeted at. So we're started the initial planning for that and exploring whether or not this is something that makes sense and the big first step on this is we've talked with our partners in the state. We've talked and had some initial conversations and the next big step is to pull together a community group to help advise on this. One of the nice, the neat things about this I think is the state, because it's a tax credit, it gives you a whole list of things that are allowed since the business that's donating gets tax credit for it. There's a list of things that are allowed that you can do in it but the project is really driven by the community helping to identify needs uh and wherever the project is. So I haven't worked on one in Monessen in but for example and I can talk of more experience uh we had a six-year program in New Kensington that ended last year, and in that program for example we helped start a farmers market, uh gommunity Gardens, we built a couple playgrounds, did a whole bunch of facade grants for businesses through that downtown corridor on Fifth and Constitution Avenue in New Kensington. This program helped pay for tons of new signs and lights and and things for the businesses there; um that was the tail end of Covid so we helped pay for some things for the small businesses that were having a hard time going electronic on things; paid for some cash right register systems and and things like that to help small businesses survive the end of Covid. Worked with the city on variety of needs in the city; there's a new camera, um a I can't think what it's called uh a shot recognition camera

system in New Kensington that this program helped to pay for. All kinds of different things like that, so it's a really exciting opportunity; it's also super early so we don't really know what it's going to be there. We have to talk to businesses; this is all dependent on businesses donating for it. Now they get tax credits; it's a good deal for them, but businesses have to put the money up for the program and then next month we hope to kick off this community planning process, and through that we'll identify kind of some Target goals, and we'll put that together and start talking to businesses about whether or not they'd be willing to support that, and if uh you know if we're successful and getting commitments from businesses we go to the Commonwealth and apply for this thing, and a whole lot of good luck and good work, in about a year from now is when we would know whether or not it's successful. Okay.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Mr. Giovanelli: that's kind of the short of it. If you're interested uh I got my cards here; I can leave them and uh I'm not down in this office real often, but you can always talk to that office and they can coordinate. Sami is our full-time staff member; if you haven't met uh Sami, she's there uh you know, not all the time, but that's her full-time place there, and we're always happy to talk about it and talk about kind of how the planning is going and uh what the community group is kind of developing and looking it, okay?

Mayor Mozer: thank you so much.

Mr. Giovanelli: thank you.

Ms. Lacey: when you said lighting, what type of lighting did you mean? Did you mean street lights or traffic lighting?

Mr. Giovanelli: not traffic lights so one of the things about the program is it's a tax credit; it's not allowed to pay for things the city normally pays for, uh and that's one of the rules of the tax credit, like it can't these tax credits and it can't start I don't know, cleaning this building for example, but it can do new projects. So in New Kensington a lot of the businesses, so there was a corridor that was having some crime issues and we helped pay for a new project from the police department where they put up cameras to help from that end, but then helped for like decorative lighting for the businesses, so the storefronts were lit at night, so a lot of the businesses got new signs um and new lights. A couple of them we helped put in new doors things like that and we had an application process; it wasn't uh you know it wasn't willy nilly. It was there was grant money so the businesses got it free and clear, but there was kind of rules and application stuff involved with it; uh most of them were a couple thousand dollars for each business and most of it was a lot of signs we did a lot of signs, painted the fronts of a lot of buildings. Okay?

Councilman Nestor: thank you again.

Mr. Giovanelli: thank you.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to ask our solicitor for his report.

Solicitor Dalfonso: thank you Mayor, good evening, everybody. Since the last meeting, I've been working with your city clerk, working on updating some of the city's CDBG policies; uh some of the procurement and the purchasing policies needed to be updated. She's going through that. I think that's pretty much complete. Next, there's two tax exemptions that I filed for two City properties. One is 450 Chestnut; the city just acquired that property recently. The other is on tonight's agenda to exonerate some taxes; that's 1049 Knox. Those were submitted by my office. The notice of the demolition hearings from the last meeting were sent out; in a couple of weeks you'll be able to send those to the county for processing, and just as another reminder uh make sure you get on the construction management system from PennDOT regarding the viaduct project; uh there's going to be some addition additional documentation on there that's needed to finalize, that agreement has to be done by the end of the year. That's all I have.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to ask our city treasurer if he has anything for us?

Mr. Saksun: yes, I do Mayor. Mayor, Council and citizens of Monessen, it's my report for August. Garbage fees of revenues, current collections in August we received $3,427.46; year to date we collected $335,645.14. Budgeted amount - $350,000.00. Delinquent garbage fees August collected $2,014.86; this includes the amount collected by Portnoff - $1,277.36. Year to date delinquent garbage fees collected - $40,582.67; amount collected by Portnoff year to date - $16,092.53. Interest and penalties from Portnoff collected $1,018.49; budgeted amount for delinquent garbage fees is $75,000. The budgeted amount for delinquent penalties and interest from Portnoff is $2,500. Garbage fees collected for 2025 - $760.00. Budgeted amount - $150,000. Total August collections - $5,442.32. Year to date - $378,006.30. Budgeted amount $577,500. City real estate taxes revenues - current City real estate tax collected August - $19,721.43 - year to date 1,917,293.11, budgeted amount 1,600,000. Prior city taxes collected - year to date - $22,044.74 - budgeted amount $7,000. Subtotal - year to date taxes collected - $1,939,337.85. Delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland County; we received nothing in August; year to date - $163,006.22 - budgeted amount $160,000. City taxes collected - Tax Claim Bureau, total year-to date taxes - $2,102,344.07 - budgeted amount $1,767,000. Distribution is as follows: year to date the General Fund received $1,349,197.37 - budgeted amount for 2024 - $1,113,120.00. Debt service received year to date - $366,147.02 - budgeted amount $302,080. Library fund year to date received $39,174.59 - budgeted amount - $32,320. Parks year to date received $184,818.87. Budgeted amount - $152,480.00. Year to date distribution - $1,939,337.85. Budgeted amount for 2024 $1,600,000. Miscellaneous income - real estate transfer tax - in August we received $4,303.87; year to date - $40,034.93 budgeted amount $89,333. Earned income tax - August we received 80,786.20; year to date - $495,161.49. Budgeted amount for 2024 - $682,048.00. Mercantile tax - we received in August $1,189.26 - year to date - $18,818.76 - budgeted amount 2024 - $23,425.00. Local service tax - August we received $14,538.45 - year to date - $54,642.72. Budgeted amount $71,072. Tax certifications - August we received $1,220 - year to date - $14,760; budgeted amount for 2024 - $20,000. Municipal lien letters- August we received $1,350; year to date - $9,375, budgeted amount $17,500. Line usage account - unsecured payments, we received nothing in August; year to date - $10,568. Line usage fees - August we received $66,110.68; year to date - $613,144.15; year to date total - $623,712.15. Mayor, that concludes my report for August.

Councilman Nestor: Mayor, I make a motion to accept the office of City Treasurer's report for garbage fees and city real estates collected for the month of August.

Mayor Mozer: Is there a second?

Councilwoman Cosner: Second.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Mayor Mozer: the City Controller will have her report at the next meeting. At this time I'd like to talk a little bit about some of the things that's been going on in the city. First off um good evening, everybody. I come to you with a really heavy heart and to share some deeply saddening news; our community has lost a young and promising member - Julian Naphier, who was just 25 years old. Julian suffered a serious medical issue and despite all efforts was pronounced deceased at about 10:45 yesterday morning. Julian was a vibrant part of our community, and his passing is a profound loss to us all; as we process the difficult news we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and the loved ones with this challenging time. We are currently awaiting further details regarding the services to honor Julian's memory. As soon as we have the information on the arrangements, we will share it with you so that you may come together to support his family and celebrate his life. Thank you for joining me and keeping Julian's family in our thoughts and our prayers. I'd like to just spend just a moment in silence. Thank you. So our activity around the city is continuing, and something that's going to take place here very soon is there's a culvert in front of Barts and what used to be Ric's polishing up there on uh Grand Boulevard. There is a culvert that's on one side of uh Barts and it needs to connect to the line that we have running down Parente; the only way to do that is to run it through the street, which means that Grand Boulevard is going to have some construction on it; one way traffic will be in place during this construction process. There'll be flaggers there; um it's going to be trying for everybody. We're going to try to keep uh the shop open for uh the gas station for Barts in his activity is an important part of what we got going on, but we will be reduced to one lane for the most part. This is going to take six weeks so it's not going to be just a, you know, real quick thing process; it's going to take some time, so I ask for the City to have some patience with that project. I attended the initial district meeting of a project that Westmoreland has embarked upon called Reimagine Westmoreland County; this is hosted by Jason Rigone, director of Westmoreland County Planning and Development. The goal of this is really to foster a better relationship with neighboring communities, and what they did is they broke up the county into about eight different districts, and the two of the districts have already met and had their findings; this is the third of the districts that they're going to now. We just started ours last month and it'll continue for a couple months, um but if you really think about it, we all have a shared demographic relationship between everybody. What we do here may be the largest in our district, Monessen, but we have a lot of the same problems as North Belle Vernon or Rostraver or any of the communities that are part of our group. I think that's an important thing that we got going on. This past week we also met with the company ONL and SNH properties; um they are a unique investment group that are focused on housing both renovation and new construction and we're they're currently evaluating Monessen as an investment opportunity. I'll keep everybody informed as to how that goes along as well. There's

two properties that came to the city from the repository. Both of these properties, the person who wants to buy them are from out of state; it's my opinion that I think that those people need to come before Council and explain to us what their intentions are before we approve these sales. We don't need any more slum lords or property that's being neglected by people from out of state, so uh we've sent letters to them. They will be here next council meeting. At this time I'd like to ask Lois if she'd be so kind as to read the rest of the motions that I have.

Councilwoman Thomas: Good evening, everyone. I'd like to make a motion to approve contractor's application number five for payment for MCSP Inc for sewage rehabilitation phase 3C, replacement of Grand Boulevard pipe and CCP lining of Parente Boulevard pipes in the amount of $83,904.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll please.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve change order number three, Project Mon 2022-03 with an effective increase in the contract price to Insight Pipe Contracting LLC in amount of $4,319.66.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve sewer rehabilitation project phase three payment, requisition, and certificate number 23 in a total amount of $97,048.11, for phase three work performed during the month of August 2024. The individual invoices will be paid to W.E.C. Inc in the amount of $13,144.11 and MCSP Inc. in the amount of $83,904.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions?

Councilman Nestor: question, how far are we along on this project for phase three, are we um...

Mayor Mozer: phase three is really at the very end of it we're trying to wind this up very quickly there's still some money left for the grant project and we're there'll be some work continuing on for the next - probably till spring of next year.

Councilman Nestor: thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Mozer: Any other questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve the celebration of Halloween within the city of Monessen, with a holiday parade on Wednesday October 23rd in the city of Monessen, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at first and Donner Avenue, with the parade starting at 7:00 p.m. Trick-or treat in the City will be on October 26, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve a return of fees to Lucero Property Investments for a dye test fee of $30, which was not required for the property.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve submission of an authorized official resolution of the City of Monessen to request a category 4 facilities local share assessment grant from the Commonwealth Financing Agency for utilization for equipment programs and services within the city of Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski: yes, in English, what’s the score?

Mr. Korposh: the application for the LSA county-related grants that we're going to go for here.

Councilman Orzechowski: which encompasses what?

Mr. Korposh: looking at equipment for the fire companies at this moment two trucks, um some additional equipment. So we're putting the final list together and we'll submit that, but we have to have the initial part of this LSA application approved by Council to move forward. You'll have the details on the amounts for council, probably by the next meeting.

Councilman Orzechowski: we will?

Mr. Korposh: yes.

Mayor Mozer: any other questions?

Councilman Orzechowski: shouldn't be matching; it should be just a grant.

Mr. Korposh: there's no matching.

Councilman Orzechowski: I just wanted everyone to know what the grant was for.

Mayor Mozer: okay, call the roll please.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilwoman Thomas: motion to approve exoneration of city taxes for city owned and tax-exempt properties as follows:

*** 20-02-03-0-040, 544 Donner Ave. in the amount of $2,642.65.**

*** 20-02-03-0-019, 567-575 Donner Ave. in the amount $1,182.08.**

*** 20-02-03-0-018, 577-583 Donner Ave. in the amount of $18,804.58.**

*** 20-02-03-0-038, 554-560 Donner Ave. in the amount of $4,567.08.**

*** 20-02-06-0-181, 920-922 Knox Ave. in the amount of $134.50.**

*** 20-02-07-0-193, 434 Clarendon Ave. in the amount of $355.66.**

*** 20-02-06-0-816, 1049 Knox Ave. in the amount of $1,706.18.**

Mayor Mozer: are there any questions? Is there a second first?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll please.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Mayor Mozer: at this time, it is time for Councilman Orzechowski to give us his report.

Councilman Orzechowski: thank you Mayor. I make a motion to transfer $ 71,977.34 from the general account to the payroll account for payroll issues from August 27th, 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $33,211.95. all invoices are attached as agenda as attachment "A”.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay following invoices for the parks Fund in the amount of $2,035.77 all invoices are attachment agenda is attachment “B”.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the recreational account in the amount of $1,046.32; all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment "C”.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: make a motion to pay the following invoices from the liquid fuels account the amount of $3,217.73 all invoices are attached to this agenda it's attachment “D”.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion yes make a motion to pay the following invoices from line usage account the amount of $1,621.47; all invoices are attached to this agenda as attachment "E”.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund the amount of $ 13,199.60; all invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment "F".

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: make a motion to transfer $69,288.65 from the general account to the payroll account for payroll allocations for September 12th, 2024.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: motion to transfer $2,500.00 from the general account to the healthcare account.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Nestor: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes: Mayor Mozer – yes.

Councilman Orzechowski: the following bances in the accounts: American Rescue fund $66,273.70; Debt Service fund is $1,135,386.14; Fire escrow has $21,482.40; general fund has $ 706,783.62; Grant fund has $78,637.27; Healthcare fund has $3,306.25; line usage has $688,309.38; liquid fuels has $ 64,683.03; Parks fund has $178,680.72; payroll has $26,994.12; Recreation has $42,34.74 and The Refuse has $115,190.14 and mayor that's my report.

Mayor Mozer: thank you; at this time I'd like to ask Councilwoman Thomas for her report.

Councilwoman Thomas: Mayor, if I may, I'd like to defer the reading of our streets and public improvement report for the month ending August 2024 at our next meeting on September 26th.

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

Councilman Nestor: thank you, honorable mayor, members of council, members of administrative staff, citizens of Monessen, and I will be abstaining from our report until the next scheduled meeting, thank you. I yield the floor.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. Councilperson Cosner, would you like to give us your report?

Councilwoman Cosner: well, I would like to defer my report till the next meeting as well, but I do have a few announcements if I can make them?

Mayor Mozer: Please do.

Councilwoman Cosner: We have some pretty exciting events coming up in the next month and I just wanted everybody to be aware of them and give you a chance to attend, um if you're interested The Hall of Fame that's being held at Monessen high school is October 12th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. honoring past graduates in six different categories. On October 15th, the library luncheon is being held at St Spyridon at noon and that is always a really fun event. October 19th, the greater Monessen Historical Society is hosting their Founders Day dinner from 5: to 9: at St Vincent DePaul, so I hope to see everybody there.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to open the floor for public comment on directed to the mayor on any items relating to the business ordinances, statutes, resolutions of or daily work product, and the attention of the City of Monessen.

Dh: Mayor, Delmar Hepple, Municipal Fire Chief. For once as a child of 11 in my family, I'm going to go first before everyone. How about that? A couple things uh one, while we're on the saying prayer things everyone knows Coach Francis, his house burned before I came here this evening for the meeting, so keep him in your thoughts and prayers, uh luckily it could have been a lot worse we thought somebody was in the house at first, but they were not. We did a thorough search, and it turned out good. Second off I want to commend Mike for his work on the LSA with getting the resolutions ready and everything. I really appreciate that; last but not least uh the fire truck that was sitting at Hilltop at the club, the ladder truck was donated to uh Westmoreland Community College last evening, so it'll help uh further education throughout the community, so we got some good out of it. Thanks again.

Mayor Mozer: thank you Chief.

Dh: thank you.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay, I got about four issues here, um can you tell me Attorney Dalfonso, the CDBG uh whatever where are we as far as being able to use that money to make road improvements? Have you got that far yet?

Solicitor Dalfonso: I don't administer it.

Mr. Telegraphis: but they made the statement last time, 70% of it could be made for road improvements.

Mayor Mozer: first off, we'll have another public meeting coming up in the next couple of weeks for the second of the two meetings. At that time we hope to have budgetary numbers associated with all the items that were brought up at the first meeting. But some very interesting things have transpired; first off, a lot of talk was done about Ninth Street. It turns out we've got money already budgeted in 2023 money to take care of Ninth Street, and I've asked our city engineer to immediately start preparing uh specifications and estimates and so forth for the uh repaving of Ninth Street; that'll include uh sidewalks and everything, two lanes up and two lanes down, and try to return that back to the way it used to be with new pavement, new sidewalks, new steps.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay I just want to bring the attorney up to date that when he is negotiating and filling out, make sure he puts in road improvements as a top priority.

Mayor Mozer: that's not what the attorney does.

Mr. Telegraphis: well I hope he comes across that in his literature. Anyway, I want to know the building next to Douglas School, it didn't look like it was.

Mayor Mozer: there lots of Douglas schools, give me an address.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay the beauty Saloon on Schoonmaker.

Mayor Mozer: okay.

Mr. Telegraphis: they knocked down that building, what was the reason for that?

Mayor Mozer: it was very dilapidated; it was determined that it was not rehabitable.

Mr. Telegraphis: whose property is that? Does that belong to Jeff?

Mayor Mozer: no, it belongs to the Landbank.

Mr. Telegraphis: Landbank, okay I just want to make sure there wasn't uh some special interest involved.

Mr. Saksun, Treasurer, can you tell me, because every time you give a report it seems like that collection agency in Philadelphia, what's his name?

Mr. Saksun: Portnoff?

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, and they come in with small numbers 500, a thousand. What percentage goes to us?

Mr. Saksun: I don't have that uh my report right now, but I will gladly get it to you, but I gave you figures on what they do collect and what they do give to the city. But they got to make a profit on their end also.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay but what percentages?

Mayor Mozer: All the money that is reported is money that goes into our coffers; that's what he's reporting.

Mr. Telegraphis: okay what I'm saying if they're only picking up like $500 or $1,000 a month there's no sense having it, we could have a coffee hour.

Mr. Saksun: that means more people are paying their taxes and what they're supposed to pay so there's not that much of collection anymore. Now some things take time, so some things are probably still in litigation.

Mr. Telegraphis: how much time would you give that firm to prove themselves?

Mr. Saksun: till the subject resolves.

Mr. Telegraphis: and how much did they bring in for the city? Let's go to this other issue here. You guys want to just do cosmetic jobs on the city without taking into account what sort of perception the general public gets; that isn't part of your inner side group. Saturday you guys had a bunch of uh booths and tents lining up that uh Donner where the health club was, and it looked like it was a bazaar in third world India, and it was just terrible. Anybody who got money ain't going to come in and it stop that's all I know. I don't know if you saw this here, okay. It was terrible and um I got this picture so anybody can look at it. I mean that that doesn't invite anybody from the outside to come in and become part of the uh community; uh we already have a problem with the school district, they like they're number 14 from the bottom of 599 schools in Pennsylvania, so what are we going to use to bring people in? We're not doing any industry. We're just doing these little tidbits that make it look like there's some activity. The general public that I saw that was attracted were people that had only pennies and change in their pockets. I didn't see anybody over $40,000 a year stopping down and admiring what they had to offer. And what happened to RVE? Now this gentleman's going to um over here, he has uh opportunities to bring in grant money that other company you had last week or last August, what is RVE doing? I thought they were supposed to be bringing in grants.

Mayor Mozer: they're working on several, but the primary purpose of the thing they've been concentrating on recently is the CDBG.

Mr. Telegraphis: so they're the primary uh funder for CDBG?

Mayor Mozer: that's what we hired them for is to prepare our application and administer the CDBG account.

Mr. Telegraphis: I thought CDBG also got funds from another source; they were waiting for CDBG.

Mayor Mozer: the CDBG account is a state account from DCED.

Mr. Telegraphis: so there's only one entity that could bring money in?

Mayor Mozer: no, we can have as many as we want but that is one of the sources; that is one source. It's a very complicated source.

Mr. Telegraphis: well, and then my last question is what are you going to do now since Julian is no longer with us? What are you going to do to uh get it going for the winter season that's coming.

Mayor Mozer: well we're going to have to talk about that and figure out a plan; it just happened yesterday. I'm not willing to go there right now.

Mr. Telegraphis: but there has to be backup plans, like I'm on the planning commission; two times they postponed us getting together, okay. Each time I said yeah I'm available and then I get a call the same day - no we can't do it and then when I go call the one number, you can't leave no message, so I don't know what kind of people you got involved to be part of your uh inner circle, but all I know is this, you need to clean house to get new people involved that's going to step up and do something. That's all I have to say.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Elmer Mattozzi: Hello, my name is Elmer Mattozzi. I live at 122 Nash Avenue. I appreciate your work, the councilmen and councilwomen and the mayor that you do here um and everybody else that's up there. What I'm here about is something really, um I called the mayor today, I talked to him. In my alley behind my house, I have a person at the end of the alley - he got his um trailer there; he dumped his wood there; I've waiting a couple weeks hopefully he'll remove all that stuff out of the alley. Then my neighbor, she got some wood off of her and stuck it at the other end of the alley; she is blocking the alley. I know there's codes for this is it right away there and I just thought I'd bring it up William please do something about that?

Mayor Mozer: yeah we actually did the code officer went up there investigated it. He did see the problem and he's working on it right now.

Elmer Mattozzi: okay I appreciate that. I didn't really want to do this but I figured I'd tell you. thank you. I thank you for what you are doing. Anybody else?

Jason Drake: I don't think I need a microphone everybody can hear me pretty good.

Mayor Mozer: No, no.

Jason Drake: I'm Jason Drake, the president of Ukrainian club and I have just paid a permit for uh sidewalk openings which it's not. We didn't do an opening; we did a replacement. According to this, it says any opening or any curb opening, which we didn't, we just replaced the sidewalk, is $400 per 30 ft. We paid $400 for our permit so far, all right, um the other question is, like, looking through here, any other place and anywhere else is not even; it's a dollar per foot. We've done 80 feet of sidewalk; we're planning on doing that and we're paying $400. Somebody needs to look into this; I think somebody read something wrong here. This is yours, City of Monessen.

Councilman Nestor: do you want me to address this?

Mayor Mozer: You can, or I can.

Councilman Nestor: thank you Mr. Drake for stopping down; um from our discussions that we figured out, and I think we had consensus of probably refunding you that money.

Jason Drake: okay the other question we want to do is put a parking lot cross from our building in the empty lot we purchased okay. I asked Marvin and Yo Yo, and you people right here, is it possible that we can do that? We're not going to pave it right away; we don't have $60,000 but we have enough funds that we can gravel it, stone it and we're thinking maybe the haunted house can use it, we can use it and therefore...

Councilman Nestor: they already have problem; they already have a curb opening at that section too, so I don't see this...

Jason Drake: we're not going to be entering at 906; we're just we're going put a fence up along there something, six feet of lawn.

Mayor Mozer: All I ask is you can run it through our code officers and make sure the zoning and everything is proper but other than that I don't have an issue.

Councilman Nestor: I don't see a problem.

Jason Drake: we're going to be on First Street.

Solicitor Dalfonso: is there an entrance on the state road though?

Jason Drake: no.

Solicitor Dalfonso: so it's going to be off the state road?

Jason Drake: yeah, we're on First Street, on First Street entrance and exit. Do you guys have anything?

From the crowd: (What is that going to cost, 16 grand?)

Mayor Mozer: I think that quite honestly, we have we have some issues associated with our thing; we inherited a rate schedule and an ordinance has uh been around for quite some time. I think the council as a whole has commissioned our solicitor to look into this. There's certain things such as when you talk about street openings - that includes sidewalks and streets; that's not appropriate; there ought to be something for sidewalks, there ought to be something for streets. There's little distinguishing things like that that we need to look at and we need to make it where it encourages people to do things as opposed to discouraging. So, we're definitely working on a new ordinance; over the course of the next few meetings, it'll be introduced, and we'll get something going.

Jason Drake: I got one more thing; these trucks are leaving 906, coming onto our property, overtop the sidewalk, they busted it all up coming down First Street and entering the mill. Okay and the mayor, I think that's who it was that was up there; he's not here.

Mayor Mozer: I'm the mayor.

Jason Drake: well then you had somebody else up there that measured with a tape, and I don't know who he is.

Mayor Mozer: that would have been our code officer, Marvin.

Jason Drake: Marvin? No, I know Marvin; somebody else with a beard.

Councilman Nestor: It was probably Tony Vitale.

Mayor Mozer: It could have been our engineer.

Jason Drake: He measured and all that and we tried to get the mill involved; we were going to repair it, but we can't do it now, as you understand. And it's all busted up from these trucks running over it. They went between the billboard and the stop sign and drove right through there. That's why we're replacing that side of the sidewalk. Anyway, somebody's got to look into the mill, see what's going on there.

Mayor Mozer: I'd be happy to.

Jason Drake: Why can't they just go all the way down around where the circle is at and come in, and then turn and make the right into the mill gate, right, instead of trying, because there's a car there, somebody's going to get their car drug right around the corner. That's all I got for you, thank you.

Mayor Mozer: thank you.

Mr. Harhai: Um I'm concerned about the modular housing. We never had an open house um advertisement in the paper uh and then there's one recent one that I can compare to, that was uh the PA Career Link sets open house; they get two days to do it, so we didn't even know. I would have gone down to ask a million questions about this thing. Who came up with the asinine idea of putting modular homes on Motheral Avenue?

Mayor Mozer: well first off, modular homes meet all the IBC requirements for construction; these are not...

Mr. Harhai: so I'll address that, go ahead.

Mayor Mozer: well, you can more address whatever you want to, but they do meet all the requirements as a normal home; they meet a standard building.

Mr. Harhai: why would we do that? That falls under the scam...

Mayor Mozer: it falls under no scam. Let me talk. Let me talk. You asked me a question; I'm trying to answer you.

Mr. Harhai: you never answer any other - go ahead answer.

Mayor Mozer: thank you very much now be quiet; be quiet, be quiet.

Mr. Harhai: I'll be quiet if you don't mumble.

Mayor Mozer: these houses meet all the requirements that are of a standard stick-built house. In fact, they are standard stick-built houses. The only difference is they're built in a in a factory where they can be moved here; these lots are long, narrow lots and therefore they have to have a structure that will fit into it that meets our code and ordinances or zoning ordinances. So

hence the overall structure of the houses, um you cannot have development in a community without having residents; you can invite all the businesses you want to but if there's no business if there's no residents to go to them, you got nothing. It's been proven over and over again, you start with the residents, that's what we're trying to do.

Mr. Harhai: you start businesses, and they will come, number one.

Mayor Mozer: talk to anybody that's been in development those are.

Mr. Harhai: no this is a bad move simply because Highland Manor has four Apartments left over. It's soon to be done. Co-owner Dalfonso of the Valley Independent - Mon Valley Independent, is on the housing authority of Westmoreland County and he knows that that's going to happen. Now we're done with low-income housing in that section of the city at this point. Linda had asked about why don't we pave that road? They haven't paved that road because they know Highland Manor is going out the door. Number one. Number two, this falls under when we did these concrete canopies in the 70's, Mr. Saksun can verify, because he had one in front of his establishment; we don't need modular housing. You condemned me for the housing that we had through Westmoreland County, um that I belonged to it for 15 years, uh it was who then, now it's Westmoreland Community Action. Now they're going to get these allegedly, they are the ones that came up with the modular homes.

Mayor Mozer: what is your problem with modular homes? What is exactly your problem?

Mr. Harhai: well, I'm going to tell you what, the guy that you got to do this dream home sale, they're not they're not recommended by the Better Business Bureau. Are they the ones that are going to do it?

Mayor Mozer: first off...

Mr. Harhai: wait a minute.

Mayor Mozer: the city – this is not the city's project. This is a...

Mr. Harhai: okay, you do that all the time. I asked the county, and they said it's on the city.

Solicitor Dalfonso: It is not the city's project.

Mr. Harhai: whose project is it?

Solicitor Dalfonso: Westmoreland Community Action.

Mr. Harhai: okay they said no.

Solicitor Dalfonso: they own the property.

Mayor Mozer: they own the property.

Mr. Harhai: how did they get the property? From the city?

Mayor Mozer: from the city and the Landbank.

Mr. Harhai: okay from the city via the Redevelopment Authority?

Mayor Mozer: no.

Mr. Harhai: okay, I'm just asking a question; you're answering. It's a good question.

Mayor Mozer: no they got it directly from the city, two properties from the city, three properties from the Landbank.

Mr. Harhai: okay, number one, I don't think modular is the way to go.

Mayor Mozer: what is your problem with modular? No, they will last for as long as any house will.

Mr. Harhai: that is not the type of housing that we need in Monessen. We need to get, number one, we need...

Mayor Mozer: what's the difference between that type of house and any other type of house we have in the city?

Mr. Harhai: if you look at the houses on the old Junior Senior High School property there are homes, there are 10, and your friend Urum said that they're 100 yards apart, which they're only about 10 yards, or not even 10 yards apart. That whole property is about 100 yards; those are nice homes. You condemned me and made snide remarks about me. I was on the Westmoreland Community Action board for 15 years. Tay Waltonbaugh was the head guy, he retired and unfortunately he passed away in December; uh the new uh new woman in there um I don't know where they got this modular, but you're saying them and I'm going to try to meet with them if I can, because that makes absolutely no sense and they're talking about putting more on after that. Now they, the person that you got to do it is not accredited by The Better Business Bureau; do they know that?

Solicitor Dalfonso: they hired them.

Mr. Harhai: okay I've got to talk with them.

Solicitor Dalfonso: where are you confused at with this Ted?

Mr. Harhai: no, no, no, no; I'm not confused at all. I'm saying don't build them.

Solicitor Dalfonso: you say the city hired this company; the city did not.

Mr. Harhai: no, no, you who did it I asked the question?

Mayor Mozer: Westmoreland Community Action for tenth time.

Mr. Harhai: you answered the question and I'm saying that we don't want this company to come into Monessen; they're not approved by the Better Business Bureau. I don't care if you did it in the city or they did it at Westmoreland Community Action, there's something behind the scenes that's occurring again where we got another scam going on we don't need these people to come in.

Mayor Mozer: it has nothing to do with the city.

Mr. Harhai: well I think some of it does although it's behind the scenes and not transparent ;the other thing is I heard just recently it's a rumor Marc Bellora is applying for a $200,000 grant from the shade tree commission. I just heard I just heard about it today. Marc Bellora is applying for the grant.

Mr. Korposh: the shade tree commission is applying for the grant.

Mr. Harhai: why are they and not RVE?

Mr. Korposh: well it was done months ago yeah, it's been submitted.

Mr. Harhai: then why didn't Urban Design Ventures do it?

Mr. Korposh: because it's not a part of the CDBG grant; it's a standing grant that we have.

Mr. Harhai: yeah, a separate grant and Urban Design got separate grants also.

Mr. Korposh: it's a DCNR grant that we went after, so it's in the process and it should be awarded by... we're hoping...

Mr. Harhai: why did he apply for the grant.

Mr. Korposh: we did it months ago.

Mayor Mozer: before RVE was even in process.

Mr. Harhai: I'm sorry, well my question is he's probably going to run for City Council next year. This is like something to add to his uh credentials. Marc Bellora, I mean the picture and the paper the whole nine yards, let's face it. Let's go back to CDBG funding, when Tony brought up about the 18% that is the threshold. He was told and you were told several times as well as Cheryl Gordon that this was a threshold and there were other grants that were obtained by Urban Design Ventures, and they were not 20%.

Mayor Mozer: for the last five years...

Mr. Harhai: you embellish things, so you make we got to go after RVE because all these guys are charging too much.

Mayor Mozer: let me tell you a little story about the Civic Center just as an example. At the Civic Center, we did a CDBG project to put up a handicap ramp; Urban Design provided the engineering specification, everything about it. You know what's the problem with it is that it's not to IDC standards; the handicap ramp has got a problem. That handicap ramp is not handicap accessible.

Mr. Harhai: that's the construction people.

Mr. Harhai: no that was the specifications that came from Urban Design.

Mr. Harhai: I'll check on that.

Mayor Mozer: please do please do.

Mr. Harhai: I will you know, I can't argue the point I have no facts to prove or disprove that um and you did say and I misheard what you said about the CDBG funding was 340,000 it's 304; I checked that out you were correct. I me uh the property that you asked about next to Jeff's beauty school or whatever like that, Josh Lindsay took properties that were worse than that and made them nice. He went up to Brian Lawrence, $3,500 and he would not give him the property; he could have renovated that property.

Mayor Mozer: Maybe so but that is the problem between him and the county.

Mr. Harhai: now your answer, your answer when they built a storage shed is it's a business. My answer to you now is Josh Lindsay, who came here and asked for that property, would have said hey, I'll put a business in there. What's the difference?

Mayor Mozer: o you understand what the power of a land bank is?

Mr. Harhai: I know what the land bank is; every time I go to them they tell me to come to you, every time I come to you they tell me to go to them.

Mayor Mozer: sorry but the maybe but it's the land bank that has the power I'm not the L Bank.

Mr. Harhai: the last thing um Jason Rigoni, if he's gonna help us, why they take Wyatt out of the end town there and put it into business development in Westmoreland County? You're supposed to bring business into the county, not take it from poor little old Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: the purpose of the Reimagining Westmoreland county is a policy of trying to build collaboration between communities.

Mr. Harhai: yeah we're getting burned on it too.

Mayor Mozer: well I don't believe that.

Mr. Harhai: we are you know we lost that property, we lost that business, over 100 jobs.

Mr. Cianflone: yeah, my name is Pino I got thrown out twice out of this meeting. I want to clear up something; the last time I got thrown out it’s because they were cutting in on his territory while he was talking, and I said let him talk, and there was a preacher here, like the last guy that was here for five minutes, and I thought let him finish. And they kept cutting in on him so I said so the man don't like me, so he threw me out; that's fine, but I'm not going away nowhere. I'm in Monessen, I'm staying in Monessen.

Mayor Mozer: what are you asking the council?

Mr. Cianflone: okay now let me finish let me start by saying uh I got some problems that I think it needs to be fixed; Parente Boulevard looks like crap, and I've been talking about those vehicles parked there next to the Hungarian Club, laying there it looks like garbage, and I think that's your job and your job, right? Streets? Who's in charge of the street?

Councilwoman Thomas: the cars? I have nothing to do with the cars.

Mr. Cianflone: are you in charge of the streets?

Councilwoman Thomas: yes I am.

Mr. Cianflone: well, clean the damn streets up.

Councilwoman Thomas: what do you mean clean, because it's loaded it's loaded, but if there's cars, the police are the ones that address their cars if they're abandoned, okay, that's not the streets department to do that.

Mr. Cianflone: well, I'm telling you that is the street department.

Councilwoman Thomas: but that's no, that's not the department. I'm not going to argue with you, Pino.

Mr. Cianflone: you can't pick the gravy; you can't pick the gravy; pick the bats up, there's nothing to argue about. That's what you need to do, you need to clean that damn street up.

Mayor Mozer: she explained, it's not her job.

Mr. Cianflone: that's on Parente; on Knox Avenue, that's next to your street on the other side and you say your street looks good. I say go to Knox; when you go to knock from Nuzacci's onto the old PNA, if you recall with PNA, it's totally a mess. Cars park the wrong way, where the hell is the cops? Where the hell is the Chief? You're in charge of the Chief – you tell him, you told him to throw me out. Come on, tell him to do his goddamn job, okay!

Mayor Mozer: okay.

Mr. Cianflone: on Knox, that's across from your street, you told me, let me finish, that you're done with me; you're done with me. You're done with me.

Councilwoman Thomas: I don't come here to argue.

Mr. Cianflone: on Knox Avenue when you come from Rostraver to Reed where she lives, great, looks good you go from Rostraver the other way, okay, it looks a mess.

Mayor Mozer: yeah we've got that on the agenda for CDBG, it's one of the discussion items at the end of the month.

Mr. Cianflone: it looks a mess. Rostraver Street, when you go...

Mayor Mozer: we also have Rostraver on as on the agenda to do something with Rostraver.

Mr. Cianflone: no I'm talking on Rostraver, though I mean you can stay here and think everything up; all I all I can tell you is this, when you come to Monessen, the only thing that I see in Monessen is you turn the whole thing downtown down. You ain't put nothing in, you made a garbage dump. I remember coming to this country in 1961to Monessen PA; we might have had some dust with the mill but we had a good downtown and uptown; we have people that cared, no people that didn't care. You guys look like chickens sometimes or you guys do it's like this, everything they say you just say yes, but look at that for a change. Now I want to go to something else, the drugs in Monessen. What are you going to do about it? Where's your cops? What are you going to do with the drugs in Monessen? Right on my street.

Mayor Mozer: the cops have been very active.

Mr. Cianflone: that bullsh*t; they ain't doing nothing and that's because you tell them not to do.

Mayor Mozer: I don't. I don't tell police what to do.

Mr. Cianflone: the police don't want to do their job; it's just because you tell the Chief, you do what say.

Mayor Mozer: calm down, calm down, calm down.

Mr. Cianflone: go ahead I'm listening. What are you going to do about the drugs?

Mayor Mozer: the police are working on it. Thank you.

Mr. Cianflone: what'd you say?

Mayor Mozer: the police are working on it. Thank you.

Mr. Cianflone: ok now, I'm going to talk a little bit about they've been working in Monessen, and I know that the water, the sewage has to be fixed because the water lines in Monessen are being fixed and in Montraver they blow up; I understand, I can put up with that. Right now, we all know, if you guys are familiar with Montraver, the streets are not very wide so there is one way coming in, one way coming out. Makes sense. Who sits, well let me ask you a better question, when they shut the road, when people's gas shut the gas shut the road on Third Street, who told them to shut the road when they were fixing it? You were bitching.

Mayor Mozer: on Third Street?

Mr. Cianflone: yeah.

Mayor Mozer: they were managing their construction; they had flagmen while they were working that; they control the traffic.

Mr. Cianflone: yeah, but you didn't even know they closed the street, and you said you were going to do something about it.

Mayor Mozer: no we got to the point that they had to close the street and allow the pavement to cool.

Mr. Cianflone: okay in Montraver they got five hardworking guys on that crew. I got to say that, not the water authority but the contractor, okay. When you go into there the guy jumps out of a truck and directs traffic. He hopes that you back away and go the wrong way; that's what he hopes. I don't do that; one way we learn how to, at least when I graduate from Monessen, I learned how to read in 1968, okay. So I don't know the rest of but anyway that's the worst contractor ever; do you have a pre-build meeting before they come into the plan?

Mayor Mozer: we did, and there's lots of activity that's going to be occurring on Montraver as well.

Mr. Cianflone: What was that?

Mayor Mozer: There's lots of activity that will be occurring on Montraver as well.

Mr. Cianflone: they never closed any road, they never had a flagman there ever.

Mayor Mozer: they've had flagmen there.

Mr. Cianflone: they've had one only when it happened in Rostraver. Don't tell me that BS because I live there; only in Rostraver. We're working on Rostraver, they put a flagman there, the rest of the time they had zero, okay.

Mayor Mozer: wrap it up. What else do you got?

Mr. Cianflone: why don't you tell them?

Mayor Mozer: because I'm not going to sit here and get yelled at all night long.

Mr. Cianflone: I had listen to your sh*t for five minutes man, and now you going to tell me to wrap it up. I'm not done with it. When you have your pre-bid meeting okay, with the contractor, what is that you lay out?

Mayor Mozer: that's conducted by our Engineering Group W.E.C.

Mr. Cianflone: what do you lay out?

Mayor Mozer: what?

Mr. Cianflone: why do you do, what is your part?

Mayor Mozer: I sit there and just listen.

Mr. Cianflone: oh you just listen.

Mayor Mozer: I just listen; it's run by the engineer.

Mr. Cianflone: don't come there between the hours of 8:00 in the morning at 5:00 in the afternoon; there's no cops to be found because the place is a total mess. Cars are going the wrong way, coming and going. After 6:00 and the workers leave, the cops show up, maybe once, maybe twice that day, so this is what I got to tell you. I know you're not from town, and I know we're going to get your ass out of here, okay. But at the end of the day okay you ain't done nothing for the downtown Monessen; you haven't done nothing for the streets in Monessen; you haven't got any good grants because you guys can't write it. You got somebody else writing it, but for trees; we need trees in Monessen. That's what we need. We don't need business; we need trees, you know. In all those committees that you have, every one of the committees that you put people in place, where are they?

Mayor Mozer: if you're going to sit there and make insults on me or the council all night long it's time for you to quit.

Mr. Cianflone: it's not insulting. I'm telling you the facts. Well, you don't like the truth? That's what's happened. I live in Monessen. I've been here goddamn 60 years.

Mr. Cianflone: I'm sorry you don't appreciate it.

Mr. Cianflone: I don't appreciate you because you're garbage.

Mayor Mozer: now you're talking insults.

Mr. Cianflone: no, I'm telling you that is an insult because you're trash.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. Thank you.

Linda Lacey, Maple Avenue, Monessen, PA. I've been coming to these meetings for a very long time since I moved back here, since I think 2009. And over the course I have not seen, I seen some improvements; don't get me wrong but I find out that I went through three or four administrations and every administration has their own agenda but it's not for the side of town that I live on I live on. The Westgate side of town and the Westgate is the reason that we get CDBG money and none of that money has been utilized on this side of town. Now granted when I left school I left here and I was gone 44 plus years, so every administration before that had ample time to do something about Westgate. And they never did, and I just wanted to say that because I don't know what went on for the 44 years that I was gone, but I do know it shows it. Now I understand we're utilizing and got Ninth Street Park back to where people can use it.

Mayor Mozer: so that was CDBG money so there; you're wrong already. We have spent money there.

Ms. Lacey: but this is after 40 years.

Mayor Mozer: but that's what we've done.

Ms. Lacey: but this is 40 years late.

Mayor Mozer: maybe but that's what we did. The thing is now I can't do anything about 40 years ago, but I can do things today.

Ms. Lacey: I understand that Mayor, but like I'm saying I've been a resident back here, well I grew up here, but I've been a resident back here since 2006 and I'm tired of being abused. City Council has a double standard and I'm feeling it right now because I have gotten things done to me; when they found out that I own a building in Monessen, I have been harassed about it. The building's been vacant for 20 years, and now they're trying to take it from me for taxes which is $8,000, and I went to you when you had this tax exoneration problem. Now if you are a 100% charitable organization, I don't know what the connection is to you and Westmoreland County Tax Bureau.

Mayor Mozer: none.

Ms. Lacey: but I'm investigating all of it because I should not have been taxed on that building at all.

Mayor Mozer: that's between you and the tax assessor.

Ms. Lacey: well I understand that, but you knew it too. We are a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, 100% charitable, and we should not have been taxed, and I've been up there three times, meeting with them and they always give me the runaround, and I'm wondering why.

Mayor Mozer: I can't do anything about that.

Ms. Lacey: wait a minute, you have been trying to sabotage me.

Mayor Mozer: no I didn't.

Ms. Lacey: yes, you did; yes, you did.

Mayor Mozer: When, where, how?

Ms. Lacey: I won't go into this publicly because I'm not going to bash you in public, because I'm not that type of person, but I do know what you have done. And second of all, who is paying for that project on Graham Boulevard.

Mayor Mozer: what project on Graham Boulevard?

Ms. Lacey: you said that they're going to dig up Graham Boulevard and it's going to be closed, did you say Graham?

Mayor Mozer: Grand, not Graham. Grand in front of Barts up on top of the on other side of the hill.

Ms. Lacey: is that not, that's by city park?

Mayor Mozer: no that's Grand Boulevard, Grand.

Ms. Lacey: oh so Grand Boulevard is different than the part of Graham Boulevard up by City Park?

Mayor Mozer: this is Grand Boulevard you were saying Graham.

Ms. Lacey: no, I said Grand Boulevard okay, well Grand Boulevard.

Mayor Mozer: yeah, what about it? That is a part of our phase three sewer project.

Ms. Lacey: okay, was that money already dedicated to that?

Mayor Mozer: yeah, it was demanded by DEP; it's not allocated it was demanded.

Ms. Lacey: okay.

Mayor Mozer: it's the decree that we had to do that.

Ms. Lacey: okay now did anybody come up to where that $70,000 that was allocated to fix 10th Street? Did anybody figure out where it went?

Mayor Mozer: we know exactly where it is, and you come to the meeting in two weeks and we can figure out how we're going to reallocate it.

Ms. Lacey: well when I when I asked you about 10th Street, the money was there to do it, you said that you were taking it and putting it on Third Street.

Mayor Mozer: yes, we got money left over.

Ms. Lacey: Third Street is a what, $240,000 project?

Mayor Mozer: no 202.

Ms. Lacey: and then from 10th Street to uh, was is it McMahon, is $70,000 and you took that money to go to do a bigger project on Third Street?

Mayor Mozer: you've been going to the CDBG money meetings; you know exactly how the money's being allocated and we're going to have the reallocation meeting.

Ms. Lacey: I was fine with it mayor when you said that you had allocated money to pave it and then a year later you're taking it away, and then I asked you to put it back and I asked you to pave it so what's the point of fixing up Ninth Street when nobody has anywhere to park; you put fountains in there, people want to utilize it.

Mayor Mozer: how many people use Ninth Street versus how many people use that section of 10th?

Ms. Lacey: it doesn't matter.

Mayor Mozer: it does matter; it matters very much.

Ms. Lacey: wait a minute there's a, did you know there's a name on a street up there?

Mayor Mozer: yes.

Ms. Lacey: that people do live there, they do go there, they do travel that road to get to wherever they're going back there, even though that one section of Highland Manor is only being used. Well I go back there, okay? That's my poll where I vote, so I think it needs to be fixed.

Mayor Mozer: okay thank you.

Ms. Lacey: and I can meet you in your office in private and tell you what you did.

Mayor Mozer: please do.

Ms. Lacey: does anybody else?

Mayor Mozer: (to Ernie Telegraphis) no, you had your chance.

Councilman Nestor: Mayor, motion to adjourn tonight's meeting of September 12th uh 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Orzechowski: second.

Mayor Mozer: any questions? All in favor? (Ayes) All opposed? The meeting is adjourned.