COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST 22, 2024

6:30PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. (5 Present)
2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY PASTOR MIKE FISHER, OF THE ORCHARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION, OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF JULY 30TH, 2024, AND THE COUNCIL SESSION OF AUGUST 8, 2024. (Vote 5-0)
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
Solicitor's Report for the City of Monessen (Vote 5-0)
8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER
Treasurer's Report for the City of Monessen (Vote 5-0)
9. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER
Controller's Report for the City of Monessen (Vote 5-0)
10. NEW BUSINESS
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON STMP GRANT ACTIVITIES, NPP GRANT ACTIVITIES, AND ADDITIONAL GRANT OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITY OF MONESSEN TO INCREASE REVENUE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS FOR THE CITY.
Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs
a. Discussion of Issues of Mayor Mozer within the City of Monessen from August 8, 2024 to August 22, 2024.
b. Motion to authorize Contractor's Payment Applications No. 11

and No. 12 for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 4, MON2021-02. All invoiced work has been completed per specifications.
with Payment Application No. 11 in the amount of $270,010,34
and Payment Application No. 12 in the amount of $79, 520.96 for a total amount of $349, 531.30. (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to approve Payment Request No. 19 for Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase 4 Mon-2021-02 which includes. Reynold's Brothers Inc.'s Payment Application No. 11 in the amount of $270, 010.34, and Payment Application No. 12 to Reynold's Brothers Inc. in the amount of $79,520.96. WEC will submit these Payment Requests under Payment Request No. 19 to PENNVEST upon Council's approval of these invoices and payment requests. (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to approve payment of W.E.C., Inc. Invoice, No. 2024-89 in the amount of $24,453.00 for 10% for Engineering Design Services for the 2024 CDBG Roadway Rehabilitation, Third Street Paving Project. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to approve proposed demolition of the following structures and properties within the City of Monessen: (Vote 5-0)

* 1115 Ohio Avenue
* 219 Aliquippa Avenue
* 7 Aliquippa Avenue
* 1201 Reservoir Avenue
* 201 Aliquippa Avenue
* 704 9th Street
* 2 Reed Avenue
* 50 Reed Avenue
* 613 9th Street
* 653 Knox Avenue
* 657 Knox Avenue
* 34 McKee Avenue
* 202 Reed Avenue
* 334 Oneida Street
* 529 6th Street

f. Motion to approve the return of an Application for Inspection

and Habitation Permit Fee of $65.00 to Edzaroe Bell as the applicant was not required to pay this fee. (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to approve Amendment 6 to the owner and engineering agreement as attachment K not to exceed $353,912 to inspect manholes, acquire the permits, perform the engineering for final design, the bidding process for phase 3, and the construction and post construction phases. (Vote 5-0)

h. Motion to approve PennVest Phase 4 Pay Application #11 to Reynolds Brothers in the amount of $270,010.34 for work done under contract MON-2021-02. (Vote 5-0)

I. Motion to approve PennVest Phase 4 Pay Application #12 to Reynolds Brothers in the amount of $79,520.96 for work done under contract MON-2021-02. They will have been paid everything except a 5% retainage that DEP requires until all closeout items are finalized.

j. Motion to approve a conditional offer of employment as a Police Officer in the City of Monessen to Valerie Bednar, contingent upon the completion of all necessary testing and required paperwork for the Department. Employment shall begin on the first scheduled day of work. (Vote 5-0)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to transfer $73,508.20 from the General Account to the Payroll Account for Payroll issued on August 15, 2024.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $89,372.91. 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 $2,272.41. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "C". (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $328.76. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "D". (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $15,980.34. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "E". (Vote 5-0)

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $11,515.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "F". (Vote 5-0)
g. 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 "G". (Vote 5-0)
h. Motion to pay for Retired Health Care Benefit payments in the amount of $11,405.02. (Vote 5-0)
i. Motion to transfer $5,000.00 from the General Account to the Healthcare Account. (Vote 5-0)
Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements
Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending July 31, 2024
Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety
Police and Public Safety Report for month ending July 31, 2024
Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks and Public Property
Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending July 31, 2024
11. OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO THE MAYOR ON ANY ITEM RELATING TO THE BUSINESS, ORDINANCES, STATUTES RESOLUTIONS OR DAILY WORK PRODUCT AND ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Transcript

Mayor Mozer: it's now 6:30. I'd like to call this August 22nd of 2024 meeting of the City of Monessen to order. Can 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 five present and note a quorum.
Mayor Mozer: thank you; at this time, I'd like to ask Pastor Mike Fisher to lead us in prayer. Here is your mic you can use.
Pastor Mike Fisher: Amen. Lord, I just want to thank You for this time. I just give you the opportunity Lord to rule and reign over all the people here; to be done decently and in order; to

be quick to hear and slow to speak and slow to anger. Lord give us all wisdom supernaturally to deal with these things; just to prosper the city Lord and prosper each other and above all give glory to you bless this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mozer: thank you. There hasn't been a lot of time but um, has everybody had a chance to review the minutes for the previous council meeting? Are we prepared to make a motion to accept them?
Jn: mayor motion to approve minutes for the previous session of the special session of July 30th 2024, and the Council session of August 8th 2024.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Councilperson Thomas: 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, I'd like to open the floor for public comment on agenda items only.
Ernest Telegraphis, 29 Rex. Um this new business with these uh two people coming from um a grant uh you going to permit us to ask questions?
Mayor Mozer: no.
Mr. Telegraphis: no questions at all?
Mayor Mozer: not until after the end of the meeting.
Mr. Telegraphis: not until the end of the meeting? Are they going to stay to the end of the meeting?
Mayor Mozer: they may or may not, and then if they don't, we'll try to do our best or we'll get answers for you.
Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, because the bottom line is what I'm gathering it's like that pool you had last year, $11 million dollars or 10.4 million for knocking down buildings and there's six other towns, you know, reaching for this money. So, they have so much, you have to make an application, and where do they draw the
line? Who gets it; Monessen gets it? How much? This has got to be detailed; it's not like oh we're going to do this; we may do this, and this might come by. Mayor Mozer: this will be a long-term process; there's nothing going to be done tonight other than information.
Mr. Telegraphis: well, I'm not saying long term, I'm saying how do you determine how much money Monessen gets?
Mayor Mozer: maybe we'll find out.
Mr. Telegraphis: I hope so because that's why we're going to have to ask questions, or we wanted to ask questions. Now on page three you got a list of all these homes here, but you don't say who's paying for it.
Mayor Mozer: that is part of that $10.4 million you just talked about.
Mr. Telegraphis: 10.4 so far how much of that 10.4 we got for the buildings that went down.

Mayor Mozer: I've not gotten an accounting from the county.
Mr. Telegraphis: so we don't know. So how do we know we got enough to knock these 12 down?
Mayor Mozer: because it was promised to us by the Commissioners they'd do another 200 homes. 200 homes.
Mr. Telegraphis: 200 homes? You're going to need more than $10 million.
Mayor Mozer: no, not at the rate they're going.
Mr. Telegraphis: but what are they going to do just knock it down and bury it in the ground?
Mayor Mozer: no, just like we've done all along.
Mr. Telegraphis: but that's what they were doing; most of the debris is in the ground.
Mayor Mozer: no.
Mr. Telegraphis: uh all I know is this, that uh we have nothing about industry coming in, right?
Mayor Mozer: not at this time.
Mr. Telegraphis: well that's what you said for two years now not at this time.
Mayor Mozer: one of these days you'll find something different, I hope.
Mr. Telegraphis: well you can't count on just government grants or uh fundraising.
Mayor Mozer: I agree. That's the reason why we have DCED here.
Mr. Telegraphis: well I hope they're clear enough to tell us what will most likely happen to Monessen as far as what they're going to get, and I don't want to hear like on a come basis, well they're going to apply and whatever goes through there, that's what they're going to get. It's going to be very general, that's all I know. Mayor Mozer: and it will take some time. Thank you. Anybody else?
Ted Harhai, Helen. Uh first question is who's doing the demolitions it's on page three.
Mayor Mozer: Westmoreland County.
Mr. Harhai: 10 or 15 of them, who's doing those?
Mayor Mozer: Westmoreland County.
Mr. Harhai: I mean who's the contractor?
Mayor Mozer: it's Westmoreland County; they do the bidding; they do the contracts.
Mr. Harhai: so if I call Brian Lawrence, he'll give me who's doing it?
Mayor Mozer: yes.
Mr. Harhai: okay, um on these grants that you mentioned that will be discussed, I think you need to be clear that these are all matching grants; they're not straight grants like….
Mayor Mozer: Which grants are you talking to?
Mr. Harhai: the SMPP and the NPP. They're all matching grants.
Mayor Mozer: they are not matching. They have some participation, yes.
Mr. Harhai: They're have lot of participation. "Applicant must provide 50 percent match". That's a lot of participation. (Mr. Telegraphis: where are you going to get that? Let me finish. They are not matching they are a grant like when Urban Design Ventures…
Mayor Mozer: as distressed communities, we were eligible for or at least we were in the past we were eligible for a 10% match not a 50% match.

Mr. Harhai: well for example Mike Korposh applied when he was going for the money for the comprehensive plan, he got $90,000. Mike, you applied for a grant?
Mr. Korposh: mmhmm.
Mr. Harhai: okay, my question would be I don't know if you could do this, why don't you do some of the grant writing? Can you help in that respect rather than get this other firm in here that I've been kind of arguing against? Is that not a possibility?
Mr. Korposh: I think we are doing that.
Mayor Mozer: it's a cooperative effort we're all working together on this.
Mayor Mozer: okay, um and then there was a 10%, or not 10%, well it actually was 10%; it was $10,000; it's a $90,000 grant with 10% match, right?
Councilman Orzechowski: but he didn't write it; let's be clear about that. You keep saying that and you're dead wrong.
Mr. Harhai: dead wrong about what?
Councilman Orzechowski: he didn't write it; he didn't work for the city at that time.
Mr. Harhai: no, no, no, no, I wasn't saying he worked for the city.
Councilman Orzechowski: you said he wrote the grant.
Mr. Harhai: he did, for himself, for his company.
Councilman Orzechowski: okay let's make sure; I mean nothing against Mike.
Mr. Harhai: no, I was clear. Was I clear?
Councilman Orzechowski: Mike was part of the plan - the company we went with.
Mr. Harhai: he and three other guys - Joe Dalfonso, Jamie Protin, and Bernie Sarra were part of his company, and he applied for a $90,000 grant and the city matched it. He applied.
Councilman Orzechowski: the city matched 10%.
Mayor Mozer: 10% the city did 10%, right.
Mr. Harhai: yes 10,000 10%.
Mayor Mozer: right.
Mr. Harhai: he did it that's what I said I didn't say you…
Mayor Mozer: continue on.
Mr. Harhai: but now they're just trying to bring this, whatever the name that the letters of the company are, and get rid of Urban Design Ventures, which, you balloon the amount that they charge on it, 20% - 18, which is totally untrue. Why can't Mike help out now that he's an employee of the city to apply for some of these grants?
Mayor Mozer: he can but…
Mr. Harhai: straight grants, not match, not this not that.
Mr. Korposh: I am Ted, I am working with a number of grants.
Councilman Orzechowski: while you're on the subject, let's clear something else up to make it clear for everybody because apparently you have your numbers misconstrued again.
Mr. Harhai: I do not.
Councilman Orzechowski: oh yes you do.
Mr. Harhai: my numbers are not misconstrued.

Councilman Orzechowski: your numbers are not anywhere close, and here it is; here's an actual print out of what the CDBG was for 2019, 2020, and 2021, and how much the budget amounts were in 2019, it was 298,000, 2020 was 313,000, and 2021 was 317,000; the administrative fee which would have been what Urban Design Ventures would have got is under the $298,000 of 2019, they got $ 53,730.00. Do the math; it's 18.1 percent.
Mr. Harhai: that's not totally correct.
Councilman Orzechowski: da, da, da, da we are not da, da-ing here. We are going exact numbers.
Mr. Harhai: no, I didn't stutter. No, you are not correct.
Councilman Orzechowski: Yes, I am. You can't add? We can maybe go to school.
Mr. Harhai: I can add, I can add. I'm trying not to be smart.
Councilman Orzechowski: 18 percent of 298,000….
Mayor Mozer: first off, he's reading off of the CDBG Budget Report.
Mr. Harhai: I understand read he's reading off of - the budget report from Urban Design separately, and it's not the way that that is, but…
Councilman Orzechowski: oh, so you're saying we have different numbers than Urban Design does?
Mr. Harhai: maybe, I don't know.
Councilman Orzechowski: so now you're a maybe?
Mr. Harhai: I'm not here. I'm not here. I don't know.
Councilman Orzechowski: are you concrete? Are you what; are you yes or no or maybe? Or maybe it depends which way I stand today.
Mr. Harhai: I'll go back to you can't be trusted.
Councilman Orzechowski: I can't be trusted? what did I do that I can't be trusted? Well you're going to stand up here and do something and accuse me of not being trustworthy. What did I do to not be trustworthy? Put your foot in your mouth and say exactly what it is because whatever you say you can do, say it in public - say it in public.
Mr. Harhai: you can't be trusted.
Councilman Orzechowski: why? Tell me why. You have to have a reason.
Mr. Harhai: look at this now. Look at this town.
Councilman Orzechowski: look at what now? I can look at you and I didn't say that, but why are you saying that to me?
Mr. Harhai: It's very simple.
Councilman Orzechowski: I'm tired of people like you making more rash remarks to the public with nothing to back it up as usual.
Mr. Harhai: then I'll make sure that I start to bring, because you got you make it short so you got to cut to the chase.
Councilman Orzechowski: We're not cutting nothing. I got a figure right here that I'll be happy to pass out to everybody that shows exactly the administrated costs.
Mr. Harhai: when you do that, pass out all the attachments that you have to all the things that you don't pass out, and that would be helpful.

Councilman Orzechowski: we're talking about something you just brought up and accused us of doing.
Mr. Harhai: if you're going to do that might as well do the attachments.
Councilman Orzechowski: well how about we just stick to one at a time and I'll be happy to do the attachments. Let's settle you up on just one of the things that you're lying about as usual.
Mr. Harhai: I'm not lying about anything.
Councilman Orzechowski: so let's make sure.
Mr. Harhai: did you leave us $656,000 in the hole when you were the mayor? Yes, you did, and you told everyone you left us $125,000 in the hole. That was when, in 2019?
Councilman Orzechowski: really?
Mr. Harhai: oh, absolutely I know.
Mayor Mozer: who was the mayor at that time?
Councilman Orzechowski: where did you go to school?
Mr. Harhai: huh? I don't know where you went but you're not adding up. Your figures dance.
Councilman Orzechowski: anybody wants to do this besides the paper, if they wanted it, I'd be happy to give it to you.
Mr. Harhai: I'll be happy to take it, thank you very much.
Mayor Mozer: thank you, anybody else?
Councilman Orzechowski: don't be blowing smoke up people's rear.
Mayor Mozer: let’s continue on. Does anybody have any correspondence they'd like to report to the council?
Jn: no mayor.
Mayor Mozer: um at this time I'd like to ask the solicitor for his report.
Solicitor Dalfonso: thank you Mayor, good evening, everybody. Um last meeting, Council talked about the contract with PennDOT for the viaduct; there is an update with terms of scope of work. Most importantly all those exhibits we're waiting on should be in PennDOT’s construction management system which I believe the city has access to, so we can verify they're there we'll be able to fully execute the agreement um it's going to be a type three deck repair; what they explained was that's going to be a full deck repair of the viaduct. It's going to start sometime in the spring of 2025. There are five or six bridges that are part of the project. The City will receive some advanced notice when it's going to start; it will be a two-month closure. There's going to be a detour. Um we have the preliminary detour you can put that on the City website. This thing should be out to bid by the end of the year according to PennDOT, um again this is no cost to the City for the construction. This will be a PennDOT project. The City will be responsible for maintenance of the bridge just like it is today and secondly, we did have our demolition hearings. They are on the agenda. There are some slight changes, um 1201 Reservoir needs to be removed. We're working with uh the property owner for that property; 704 9th Street, um the county I believe put that property out to bid on an expedited basis. That property suffered a pretty catastrophic fire; 529 6th Street is actively collapsing and is also out to bid through the County on an expedited basis. That's all I have this evening.
Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time, I'd like to ask the City Treasurer if he has a report for us.

Treasurer Saksun: yes sir Mayor. Mayor, Council and citizens of Monessen, ladies and gentlemen, it's my August report for 13th for July, the month of July. City real estate and taxes collected for the month, garbage fees revenue, current - July we received $4,880.00. Year to date, $332,217.68, budgeted amount $350,000. Garbage fees delinquent - July $2,729.45, year to date $ 38,567.81, budgeted amount $75,000. Amount collected by Portnoff; this was read in the above statement. Portnoff amount was July - $342.45, year to date $14,815.17. Portnoff uh penalty and interest for July - $53.00, Year to date $1,018.49, budgeted amount $2,500.00. Garbage fees collected for 2025 – we've received no payment in July, uh year to date $760.00, budgeted amount - $150,000. Total July $7,662.45, year to date for July - total $372,563.98, budgeted amount for the year was $577,500. City real estate taxes revenue, current for July we received $67,334.17, year to date $1,897,571.68 budgeted amount was $1,600,000. City taxes collected for prior years - we received no payment in July, year to date $22,044.74, budgeted amount $7,000. Total uh City real estate taxes collected - year to date $1,919,616.42. City uh delinquent city taxes collected Westmoreland County, July -we received no payment, year to date $163,006.22, budgeted amount $160,000.00. Total year to date taxes - $2,082,622.64, budgeted amount was $1,767,000.00. The distribution is as follows: year to date for the general fund $1,335,477.17, the budgeted amount was $1,113,120.00. Debt service year to date $362,423.61, budgeted amount was $302,080.00 Year to date Library - $38,776.21, budgeted amount $32,320.00, year to date Parks - $182,939.43, budgeted amount $152,480.00, year to date we've distributed $1,919,615.42, budget amount was $1,600,000.00 Miscellaneous collections, real estate transfer tax July - $4,758.60, year to date $ 35,731.06 budgeted amount $89,333.00. Earned income tax July - $20,132.89, year to date $394,808.94, budgeted amount $682,048.00. Mercantile Tax July $608.54, year to date $17,629.50, budgeted amount $23,425.00. Local Service Tax July - $2,333.23, year to date $40,104.27, budgeted amount $71,072.00. Tax certifications July $1,350.00 year to date $13,290.00, budget amount $20,000. Municipal lien letters July - $975.00, year to date $8,025.00, budgeted amount $17,500. Line usage account - unsecured payments July - $50.00 year to date $10,562.00. Line Use fee July - $78,970.78, year to date $547,033.47 for a total year to date Line Usage account $557,601.47. Mayor, that concludes my report for the month.

Jn: Mayor, motion to accept the garbage fees and City real estate taxes collected for the month of July and the Treasurer's report.

Mayor Mozer: Is there a second?

Councilperson 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 ask the City Controller if she has a report that she'd like to present.

Ms. Nicksich: yes mayor, thank you. The General Fund Charleroi Federal Savings Bank checking account; the back bank reconciliation as of July 2024. The beginning bank balance

as of June 29th, 2024 was $1,062,348.28; deposits made $177,561.64; expenses $387,198.84. The beginning balance, ending balance as of July 31st - $852,711.08. Outstanding checks - $69,261.35. Outstanding deposits - $4,066.97; the reconciliation balance to the bank statement was $787,516.70. That concludes my report mayor.
Mayor Mozer: thank you. So uh at this time we're going to uh ask DCED to give us a presentation but before we do, I'd like to uh explain a couple of things real quick. First off, Monessen entered into the stamp program two years ago. Uh we were in desperate condition at that at that time, a bad position we advertised for an RFP, but we received nothing back from anybody. Nobody responded to our advertisements, so I subsequently reached out to HUD and they brought us to the DCTA program, Distressed Communities Technical Assistance Program. That program, they provided two consulting teams to the city of Monessen at no cost. They were PFM and Liss. PFM is the financial group and Lisp being the development group. PFM prepared a report that was given to DCED. It is this report that provides the catalyst for tonight's meeting. Let me be very clear, there'll be no comments or questions during their presentation. The first time you ask to speak, you'll be asked to be quiet. If it continues to happen again, you'll be asked to leave if necessary. If necessary, you'll be escorted out of the building. We will all act like adults. All comments can be made at the end of the meeting as long as you don't use profanity, personal insults, or start repeating the same issue over and over again. At this time I'd like to invite, is it George? You're doing the presentation? George will be giving us a presentation.
Councilperson Thomas: You need a microphone?
Mr. Newsome: can you hear me with this?
Mayor Mozer: this this actually probably works a little bit better, easier to move around.
Mr. Newsome: good evening, everybody; thank you for having us and thank you for your time this evening uh so I want to uh do a presentation I think in a couple of different parts. First, I want to just introduce myself and talk a little bit about DCED, what we do and then uh talk about the Strategic Management Planning Program Grant, and then maybe talk about how specifically applies uh to Monessen. so my name is George Newsome, I am the local government policy specialist for southwestern PA; that covers about 14 counties uh couple hundred municipalities. I say communities; when I say communities I mean Municipalities, Cities, Boroughs, Townships, Towns - all that stuff. I just say Communities. So, uh I work for Department of Community Economic Development and what we do is uh, or what I do I should say is I help partner with communities uh in my region and we help provide you with resources, any set a variety of resources that can help with any set a variety of issues that you might be facing. It could be building out government capacity, it could be dealing with financial solvency, it could be dealing with financial distress if that's a situation. It could be business growth or be all those kinds of situations. I am your liaison between Monessen and the state, and uh you may see me from time to time come into to and just sit in on Council meetings partly because I want to know what's going on in my region and secondly because I'm a little nebby, so first thing I want to pass out to uh the elected official council is this handout. This is what I call this is a fun handout; this is what I considered an acronym cheat sheet just take one to pass it

down. When I first started working in government, I didn't know what anybody was talking about, because everybody talks in acronyms. I have developed an acronym cheat sheet for you guys and if the acronyms I may use uh throughout this presentation won't be expanded beyond what's on the list. I think the list is about what 56-ish and I think we're number 53 on there somewhere uh so the stamp program is number 53 but it stands for a Strategic Management Planning Program or AKA stamp program. So that kind of gives you an introduction of me and who I am and what I do. Now to talk about one of the resources that we provide for communities is the Stamp Grant or Stamp Program or Strategic Management Planning Program with all those uh aforementioned names. What it does is uh it kind of gives the community a road map of where you've been, where you are, and where you're going to be and it projects you out for a five-year plan; that's really nice because numbers tell a story and I'm one of those numbers persons I like numbers; I like the way they tell stories so what I want to do next is pass out this handout which is an abbreviated version of what I'm going to talk about, which is the stamp guidelines. I would normally have cards, but I ordered my batch and they didn't come in yet, but if you need my information uh Mike and Mayor have my contact information, so feel free you can call me and email me at any time. Do we have enough to go down to everybody? Do you need a couple more?
Mr. Korposh: I think we got it.
Mr. Newsome: all right; great, so the program objectives of the stamp is to assist local governments in identifying, prioritizing and addressing financial difficulties by implementing short and long-term goals and objectives; engages in management studies and government and operational improvements, which aids the financial administration and management of the local government in decision making. Another way of saying that is I get the pleasure of meeting with uh officials Mayor's reps and so on, and I get to ask you what your vision is for your community then I say let's put your vision down on paper; let's try to turn it into a grant so I get to travel all over Southwestern PA, and I get to hear visions that people have with their communities which is great. Tt's really awesome; that's the most fun of my job, aside from traveling the roads and the trestles and the bridges and all that kind of stuff, because I have a bias that this is the most beautiful part of the state. So uh after I do that, and we sit down and we try to make that into a grant. You put on paper your vision, we Implement uh the stamp, I should say implement. We start the application process for the Stamp Grant, and the stamp Grant has phases. The first phase when you apply, after you have a request for proposal and you have a consultant, um they're going to take you through a six phase process that's going to give you a Financial Health Assessment and like I said that's your road map as to where you were, where you are, where you're going to be in a 5 year projection. Okay out of that it's going to come recommendations and recommendations become projects; projects become funding and what I want to really emphasize that is projects draw funding, not the other way around. Funding is not just projects, projects draw funding, and projects turn into funding and once you have recommendations they will turn into projects, and then like I said you get to the implementation phases which is when you can start drawing down money - uh funding. Now the scope of the uh project will determine the amount of funding that you'll be requesting from

the state and as I mentioned uh this is a reimbursable grant, uh so you'll pay out uh the consultant uh or will pay out the whatever cost is associated with the project that you that you determined to choose, and then you invoice me or the state and we reimburse you uh for what you paid out. Typically, it's a 50% match but if your community is title distressed then it can be as low as 10% in the match in that process.
So the first phase is the Financial Health Assessment, the second phase and the subsequent phases thereafter become implementation phases where you're able to draw down funding. Funding requests can be anywhere between uh $30,000 to $100,000 to $40,000 to $200,000 uh in those areas. I'm with you through that entire process. Now I will tell you that when I work with communities there's uh a couple of things that hinder communities from being successful when it comes to grant funding. One of the things is not having a clear vision; you already have that. I spent time with the Mayor and Mike touring the city a couple of times, doing lunch and so forth. So he has a clear vision; that part I'm not worried about. The second thing though, you have to identify a grant manager and so there has to be somebody who I can communicate with on a constant basis, consistent basis, because I'm going to be sending you documentation you know, like sample RFP's and sample narratives or whatever you know, sample application process, those kinds of things. I'm also going to be requesting documentation from you as well, so you need to have somebody identified as a grant manager. If you don't then you're going to have difficulty with managing that grant, and the third thing is transparency. When anything involves the state, we ask you to have a passed resolution in a public meeting, when you're going to do an ask for a particular amount of money. So not only that, it's simple, it recognizes that all Council are on board, but also it symbolizes or recognizes that you've also informed the public as well. Okay so um I'm with you from the time you start; I'm with you for five years throughout this process. I don't plan on going anywhere else so I'm with you for the next five years throughout this process and I'm nice and easy to get along with and you know I'm modest and softspoken and all that good stuff.
Secondly when you apply for the amount of money in the grant request, you have three years to draw down that money within that request, and then once you draw down that money, um if you draw down all the money, even if you don't, but once you close out. You have to close out that grant before you can apply for another grant and those become closed. That's how the phases work, like in phase two, if you would find out that you want to upgrade something and you have a grant request, and you draw down money for it, before you can go to phase three and that and have another ask, you got to close out phase two. In every phase you have to have a new resolution as well, you know, so once again you're letting uh all the officials know, and all the public know that you're going forward and what you're doing and everything is being done transparently. Once again, I am here to help whoever is identified as the grant manager, uh throughout that entire process. Any questions, concerns, comments that you might have, you can uh feel free to contact me. I'm also local, I live in McKeesport PA, so it doesn't take me that long uh to get here, and like I said I've been here before uh working with uh Mike and the mayor previously so that's the second part of my presentation. Now the third part - I'm almost done, I hope I'm not boring you guys too much. You guys have already done some work uh in

this as the mayor mentioned PFM has already done the Financial Health Assessment. What we want to do is come in, we want to do a more complete Financial Health Assessment. We want to carry it out to the full five years. I don't think it was done for the for the full five years so we want to do the four five years and implement it; that way we can uh make sure that you have a well-rounded representation of your finances, and that way we can enter into a full stamp process for implementing funds. That's it, did I miss anything Bethany? Okay, all right. So that's my presentation, thank you guys for your time.
Mayor Mozer: can we ask a couple questions?
Mr. Newsome: you can; I don't know if I can answer all of them.
Mayor Mozer: well these are probably pretty easy ones, um for a grant manager uh is a city clerk a suitable type person to use for that function?
Mr. Newsome: yes.
Mayor Mozer: okay that would be my first question. The - careful how I say this, this is a five-year past and a five-year future that you're trying to accomplish, whereas the PFM report was three years past, three years in the future. Even the three years in the past caught two years of the prior Administration that ran; they had a quite honestly a spending spree. They ran huge deficits, and it really skewed the results going forward as well. Is there any consideration for that? And also going five years in the future, we up here may not be here in 5 years; we just don't know.
Mr. Newsome: well because it's already been partially done, we will take that into consideration and numbers that are already been presented uh so we don't have to you know maybe go back as far you know as we would if we were doing one from you know from scratch. In addition, the folks that that have already done partial uh of the uh of the Financial Health Assessment you can certainly hire them as your Consultants to do the rest of it. You know they can carry out because their uh Financial Health Assessment is very similar to the health assessment that we would do from you know from stamp program.
Mayor Mozer: Okay.
Ms. Williams: I'm going to jump in here, hi, everyone I'm sitting in the back here; my name is Bethany Williams. I also work for the Department with George. To add to your question Mayor, to something that looking at with this report, is to move beyond just the Financial Health Assessment part of it, but to also look at the operations review. And I think what you're talking about is that there have been some significant changes in the way that business is done from the city hall here, and you know the operation at large has really shifted for the better. And we've had that conversation a number of times of just some of the conscious decision-making that you guys have made. And so one of the things that will be true in this report will be a narrative surrounding things that have been in the works, changes that have happened that'll be reflected in your financial review, but also from an operational review to continue talking about changing the trajectory of the City's finances, the City's operations; it'll call out the things that have been positive, it'll call out some of the areas that there's still room for improvement in, and then it'll provide recommendations that we can come forward with and support you through financial commitment to that. And to help you pay for things that will help you be more

efficient and more operation operationally solvent; so with this program, I think what we're looking to do is scaffold the work that's happening with this administration to look at ways that we can you know do a foundation check, make sure that all the numbers are really accurate um for what your projections look like and say hey if we're headed in this direction, in this particular area, what are our recommendations to turn that trajectory in a positive direction? If it's not currently there, if you need the resources to help turn the nose of the ship a little bit faster, um let's see how we can scaffold that with some funding. So really the goal would be to say we know that there's been movement happening with this administration; we know that you're making decisions. How can we come in and support that with really good databased recommendations to keep that going?
Mayor Mozer: so one of the things that uh came out in some of our discussions was with Johnna Pro and she has some other programs - the NPP program as an example. How does that interact with the stamp program, or does it have any interaction with that?
Ms. Williams: George is your local rep so I'm trying to let him build a relationship with you guys here but I was the Southwest PA local government policy specialist also so I have a soft spot in my heart; Johnna is the regional director and she is over the community based programs, and so one of the conversations we were having was there's a significant need to support some of the momentum that's happening with the community- based programs; with some of the blight reduction and some of the community programming that you guys have been doing, and our programs don't necessarily have um the guidelines in place with our um ….while we're all DCED
and that'll be confusing to anyone who doesn't live in our world, um our team is the Governor Center for local government services, so we specifically focus on governmental operations. Johnna Pro, who's the regional director, has access to a whole different pot of funding through DCED to support the community-based programming um that can also help with the health of a community. And so um I've always said, and George and I both have lived in third class cities and spent time working in local government in third class cities, and so we really understand that side of the equation - that your community based programs need to be just as healthy as your local government for there to be an overall health change in your community. So going from years and years and years of distress takes a while to really shift that back to growth and progress, and so the community-based programs need to come alongside of that. So what Jon's programs have the opportunity to do is actually draw resources in from the business community, and so the neighborhood partnership program that the Mayor's referring to is a great opportunity to draw investment in from a corporation of some kind that is looking for a tax credit, and there have been some really positive changes in that program. The state budget added a bunch of millions of dollars into their pot to continue to do good work through that and increase the amount of tax credits that these corporations can receive if they put that money directly into a community. And so that funding can be drawn in by a local nonprofit and be given to them for operational funding to be able to do good work like blight reduction or community programming or um staffing and capacity building for organizations that are doing good work in Monessen, and to support the good work that the municipality is also doing. And

so it's kind of that double based approach of saying we want our community to grow with our economy. We want our community to grow with our local government so that as we grow our residents can take advantage of the resources that are coming out, as that growth happens. So if there are new businesses, we have residents who are ready to take on the jobs that'll come in. And so that neighborhood partnership program is a great opportunity to do that other side of the picture um with DCED and to tap into some of our other resources. It's also a heck of a lot more money than we have in our pot of funds and so we're really looking for a pretty substantial ask from a corporation over the course of six years to come in and invest in Monessen, and in return they'll receive a benefit with tax credits, and the City will then benefit of having that money to be able to use for the good of the residents of Monessen. So um we are having those conversations from the other angle from DCED, um and so Johnna, while she wasn't able to be here tonight, um we're in constant communication with her about her approach there. She's going to guide the City administration through how to work with um her side of the shop and how to pull in those conversations with those corporations, and then really what programming we're looking to support through that. And so um that will be kind of a double-sided approach; we're going to hopefully do both simultaneously, um as long as we're able to put all the pieces together. And so um it's really kind of all hands on deck at this point with the City.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. I guess last but not least we've done this the uh the stamp program once before. Do we need to redo a new resolution and go through the process as we did the first time a couple years ago and redo this?

Ms. Williams: so we would look for you guys to pass resolution mostly because we're actually doing sort of a shorter version. We're going to actually need you to send out a new RFP because we do have some of the work done already; the good news for you as Council is that it's probably going to bring the cost down of the overall first plan. So the contribution that we're making will be less but the contribution uh contribution that you guys are going to make will be less, because we already have some of the data and numbers pulled together that will help with part of the picture. And so we actually have a couple examples of other communities that we done this with, where they had a Financial Health Assessment done and they really uncovered some question marks that they needed a fuller picture. And so we came in and added funding to the picture to finish out that plan, and so we'll help you with all of those samples. But really it ended up being a much more cost-efficient way of doing this process. It's not the way that we um always go about doing the program but we are appreciative of the fact that you guys took the initiative to do that side of it first, and that you're calling us in to come help to get you into our program so that we can continue to provide that support. So um with that, uh hopefully it'll be a lower cost, but it we will need a new resolution; we'll need a little bit of um the leg work done again, only because I think we're going to have a better response for you guys, consultants-wise, because we have a handful of folks who are really familiar with what it looks like to finish out those plans. I think we know a couple of the questions that we're asking a little bit better now this this time around, so um we'll look for you guys to do that. But

we'll work alongside of you to give you all the samples that you need; it shouldn't be a whole lot of a leg work to get that onto the next
agenda.
Mayor Mozer: so with the uh cycle that goes on in Harrisburg as far as funding is concerned, what is the timing that we need to be aware of if we're going to proceed in this fashion.
Ms. Williams: that's a great question so we are doing our next review um right at the beginning of October. So we're looking to have resolutions passed, applications in, um and all of the details kind of sorted out. RFP's sent out and responses gathered so that you know how much money you're applying for um before then, and George will walk you guys through all of that he'll sit with you through every call, he'll be able to interview consultants with you, do all those kinds of things um but as far as my side of the equation goes which is the reviewal of all those applications, um I'm scheduling that for probably the first week of October. But if not, it'll be the third week.
Mayor Mozer: okay. Well I do appreciate it. Does anybody else have any questions they'd like to ask? I thank you very much for your information.
Councilman Orzechowski: thank you.
Councilperson Cosner: oh since I'm new I just wondered has stamp been around very long enough to see cycles within communities and have you examples of other communities similar to Monessen that's gone through that entire cycle and came out in a positive direction on the other side?
Ms. Williams: yeah absolutely, so um so actually George and I have both been in communities who actually went through that process, and that's part of the reason why we're both at DCED because we really understood the value of what that produced for our communities. George was actually an act 47 community, so it was the you know the really heavily distressed communities who we go in and provide very in-depth uh support there I was in a community that used stamp as a way to divert away from Act 47 um and so both of us actually saw the value of DCED's involvement and model in our communities to come in and really provide some really well-timed advice to kind of turn the trajectory. We have seen a number of communities do the five years with DCED, they'll come in and they'll do that phase one report; they'll do implementation phases and you can submit multiple implementation phases - as many as you're able to complete, and as many as we're able to fund within that 5 year time frame, that the numbers are valid. And then they actually at the end of five years said hey we really need some updated numbers. That report was so helpful; we'd like to go through the process again, get updated numbers, and then actually enter into new phases of implementation just to keep the ship going in the right direction. I could provide case study on any of those if that would be helpful, um but I know that between George and I and our involvement over the last like, I don't know, three years with the Department we
could tell you, even just in that time communities who have done it multiple times. But um just from our own personal experience we've seen the value of that; that really making a huge difference in our communities and giving them the guidance to be able to make data informed decisions that can help keep the train headed in the right direction. And you know, making

those interventions when we need to. It used to be called The Early Intervention Program so some people will call it that every once in a while. We rebranded it because we didn't want people to feel like only distressed communities go through the program. We wanted it to feel like it was open to communities who just wanted to make wise decisions in their communities. And so that actually made it a really popular program, and now we're very, very busy because it used to have sort of a stigma with it, and now it's more of a, hey, can you guys help us. come in and have a good perspective on where we can go as a community.
Councilperson Thomas: George, he said he's from McKeesport - what community were you from that you said used Act 47?
Ms. Williams: yes, City of Beaver falls, just in Beaver County just North.
MAYOR MOZER: yep, at the end. Well, thank you very much. If nobody has any other questions, no no, that's not the purpose. Thank you. I do appreciate your time.
Mr. Newsome: I was also the city manager um of a community that was in Act 47 so I can also piggyback what she said about communities who been able to see uh, you know, come out of Act 47 and able and able to get to help. What I can do, because I don't have any cards, Ric Varela does this, so I'm going to, if you guys have pen and paper, I'll give you guys my contact information. You want to write, because I don't know, I will probably not be here till the end. So I'm going to give this to you now. I'm going to give it to you, - he's talking.
Mayor Mozer: he's going to miss the answer. Could you please say pay attention?
Mr. Newsome: I'm going to give you my contact information. You have a pen? I'm going to give you my contact information, so you can ask me. Okay my phone number is 717-649-2495 and my email is gnewsome@pa.gov. I do better with emails than phone; you have a better chance of getting me through email than by phone.
Mayor Mozer: okay thank you for your time. Thank you very much; I appreciate it very much. Well continuing through the uh the agenda I'd like to point out a couple of things under my section; first off B and C are duplicated. They're the same thing and both of them are repeated as H and I, so we we'll skip B and C, and we'll do H and I in this place, which will accomplish the same goal. With that I want to like to make a couple comments regarding some of the things that we gone on in the city over the last couple weeks. First off, Third Street, if anybody's been over Third Street, they've noticed they've been working on it hot and heavy today. They will finish that up sometime by early afternoon tomorrow, at least that's the plan. We will have a brand-new road leading from Schoonmaker all the way to Third Street Extension, Third Street Extension to Marion. Marion at the top of the hill was replaced a couple years ago, so it's going to be a brand-new road. Please don't turn it into a Speedway. I will ask our police to monitor the speed on that; it does not need to become a racetrack just because of this new pavement. The goal of that is to have that done before the game tomorrow night; big, big football game between Charleroi and Monessen., and it always has lots of people there. If you're going to go to the game, go early because it'll be a parking problem for sure, but don't go speeding through Third Street. We've got several other things going on in the city right now and it's very difficult to understand all these things that are happening because they got different things happening. As an example on Montraver we have the water company and the

gas company doing work up there; um the problem with all that is they will repave Montraver all the way around including the cul-de-sac; howsomever we don't want to do that until we make sure that we don't have a problem with the sewer line that runs from Montraver to Third Street. It'd be horrible to pave the road and then come back immediately, dig it up and have problems, so um I've asked our engineer to expedite the camera work on that line to make sure that we do that as quickly as possible so we know what we need to do there. The same is true on Marion. Marion has some gas work that was done on it. They've suggested that they put the money for repaving in escrow until which time we determine what needs to be done with a sewer line. If we have to go back and dig that line that road up in order to replace a sewer line because there are some that believe that it's collapsed in a major problem, we'd want to do the paving after we dig it up. Shrader Avenue has got both water line and gas line work and has the same issues, so engineering's got some big tasks in front of them right now. They need to get a lot of camera work done then and determine how we're going to move forward on some of these projects. So with that I'm going to allow Lois, if she would be so kind as to start with motion D and read my motions.
Councilperson Thomas: D, right? Okay. Good evening, everyone. We would like to make a motion to approve payment of WC Inc invoice number 20248 in an amount of $24,400 for 10% for engineering design services for the 2024 CDBG Roadway Rehabilitation Third Street Paving Project.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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.
Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve proposed demolition of the following structures and properties within the City of Monessen:
1115 Ohio Avenue, 219 Aliquippa Avenue, 7 Aliquippa Avenue, 201 Aliquippa Avenue, 2 Reed Avenue, 50 Reed Avenue, 613 9th Street, 653 Knox Avenue, 657 Knox Avenue, 34 McKee Avenue, 202 Reed Avenue and 334 Oneida Street.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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.
Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve the return of an application for inspection and habitation permit fee of $65 to Edzaroe Bell, as the applicant was not required to pay this fee.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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.

Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve Amendment Six to the owner and engineering agreement as attachment K, not to exceed $353,912.00 to inspect manholes, acquire the permits, perform the engineering for final design, the bidding process for phase three, and the construction and post construction phases.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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.
Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve PennVest phase four pay application number 11 to Reynold's Brothers for an amount of $270,010.34 for work done under contract Mon 2021-02.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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.
Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve PennVest phase four application number 12 to Reynold's Brothers for an amount of $79,520.96 for work done under contract Mon 2021-02. They will have been paid everything accept a 5% retainage that DEP requires until all close out items are finalized.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: second.
Mayor Mozer: any questions? I'd like to point out that once we do this, the DEP will come in and do an inspection of phase four; once they are satisfied, they'll pay the final 5%. It'll also move it from a construction loan to a long-term loan. Call the roll please.
Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes; Mayor Mozer – yes.
Councilperson Thomas: motion to approve a conditional offer of employment as a police officer in the City Monessen to Valerie Bednar, contingent upon the completion of all necessary testing and required paperwork for the Department. Employment shall begin on the first scheduled day of work.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 turn it over to Councilman Anthony for Director of accounts and Finance.
Councilman Orzechowski: thank you, Mayor. I make a motion to transfer $73,508.20 from the general account to the payroll account for payroll issued on August 15, 2024.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?

Jn: 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.
Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $89,372.91. All attachments are listed under Attachment “A”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 ‘d like to make a motion to pay the following invoices for the parks Fund in the amount of $2,272.41. All invoices are attached this agenda is Attachment “C”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 recreational account in the amount of $328.76. All invoices are attached to this agenda's Attachment “D”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $15,980.34. All invoices are attached to this agenda's Attachment “E”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: second.
Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.
Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes; Mayor Mozer – yes.
Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account the amount of $11,515.00. All invoices are attached to this agenda's Attachment “F”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 refuges account in the amount of $49,591.73. All invoices are attached to agenda's Attachment “G”.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 retired healthcare benefit payments in the amount of $11,405.02.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: second.
Mayor Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.
Mr. Korposh: Councilperson Cosner – yes; Councilman Nestor – aye; Councilperson Thomas – yes; Councilman Orzechowski – yes; Mayor Mozer – yes.
Councilman Orzechowski: I make a motion to transfer $5,000 from the general account to the healthcare account.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: 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 balances are as:
American Rescue Fund $66,243.70, Debt Service Fund $1,135,386.14, Fire Escrow account $21,482.40, General Fund is $674,498.43, Grant Fund is $92,836.87, Healthcare Fund is $4,875.98, Line Usage Fund has $718,490.85, Liquid Fuels Fund $67,024.69, Parks Fund has $180,566.49, Payroll has $21,543.58, Recreation has $4,896.06, and Refuse Account has $118,648.49, and mayor that's my report.
Mayor Mozer: thank you sir. At this time, I'd like to ask Councilperson Lois Thomas for her report if she has one.
Councilperson Thomas: yes our Streets Department report for July 2024: collect the garbage twice a week downtown, they marked 55 PA Once calls, cold patched several streets throughout the City, fixed the catch basin, reported two catch basins that needed total repairs, put up signs throughout the City, started and finished repairs on a few of their new trucks, cut City lots throughout the City, got new lights in the city garage, and we were able to catch up and open up a few sidewalks and curbs because of the drought, and help the parks department as needed. That is my report mayor.
Mayor Mozer: thank you. councilman John, would you like to give us your report?
Jn: thank you, honorable Mayor, Members of Council, administrative staff, citizens of Monessen, here's the following report for the Public Safety Department for July 2024. Police Department receipts for the month of July 2024, miscellaneous collections, copies of police accident report - $180.00. Charleroi prisoners - $175.00. Restitution - $70.40. Total

miscellaneous collections is $425.40. Court receipts for District Justice office, vehicle code fines collected - $444.57. Crime code fines collected $392.94. Code enforcement collected $9.02. Total receipts for District Justice Office are $846.53. Total receipts collected for July 2024 are $1,271.93. Citations for July 2024: 64, year to date – 448. Code activity report for July 2024: habitation permits – 15, correction letters – 22, animal complaints – 4, miscellaneous complaints – 18, health inspections – 2, office meetings with residents – 4, citations issued -2, building permits – 3, zoning permits – 14. The following is the Monessen Municipal Fire Chief report for 2024 of July: vehicle accidents – 3, Public Service – 2, tree down – 2, structure fires – 3, medical assistance – 3, automatic fire alarms – 3, carbon monoxide – 4, wires down – 1, Landing Zone – 1, natural gas – 2, brush fires – 2, search detail – 1, smoke investigation – 1, assistant state police fire marshal – 1, calls outside the City, automatic fire alarm Charleroi – 1, structure fire, Fallowfield Township – 1, structure fire, Charleroi – 1, vehicle fire, North Belle Vernon – 1, total calls – 33, total fire – 262, firefighters per call, 7.93, total man hours – 362. The following is the Mon Valley Emergency Medical Service uh 2024 call volume: total calls – 225, year to date 1,489. Other than that Mayor, I'd like to thank the Municipal Police Chief for his activities and work with the school district on Monday, with the Rostraver police department and the Pennsylvania State Police. I'd also like to welcome all the kids back to a wonderful school year hopefully, and I yield the floor to you Mayor; thank you.

Mayor Mozer: well thank you; as long as we're talking about the police I'd like to point out that the police have received an offer for a canine, and what we need is a car suitable for that so this reaches a lot of different people but anybody who would like to donate a police car suitable for the K9, the City is very much in the market for it.

Mr. Telegraphis: that's like $70,000.00.

Mayor Mozer: yep. Councilwoman Karen, would you like to give us your report?

Councilperson Cosner: sure, the parks um report for July is um got garbage and picked up litter in the Parks cleaned the Civic Center as needed, cut the parks and ball fields, cleaned the pavilions and parks for the events that were scheduled, put up new basketball nets at Madison Park, helped the street department as needed, and that's my report. I would like to mention and remind everybody about the community flea market that we have scheduled for Saturday September 7th down at the vacant lot at the corner of Fifth and Donner, and also I had mentioned a few times ago that I was going to go through all the parks and take a look at the benches because I'm spending time in the parks I noticed that some of them really were in pretty bad condition, so I went to all the parks and all the other benches that I could find in Monessen and came up with a list. So, if anybody would like to help me try to come up with a plan to how we replace some of these benches or remove them, because some of them are in pretty bad condition; they

could be a safety hazard, so I just wanted you to let you know that I did follow through with that so thank you very much.

Mayor Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to open the floor for public comment directed to myself on any item related to business ordinances, statutes, resolutions or daily work product in the attention of the City of Monessen.
Mr. Telegraphis: Can you hear me now? Okay, uh Karen.
Councilperson Cosner: yes.
Mr. Telegraphis: I have a suggestion, why don't you go to some companies and see if a company put their logo on it and provide you with a bench. They'll be coming to the city government for money. Okay.
Councilperson Cosner: I'm not.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay, well go to corporations. Corporations might put…
Mayor Mozer: we have no shortage of benches in the parks, I might point out too.
Mr. Telegraphis: no but she said that uh.
Mayor Mozer: some of them are getting to be old.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay well she could go to a corporation and see if they'll put their logo on it and provide you with a brand new uh bench. You want suggestions, so gave you one.
Councilperson Cosner: thank you.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay, um Tony you told us last May that you were going to come up with how are we looking in September, about making ends meet by the end of the year; where are we at this stage? Are you gonna have a detail report in September that we're going to be making ends meet by the end of the year?
Councilman Orzechowski: I don't have a crystal ball, but I give you up to the date of what we have in the accounts, and all our accounts are paid.
Mr. Telegraphis: well you said you were going to provide us with some sort of uh outlook in September; that's what you told us.
Councilman Orzechowski: Okay.
Mr. Telegraphis: so, can you do that in September? I don't want it now, I'm just bringing it to your attention so you got at least 30 days to come up with something. Mayor, I have a problem here with - you put in Mike Korposh to do the grant, because he has too much work as it is, and the way these people were talking about - six phases, and he got to go back five years, and then five years forward - how's Mike going to do that?
Mayor Mozer: well first off, the whole point of that is we all work together on these things, and nobody said that Mike was going to do all the work. The whole point in going with Stamp is they will have a consulting firm come in and do this work for us.
Mr. Telegraphis: she said you got to have someone here as a manager. Who's going to do that?
Mayor Mozer: the city clerk. That is not Mike, that is a city clerk.
Mr. Telegraphis: so the city clerk is in a position to do this?
Mayor Mozer: she's in a position to.
Mr. Telegraphis: you better ask her first.
Mayor Mozer: I will, but that's what they suggested too.

Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, okay and then um I'm kind of confused here, how do you going to do this whenever each administration that took over after being voted in, you guys got no records and details what the last administration did. Like everybody tears up their paper.
Mayor Mozer: well, that's not true we have the audit reports from each year and in fact all the audit reports going back to around 2000 are on the website now, each individual year.
Mr. Telegraphis: they are? Because every time I go on the website there's always gaps.
Mayor Mozer: go look on the uh website; there's only a couple years that are missing. I'm looking for those. Those are old years too.
Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, but they're missing links.
Mayor Mozer: they are but we're talking 2003 type thing I don't really care that far.
Mr. Telegraphis: that far back? And what are we doing with the barges because the water went down so what are we going to do with the barges? Are we going to wait until a disaster happens?
Mayor Mozer: part of the um plan that we're talking about doing first off, the uh the engineers, the Army Corps of Engineers has said they spent all their money; they spent their $1 billion dollars and they don't have few billion left.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay, so when does that leave us?
Mayor Mozer: that leaves us having to be responsible for it ourselves, and that can be a part of a
project that we're talking about with this NPP as an example. That along with several others.
Mr. Telegraphis: well, they you're not clear with that because what could they handle? Could they do Road repairs no?
Mayor Mozer: who?
Mr. Telegraphis: this NPP.
Mayor Mozer: NPP can do anything. We will have a committee that will look at all the different projects.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay so what are you going to prioritize?
Mayor Mozer: that is for a committee to determine.
Mr. Telegraphis: you just told me that you're going to determine.
Mayor Mozer: no, I said that a committee will determine this.
Mr. Telegraphis: who's the committee?
Mayor Mozer: the committee will consist of 13 people, I do believe.
Mr. Telegraphis: are they all from Monessen, or they from out of town?
Mayor Mozer: some of them are from the community action; they're from the county and that is by decree by uh Johnna Pro.
Mr. Telegraphis: all I know is that we need road repair here, okay?
Mayor Mozer: we do and as I pointed out that the water company will be doing the most of the re road repair. Today we're doing Third Street; at the end of next month and then in September we will have the first of two public hearings for how we will budget the 2024 CDBG budget.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay you're talking uh future tense. November 1st most asphalt…

Mayor Mozer: I'm sorry but we're doing, no, today was Third Street; that's the best I can do for you.
Mr. Telegraphis: well Third Street and then all the other roads are that go till next year.
Mayor Mozer: you got to start someplace we don't have an unlimited budget.
Mr. Telegraphis: because of November first most asphalts shut down so how the hell you going to repair anything? What about the EMS the ambulance?
Mayor Mozer: so far, they've been holding up their end of the deal.
Mr. Telegraphis: why did I still keep hearing people uh Rostraver shows up and not Monessen?
Mayor Mozer: there there's a cooperation agreement but as far as I can tell they've responded to over 90% of the calls.
Mr. Telegraphis: well, this what I like you guys make general statements like Karen asked these two gentlemen and a woman here if they could provide samples or examples of who benefited and all they say oh yeah, we know, but they don't give us no names, no town names, no municipalities, no project names; so all we get is that we know but uh everything's going okay.
Mayor Mozer: every city is unique.
Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, but they don't provide us with any details.
Mayor Mozer: that's because we have the opportunity to determine what we want to have done, and we will do that here in Council in the open public.
Mr. Telegraphis: we want an example so then we know if it's worth to going down that uh road.
Councilperson Thomas: Beaver Falls.
Mr. Telegraphis: no, that's where they're from.
Mayor Mozer: but they…
Councilperson Thomas: no they have the programs.
Mayor Mozer: we have a decorum here, be quiet. (To Pino Cianflone) Both of you both of you. One more time. Okay, officer, would you please escort him out of the building? You keep interrupting. I said it one more time because he is talking. I said to both of you, numerous times. You're not both; you can either step out politely or you can be escorted out. I am not going to put up with it. Would you please escort him out?
Mr. Telegraphis: okay so continuing now.
Mayor Mozer: thank you.
Mr. Telegraphis: you people mentioned Beaver, you mentioned uh Butler, but they didn't tell you what they did. So people just drop names drop the title.
Mayor Mozer: I would give you a little bit I'll give you a little bit of a challenge if you Google STMP municipalities in the state of Pennsylvania, you will have a big list; there is a lot of municipalities that are going through this; there's plenty of examples out there. Youngstown is one that comes to mind.
Mr. Telegraphis: well, we're not talking about Ohio.
Mayor Mozer: we're talking about Youngtown, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Telegraphis: oh, okay I thought you said Youngstown.

Mayor Mozer: I did there's a Youngstown there.
Mr. Telegraphis: There's a Youngstown there? I didn't know that.
Mayor Mozer: there's lots of them, lots of examples.
Mr. Telegraphis: well they give you name dropping but what did they do there?
Mayor Mozer: there is plenty of information.
Mr. Telegraphis: how much money did they spend there? How much Grand money do they get?
Mayor Mozer: okay you made a point move on okay.
Mr. Telegraphis: well we got no clue how much money they made as far as grants.
Mayor Mozer: move on.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay but we names and that's enough.
Mayor Mozer: move on move on you made a point.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay so uh this Visionary group that you have, have you elected a visionary group in the past. Are they going to be participant in this uh determination of how many?
Mayor Mozer: there may be some overlap, I'm not sure.
Mr. Telegraphis: I mean what we got the group for?
Mayor Mozer: well, I don't know what the constituents are going to be in that group yet.
Mr. Telegraphis: you got the name group, you got the vision group, now you got these people.
Mayor Mozer: this is a group for the stamp program.
Mr. Telegraphis: the thing is you got all these groups, and we got nothing definite from any of them Mayor Mozer: don't do anything is what you're saying.
Mr. Telegraphis: no, I didn't say that.
Mayor Mozer: okay. Well then move on then.
Mr. Telegraphis: but we're got to have some finite probable cause of what is going to come.
Mayor Mozer: I understand.
Mr. Telegraphis: you can't just do it on some sort of you know like, I remember doing a comprehensive plan two years ago people were here were told like little kindergarten kids - what would you like to see when we knock down these buildings? One person said a theater, another one a boutique. Nothing happened. Two years went by, so we're just wishful thinking in a wishful well for things that happen, when there's no foundation to make it happen.
Mayor Mozer: Okay.
Mr. Telegraphis: so, what, the buildings are gone; who's going to take over the space? You got rubble underneath with three inches of uh grass; that ain't going to bring nobody in.
Mayor Mozer: so invite somebody in.
Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, who? If you're not working or what, we're going to wait for someone to drive through Monessen and oh I like this Prairie land here. I'm going to build a ranch.
Mayor Mozer: okay, go on.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay, I just want specifics.
Mayor Mozer: nobody has specifics.
Mr. Telegraphis: How are you going to build anything if you don't have specifics?
Mayor Mozer: because we come up with specific you say that nobody has any ideas.

Mr. Telegraphis: what you doing, a comprehensive plan when they were going to…
Mayor Mozer: Ernie Ernie Ernie Ernie Ernie Ernie.
Mr. Telegraphis: yeah, they're going to start now.
Mayor Mozer: yeah, you made a point go on, move on.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay one last question, what are we going to do with uh industry? You going to invite any the industry here or just politics and bureaucrats who going to bring in consultants and guidance and no uh future development.
Mayor Mozer: we're working on several projects.
Mr. Telegraphis: I'm talking about employers.
Mayor Mozer: we're talking about employers.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay, when are they coming?
Mayor Mozer: they're coming this year or we're going to wait for another 5-year plan; could be anything.
Mr. Telegraphis: I just want specifics, definite people.
Mayor Mozer: and I will give them to you as soon as they are available.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay that's it; thank you.
Mayor Mozer: thank you. Okay, anybody else?
Mr. France: does this one work?
Mayor Mozer: not very well; the mic works better.
Mr. France: good evening councilmen, mayor, in case you don't know me or anything my name is uh Ric France. I've been the owner and operator of Ric's Custom Polishing, 1600 Grand Boulevard - 34 years. I graduated from here Monessen in 1969. When I decided to open up a place, a building became available, and I went for it. I bought the Old Boar. I went and I met all the requirements and the zonings and this and that and I operated in Monessen for 34 years in a gas station that I used to pump gas at when I was 12 or 13. Boys paid my taxes without incidents for 34 years; also I've done much work for the City pro bono. You've never seen it; it was mostly for the uh maintenance department, work departments, Tom McLaughlin that they needed a whole drilled. I had heavy metal working facilities; had done many projects for Monessen and saved them thousands of dollars, kept their machines running, and made them run faster. They can't get parts. I either remade or counterfeited a part to get them done. Okay.
Mayor Mozer: okay.
Mr. France: now I'm selling my building. 73 years old; I've had a stroke, I can't hardly walk and it was time for me to sell the building. I went down here to talk to Mr. Marin Davis, upon which he gave me a couple uh papers, collected $30 for an application of permit, but stated that being as my business was commercial, he could not perform the inspection. Now if he is the code enforcement officer, how come he can't inspect it? Is he not qualified? Okay well then uh comes…
Mayor Mozer: they will use K2 engine in for that. K2 engineering is certified. K2 engineering is.
Mr. France: well here's the thing, with K2 engineer if you have a city and code enforcement officer he should be able to do it; the point is he cannot do it. I want to see his… as a uh code

enforcement officer he has to partake and pass a state mandated uh course. Has he done that?
Mayor Mozer: that's the reason why we use K2 engineering for these types of things.
Mr. France: okay so he has no certification.
Solicitor Dalfonso: if he was the building code official, you're correct. He's the code officer.
Mr. France: yes.
Solicitor Dalfonso: so, you're incorrect; he does not enforce the uniform construction code; that is the building code official, which is K2 engineering; has been for a number of years.
Mr. France: and how are they related to the uh Monessen.
Solicitor Dalfonso: They are the professional service that's contracted.
Mr. France: well, that's what he told me; that he's not certified.
Solicitor Dalfonso: he's not certified to be the building code official; he's the code enforcement. Mr.LeFevre, you're wrong.
Mr. LeFevre: I'm right.
Solicitor Dalfonso: no, you're not.
Mr. LeFevre: yes, I am.
Mr. France: well, okay.
Solicitor Dalfonso: to not enforce the uniform construction code.
Mr. LeFevre: why did Mr. Shorraw's administration have a certified officer?
Mayor Mozer: he resigned; he's gone.
Solicitor Dalfonso: because he was a building code official; he was a building code official… building code official.
Mayor Mozer: there's a difference.
Solicitor Dalfonso: building code official.
Mayor Mozer: I we never said he was.
Mr. France: well it's true, now the problem comes to me I had a stroke I'm selling the building. Now I contacted Mr. Davis, I talked to him. He said that I would have to have a rain gutter dye check something.
Mayor Mozer: dye test.
Mr. France: yes, okay have no problem with that but I have to commission K2 engineering to secure a occupancy permit; now what is an occupancy? I was in the building for 34 years and the thing would be that uh they told me I went to shut down the shop and I had to, according to Mr. Davis, I had to commission K2 to do to it the cost of
$340 to get a piece of paper that he should have been, that they issued to me 34 years ago when I moved into the building. Now how come?
Mayor Mozer: I'm not sure I can answer that question. I will find out though.
Mr. France: the problem is that without this one piece of paper, my life is in jeopardy. The sale of the building is in jeopardy and well it would take three minutes for him to come through if he's anywhere near qualified to do that, to look at the place - say yep it's okay. No Gremlins coming out of the walls, the building walls ain't falling down, 3 minutes to sign that piece of paper. Now I have to take that piece of paper to my real estate agent that goes to the title

search company that is facilitating all the paperwork on the transfer of the building. I contacted K2, talked to I believe it's Casey, and she says it would not make sense, as I am the seller not the buyer.
Mayor Mozer: right. I'm not sure why you're going through all this in the first place.
Mr. France: Mr. Davis.
Mayor Mozer: this would be the buyer, would it not?
Jn: I know looking a house it's the has to do all the work.
Mayor Mozer: okay.
Solicitor Dalfonso: usually it's contingent on closing to have an occupancy inspection before the transaction closes, yes.
Mr. France: well who performed that I thought a code enforcement.
Solicitor Dalfonso: you have a commercial building.
Mr. France: yes.
Solicitor Dalfonso: a building code official, not code enforcement officer, somebody who's authorized to implement the uniform construction code because it's a commercial building. It has to do the occupancy inspection by law.
Mr. France: so I have to spend $380 for them to come in here.
Solicitor Dalfonso: if that's what the fee is, yes.
Mr. France: for the privilege of selling this building?
Solicitor Dalfonso: yes that's what the law states.
Mr. France: well then how come I talk to K2 and they said that that was not so? I'm getting a royal run around here.
Solicitor Dalfonso: the City's going to look into that as to why they would tell you that.
Mayor Mozer: I would think that that would be part of the purchase agreement - who pays for what anyway.
Mr. Telegraphis: the buyer.
Mayor Mozer: well it could be the buyer, it could be the seller depending on the agreement. I know a lot of a lot of that has changed dramatically over the last few weeks due to some changes with the realtors.
Mr. France: well, that's the thing. I'm chasing my tail and trying to chase ghosts here.
Mayor Mozer: well, give me your phone number you can either give it to me in private or…
Mr. France: no, no, I have no problems.
Mayor Mozer: I will uh research this tomorrow.
Mr. France: Ric France or Eric France, if you want to get formal about it, it's uh 724-554-8195.
Mayor Mozer: I will uh check into this and give you a call tomorrow.
Mr. France: because when I sold my father's house…
Mayor Mozer: that's a house not a commercial business and laws have changed, yes.
Mr. France: I guess that's it, I mean I just, this is totally uh unrealistic here.
Mayor Mozer: I will try to find get some answers for you and understand it myself. I don't understand it myself. Thank you. Anybody else?

Madeline Dudas, 32 Shaw Drive, Monessen. Who owns the parking garage on Donner to Schoonmaker?
Mayor Mozer: the city does.
Ms. Dudas: the city owns it? Has that been evaluated as to what the cost for repairing or demolishing it, or… I'm asking this because I go to Felicia's.
Mayor Mozer: they need parking.
Ms. Dudas: and it's not only Felicia's but how can you attract small businesses?
Mayor Mozer: yes I don't disagree with you.
Ms. Dudas: and I know at one point we had we were able to go in the Schoonmaker area and maybe four, two on each side, were open that you could use to park, but now that of course is all blocked off and you gotta park you know get your exercise program in and before you buy your pasta.
Mayor Mozer: so there are some other buildings that are going to be demolished out there on Schoonmaker and hopefully some of those will open up as that can be used for parking, but to be real honest with you the parking garage was condemned; it was condemned many years ago and when we asked…
Ms. Dudas: the whole thing was the upper part as well as the lower part?
Mayor Mozer: yes, the whole thing was condemned; the insurance was dropped on that so we contacted the insurance company and said what do we need to do to get this reversed they said well you have to get an engineering study done and so forth we went to W.E.C. and W.E.C. says what was it $9,000? $9,000 for the engineering and that includes no work to be done that's just $9,000 to determine what work needs to be done, so after that we get that engineering study, we'd have to invest even more money into it. I think Council as a whole is very sensitive to the need for parking up there there's no doubt about that. We've got to find a solution. I'm not sure it's in that parking garage but it might be in some of the other land that is vacated from buildings that we might be able to do something with. We've got to come up with a solution though, you're right.
Ms. Dudas: yeah, I think it's really a tragedy.
Mayor Mozer: it is a tragedy that was condemned and to demolish that building we've had quotes anywhere from several hundred thousand dollars to $50,000.
Ms. Dudas: I can imagine that it would be very…
Mayor Mozer: because we don't have the money, but it was condemned even further; further than that, it was the top that was condemned. You can't use the top, you can't use any of it, any part of it. We thought that we'd be able to get six spots on the top part and the engineering came back and said you need to go underneath there and look at the falling plaster and the cement. He said no, and as soon as they said that, the insurance would not insure it.
Ms. Dudas: okay and I was curious I in the newspaper, the delinquent uh garbage fees I think it was that was in there. How does that work? Do you just send letters out to the people to say you owe because there's a lot of money I think from what I've seen that are owed.
Mayor Mozer: we think so.
Ms. Dudas: and or is there a company that that you contract with.

Mayor Mozer: well Portnoff is the company that we use for collecting back garbage bills, so if you're late on garbage bills, it goes to Portnoff. So Portnoff is the one that has historically gone and tried to get collection from the people for their garbage bills; in the course of that they incur legal fees, and they incur… well I don't know what else they incur legal fees and interest I don't know penalties. So what the amnesty program will do is it gets them to cut their legal fees in half, is that right? And their penalties be dropped?
Solicitor Dalfonso: the penalties and interest will be waived, correct.
Mayor Mozer: penalties and interest will be waived; they will be sending out letters to all those people they've been trying to collect money from in the past and say you have a limited window of time between now and the end of the year that you can make good by paying your garbage bill at a very reduced rate from what it would normally, what they've been asking in the past.
Ms. Dudas: what's the consequence if they say…
Mayor Mozer: if they don't, then then it'll go back to what?
Solicitor Dalfonso: it'll just go through the collections; liens will be filed against the property. Portnoff will file civil actions against some of these people. They'll try to take you to court; that's Portnoff's doing. They're an aggressive company too. Anybody else?
Ms. Nicksich: I think she was referring to the taxes not the garbage, I think she was.
Mr. LeFevre: I just have one comment, my name's Ed LeFevre. I live on Keystone Drive. In the Mon Valley Independent on Wednesday July 31st we had an official here from the state, uh she's a PhD; uh she represents the Department of Drug and Alcohol uh Abuse programs. She met with a group of people at St Vincent De Paul and then she met with some families um at the family center it says in Monessen. My question is this, has anybody from city government attended this uh this meeting with this important official from the state from Harrisburg?
Mayor Mozer: I have in the past but not recently.
Mr. LeFevre: so here we have this woman that's going around to the counties, she's trying to educate uh people in these communities like Monessen about the drug problem, and she met with families in this other building, and there was no representative from the City of Monessen.
Mayor Mozer: for as far as I'm aware, I was never notified she was doing this; well after the fact after the fact.
Mr. LeFevre: she never actually notified?
Mayor Mozer: no I've never received notification. The Pennsylvania drug enforcement?
Mr. LeFevre: it was a listening group; um she was visiting um statewide tour to gauge uh how each of the Pennsylvania uh communities is handling the overdose and opioid epidemic. Let me just say this Mayor, if I were the Mayor I would really contact this woman and tell her that you were not aware that she was coming.
Mayor Mozer: yeah, when did that come out? I will find out and I will call her.
Mr. LeFevre: uh her name is uh what,
Mayor Mozer: what's the date on the newspaper?
Mr. LeFevre: the newspaper is uh July 31st ; the thing is what struck me was they took a picture of her meeting with these families and I find that very important, uh and then like you

said you were never contacted that's very unfortunate. Maybe it was her part that she didn't inform the City of Monessen, but that seems very odd.
Mayor Mozer: sorry as far as I know she notified nobody.
Jn: I think she was invited by the SPHS up there.
Mr. LeFevre: yeah probably it do doesn't say that.
Jn: so if they don't invite us, how are we going to be informed?
Mr. Telegraphis: you guys work together.
Mayor Mozer: as much as people keep us informed we will.
Mr. LeFevre: I came across this I don't know if Monessen is involved in this uh or you would actually seek a grant it's called the community service block grants CDBG and it's for um they work to uh look for the causes and conditions of poverty uh and disadvantage in the disadvantaged and low-income communities or sections of a community. Have you heard of that?
Mayor Mozer: uh is that related to CDBG? It sure sounds like the same Mission.
Mr. LeFevre: no it's called CSBG, Community Services.
Mayor Mozer: It's not part of CDBG though.
Mr. LeFevre: is it? I don't know I'm on this
Councilperson Thomas: excuse me it's on this list though so maybe it is.
MAYOR MOZER: it may be related yeah, it's on this list.
Mr. LeFevre: so that's a possibility of receiving income from them.
Mr. Korposh: I'll check.
Mr. Telegraphis: I just got one more question. County Hauling got bought out by Noble.
Mayor Mozer: that was years and years ago.
Mr. Telegraphis: okay well I heard they're going to start increasing the prices.
Mayor Mozer: we don't know; they're going to be going out for bid, so we'll find out.
Mr. Telegraphis: who's handling that? Who's going to interact with the council here who? Tony? Who's talking?
Mayor Mozer: we have a refuse authority that is a combination is a multi- how do you call this, municipality Council uh authority that controls the bidding, the contract, all that and that is in the process of going out for bid sometime probably in September, and that's when we'll find out what we're going to be having; who's interested in services.
Mr. Telegraphis: but you're going to have an input in this because I hear they're going to double the increase in garbage collection.
Mayor Mozer: I am not part of that authority; we're not part of it.
Mr. Telegraphis: but you can go to those meetings? when is the next meeting? You're telling me to go and you guys don't even know.
Mr. Korposh: I'll get you the date Ernie.
Mr. Telegraphis: well, I'm talking in behalf of the public we pay taxes so we should know what's coming down the road and we don't. All we get is uh other government people who come here and give us false hope or you gotta jump through all of these hoops.

Mayor Mozer: okay Ernie, Ernie, keep on target; what else what else do you have for a question?
Mr. Telegraphis: I just want definite things to be present here; that's what I want, all right, definite things.
Mayor Mozer: we'll get you the dates for the Refuse Authority and you can go to those meetings, and you can get it straight from them.
Mr. Telegraphis: well where at, here?
Mayor Mozer: they alternate between here and North Belle Vernon.
Ms. Lacey: I just got one question, um the project on Third Street has been up for to pay the invoice, correct?
Mayor Mozer: not yet but it will be soon.
Ms. Lacey: okay so the $70,000 that was allocated for 10th Street, did that go back into pool or where is that, and you said that we're meeting sometime in September for the next year's CDBG money? So but I just need to know where that $70,000 went, and if it didn't go to Third Street like you said, how come it can't go back to 10th Street?
Mayor Mozer: it might but 10th Street was out - we were told we could not do 10th Street.
Ms. Lacey: by okay now, were you told did you couldn't do 10 Street by Mr. Haglund or…
Mayor Mozer: we were told by Charlie Fies; he told me that we could not do 10th Street because there was not enough disadvantaged people living on that street.
Ms. Lacey: okay it has a name, a street name.
Mayor Mozer: 10th Street.
Ms. Lacey: and regardless, no it's 10th Street and I think Valley View or Mountain View or something like that.
Mayor Mozer: think about this for just one second; consider this from 10 Street to 14th Street on Knox, how many people live on that street?
Ms. Lacey: I don't care how many people live on…
Mayor Mozer: wait, wait let me finish Mayor; are you not understanding what I'm saying?
Ms. Lacey: you're not understanding what I'm saying, just because there's only four houses there that doesn't mean they don't deserve a street.
Mayor Mozer: I invited you to come by and we would call Charlie Fies and he would tell you exactly what we could. I invited you to come by…
Ms. Lacey: but you never did.
Mayor Mozer: I invited you to come by I'm here every day, come by. We will call Charlie Fies and we will talk to him.
Ms. Lacey: yeah, because it doesn't make sense to me; it's a road in Monessen that needs to be repaired just like Third Street.
Mayor Mozer: right
Ms. Lacey: the only thing down there is what, four houses and that apartment building right?
Mayor Mozer: and in fact, well that has been like…
Ms. Lacey: that's just like 10th Street; it's been like that for 40 years.

Mayor Mozer: that's not necessarily true, I did take Charlie fees up to Evergreen up there. I talked to him about that, Charlie Fies said well this is kind of interesting that is the access road for this whole side of town to get to the church. It has nothing to do with that. That is a major access road, and he said that there could be an argument made for paving that road so that's something we can discuss when we start doing our budget process.
Ms. Lacey: I would like to see that also taken in consideration for 10th Street okay, because after all, 10th Street is because you could even get the CDBG money in the first place.
Mayor Mozer: come talk to me and we will call Charle Fies and talk.
Councilperson Thomas: I just have a question because if it was approved originally what's the difference between when it was first approved and now?
Mayor Mozer: because we approved it by Council didn't mean that that CDBG would approve it and when they vacated the Highland Manor over there, that removed the need for that; there was nobody over there that would utilize that road in significant numbers.
Councilperson Thomas: I thought it was already approved though.
Mayor Mozer: but it was approved by Council not by CDBG; we still have to meet their requirements.
Councilperson Thomas: I could have sworn it was already on there. It was already approved by because it was in the funding already and then we moved it so if it was already in funding you're say it was already in the funding but we took that money from it for 10th Street.
Mayor Mozer: so, you can join us on this call to Charlie Fies.
Councilperson Thomas: it was already in there because it was moved from there so that's what I'm saying.
Mayor Mozer: that doesn't mean that they're still going to do that.
Ms. Lacey: I just gotta ask a question, so is this Charlie person a new person that takes care of our CDBG money?
Councilman Orzechowski: wait, that doesn't make sense, the whole city is now CD eligible. Why would it matter where it is why it can't be done?
Mayor Mozer: you need to look at these applications that were made for all the paving; every time you do a paving you have to estimate how much traffic that road gets, who benefits from that road, and so forth.
Councilman Orzechowski: but CDBG said the whole city is eligible for CDBG.
Mayor Mozer: so as an example we were contacted by Charlie Fies.
Councilman Orzechowski: everything, it used to be just certain are certain areas but that's not the case now. Jn: the whole area is eligible but not certain streets, just like Evergreen is not eligible for CDBG because there's no resident that is out there.
Mayor Mozer: it could be because of the access to a public – the only Catholic Church in town.
Councilperson Thomas: but there's major access there's a player of parks there; I don't understand that.
Mayor Mozer: come to see me; we will make a phone call. We will address that.
Councilperson Thomas: I don't understand that. When can we meet with that guy? You know how much; how many people are going to that park now since it's been updated? That's

ridiculous; it was those streets that were filled with cars up there across Ninth Street and far up so you cannot say that park is not an access to a lot of business now. I think we need to meet with him so he can address this.
Mayor Mozer: we can; we can give a call, and we can talk to him about that.
Councilperson Thomas: there comes a time where you have to take care of every part of Monessen.
Mayor Mozer: absolutely.
Councilperson Thomas: and that place has been left so bad and now that something new there - we can't make a road access better for it so that people can come there and park in a nice location? Do you know how much if that street was nice how many people could park up there, but nobody's taking their cars down there like there and kind of get a flat tire or something blown out on the bottom. I'm just being serious, it's about time we do something for that area, not just a little bit in the park.
Mayor Mozer: I'm saying we can talk about it.
Councilperson Thomas: we need to meet with him, and I bet you he'll change his mind.
Mayor Mozer: maybe so, maybe so yeah, he's very familiar with the road.
Councilperson Thomas: you know we want everybody to be proud of Monessen and we want everybody to take part, but you know what how do you think those people feel up there so how do you think people feel about that?
Mayor Mozer: how do you think people feel on Knox between 10th and 14th Street?
Councilperson Thomas: right same but it's the same area that's what I mean.
Mayor Mozer: Tenth and Knox has lots of residents up there.
Councilperson Thomas: It's the same area so let's make a difference start somewhere.
Mayor Mozer: right, that's what I'm saying. Third Street is a major access road for a good portion of town. There's three roads that get up there. I've got a counter on it there's hundreds of cars that go on that street every day. Parente we would love to do but Parente is too expensive; it's more money than we got.
Councilperson Thomas: yeah, I think we need to schedule meeting with him.
Mayor Mozer: we can; he was here last week or two weeks ago.
Councilperson Thomas: but you have to realize a lot of us have full-time jobs, so he needs to be willing to meet after hours maybe.
Mayor Mozer: he's also available via phone so we can give him a call at any time you have an opportunity. We can do a video conference with him. We can invite him back.
Councilperson Thomas: We can't even do the phone because we work.
Mayor Mozer: we're going in circles. Could I have a motion to adjourn?
Councilman Orzechowski: so moved.
Mayor Mozer: is there a second?
Jn: second.
Mayor Mozer: all in favor? (Aye)
Mayor Mozer: this meeting is ended. Thank you.