COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCTOBER 24, 2024 - 6:30PM

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY PASTOR JOHN PIPP OF THE MONESSEN COMMUNITY OF PASTORS.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF OCTOBER 10, 2024.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO MAYOR MOZER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

6. CORRESPONDENCE OLD BUSINESS - N/A

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

8. REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Mayor Mozer's recap of issues in the City of Monessen from October 10th, 2024, to October 24th, 2024.

b. Motion to appoint Recardo Hall of 1224 Maple Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 to the City of Monessen Planning Commission effective immediately for a Four (4) year term ending on October 10th, 2028. (Vote 5-0)

c. Motion to approve Advertising for the position of Civic Center Manager/Administrator. (Vote 5-0)

d. Motion to approve Advertising for positions on the Recreation Board of the City of Monessen. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to approve the minor subdivision submitted by Lawrence Manderino concerning 1 Donner Avenue, Parcel ID 20-02-04-0-080. (Vote 5-0)

f. Motion to terminate probationary clerical employee #213. (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to advertise for the position of Clerk within the Office of the City Treasurer with advertising and outreach efforts to begin on Friday October 25th. (Vote 5-0)

h. Motion to Transfer $226,495.99 to The Charles Schwab Trust Bank and Account from funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Auditor for their share of the 2024 Police MMO allocation and payment. (Vote 5-0)

i. A Resolution of the City of the Monessen, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community Development or funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as authorized under the Housing and Community Development (42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570 and further certifying compliance with the requirements of the said program. Be it resolved that the Community Development Plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, no profits and other interested par es through citizen participation process and Municipal information gathering is hereby adopted. Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Monessen Council, held October 24, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

j. Be it resolved, let all persons of the City of Monessen know that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing financing of housing or land for the construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services, because of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, (Federal Fair Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, adds the additional protected classes of age, and use of ancestry and will assist all who feel that they have been discriminated against, and ensure equal opportunity in Housing because of race, color, sex, national origin religion, family status. And Physical Handicap. Approved at the regularly scheduled mee ng of the City of Monessen on October 24, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

k. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monessen approving a Statement of Goals in compliance within compliance with the National Program for Minority and Women Business Enterprise, Executive Order, 11625, City of Monessen, Pennsylvania, 15062. (Vote 5-0)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $49,986.59. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “A”. (Vote 5-0)

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $470.03. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment “B.” (Vote 5-0)

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

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $3,279.41. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “D”. (Vote 5-0)

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $18,240.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “E”. (Vote 5-0)

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant Fund Account in the amount of $804.00. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as “Attachment “F”. (Vote 5-0)

g. Motion to approve the transfer of $67,365.98 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for payroll expenses. Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending September 30, 2024. (Vote 5-0)

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety Police and Public Safety Report for month ending, September 30, 2024.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks and Public Property

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

Announcement of Trunk or Treat at City Park on October 26th, from 2 pm to 4 pm, and Trick or Treat in the City of Monessen on October 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Announcement of Monessen Clean-Up Day activities and discussion of work preparation to coordinate and develop the effort.

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 is now 6:30. I'd like to call this city council meeting of October the 24th to order. Could I have a roll call please?

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: Councilperson Cosner - here; Councilman Nestor - present; Councilperson Thomas - yes; Councilman Orzechowski - present; Mayor Mozer - present. Mayor, we note five present and a quorum.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you; at this time, I'd like to ask Pastor John Pipp of the Monessen Community of Pastors to lead us in prayer.

Pastor John Pipp: and in behalf of the community of pastors I do want to thank you for opening up your hearts this ministry and uh letting us come in to share with you our hearts and the Father's work in our lives; let's pray. Heavenly Father we have assembled here because of our concern, because of your call your sovereign call upon in our life and we set aside those things that are not and look to those things that are and trust that the things that we do here tonight will form for us your will on Earth as it is in heaven for Monessen. And we're asking to Father God and acknowledging that by Your Word this world was made by Your Word hearts are formed,

destinies are determined, and we look to you and trust this meeting into your hands, not looking for the fruit of tonight but the time, the seasons yet to come, and we commit our thoughts to you and acknowledge you as the Living God and that your will be done and established for those of us here who do both seek for counsel and the silent voices of the people of Monessen who are not here, we dedicate this time to seek your guidance, to receive your thoughts, to deliver our conversations for the best for the Improvement and for the growth of Monessen. That truly your will will be done, that Monessen's people for today and the days yet to come we acknowledge that you are the Lord God of all Earth and only desire that we and Monessen people grow strong in spirit soul and body thrive in our families. Provisions for safety and economic growth we look back to see what Monessen can be, we look at the present to see what needs to be, and we look to you father - to you Lord God to find your way for today and our tomorrows. Lord God we ask through the hearts the minds of the people gathered here in behalf of the city of Monessen we ask for your wisdom that Monessen might be one may once again be a place for provision, for peace, for safety in our homes and our families and schools and in our streets, for ourselves, and for others to be a showcase of encouragement for others of the great mercy of which you have poured out upon us. Lord God we ask your blessing now upon those who have left their homes their families even those things we have yet to do and now gather together to trust this night under your sovereign work to bring us to the boldness for the task for the vision needed to trust for the strength needed to finish the work the task that you have given us and called us to do; amen.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Mayor Ron Mozer: I ask for approval of the minutes of the previous session.

Councilman John Nestor: mayor motion to approve the previous session of October 10th 2024 minutes.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilperson Lois Thomas: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Ron Mozer: at this time, I'd like to open the floor for questions on agenda items only, of course.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: 29 Rex. Okay on page three that started on page two, the item I, this uh package here of putting together the community development, is that the same thing that was written in the newspaper that you got 75,000 from the...

Mayor Ron Mozer: no this is for the future one, this is not for the past one.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: that was an LSA grant. This is this is CDBG.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so this is for what for next year this one?

Mayor Ron Mozer: yes.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: yes okay that we did that last uh time right?

Mayor Ron Mozer: no we've had public hearings on that.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: yeah okay that's what that was okay; now there's 75,000, what's that all about?

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's the LSA grant that we got.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: oh okay but why you using it to do a redo of what we, all I know…

Mayor Ron Mozer: we are not doing anything. I'll explain that.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: ok for 14 years okay, but for 14 years there's been three comprehensive plans.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm not read changing anything on the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay well how's this one going to be different.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I will explain that.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay then um down your same page J, do we have a problem here with discrimination in this city I mean why we no…

Mayor Ron Mozer: that is something that's required by the DCED required.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay okay, and also about the women's and…

Mayor Ron Mozer: same okay I thought there was a problem here especially when there's no businesses here, and um one other thing I don't think you're gonna be saying anything tonight right Mr. Dalfonso, I just want to ask you a question.

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: I'll have a report.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: I just want to know, you got to say anything about the easement uh pavement you're going under the railroad tracks?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: still submitting.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: still, what do you think you know to that?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: whenever the engineers are done.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: is it going to be this year?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: I couldn't tell you.

Mayor Ron Mozer: function of engineering.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: yeah can you look into it let us know next time?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: sure.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: all right thank you.

Mr. Ted Harhai: good evening um first thing I wanted to bring up was about uh when uh councilman Nestor does the police report could he break it down into what's going on because there have been a rash of burglaries, both vehicle and home, and nothing has been in the newspaper, not surprisingly and um is there a way that we could have it down, you know traffic citations blah blah blah, home break-ins, car break-ins, blah blah blah so people are getting the true story of what's going on in town. Secondly uh continuation page two it's a "J" it's actually page three but it's not numbered. I understand what this law is but uh did this kick in because you need to start to follow this or is this because of the modular home, um I'm going to call it fiasco, up on Motheral Avenue?

Mayor Ron Mozer: neither.

Mr. Ted Harhai: neither. Third uh Ernie mentioned about why do we need to do $75,000 more? We've done three comprehensive plans. Mike Korposh was a part of this.

Mayor Ron Mozer: this has nothing to do with the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Ted Harhai: part of comprehensive plan it's to do the downtown; isn't that part of the comprehensive plan Mike?

Mayor Ron Mozer: it takes money to implement the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Ted Harhai: I didn't know your name was Mike.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm sorry but the questions, the thing is address questions to the mayor.

Mr. Ted Harhai: oh okay um why are we doing it downtown when we have it in already the comprehensive plan that uh Mike did before he was an employee of the city?

Mayor Ron Mozer: it takes money to implement the comprehensive plan; that's what this is for.

Mr. Ted Harhai: right well we already spent $90,000 that we got through a grant that you got.

Mayor Ron Mozer: we're not rewriting it.

Mr. Ted Harhai: wait a minute, $10,000 from the city for the last comprehensive plan, isn't it inclusive, I remember that it was, of the downtown being part of it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: absolutely that is not the point.

Mr. Ted Harhai: what's the point?

Mayor Ron Mozer: the point is we have to implement that plan not rewrite the plan, not change the plan, but to implement.

Mr. Ted Harhai: I'm not saying change anything but…

Mayor Ron Mozer: this is money to start that implementation.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: we can now use now use it. The mayor has a presentation on that I we can go over that when he does.

Mr. Ted Harhai: all right.

Mayor Ron Mozer: does anybody have any correspondence? Oh we got one more, sorry.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: my name is Pino, I'm in 45 Montraver Drive; just real quick uh I know last meeting you were very upset.

Councilman John Nestor: is this on the agenda items?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: yeah, but I just wanted to say and I understand why you were upset and I think everybody should contribute on a positive note to get the meeting going.

Councilman John Nestor: does this have to do anything with agenda items only?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I'll get to it at the end of the meeting. This uh on page two, okay, it's a whole list.

Mayor Ron Mozer: whole list of what?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: huh?

Mayor Ron Mozer: a whole list of what?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: of items which you know make sure that we don't discriminate women; those…

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's what we just said, those are required to be updated annually by DCED if we want to apply for CDBG Grants.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: that's the, what is the requirement?

Mayor Ron Mozer: that these be reposted.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I'm just curious because last meeting we had a gentleman from Brazil, that bought of piece of property here, correct? $1500 or something.

Mayor Ron Mozer: he bought it from the county but yes.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: but two meetings before there was a person from Monessen that was trying to buy a property right here right between the old Donatta building and was denied, what was the reason, what is the difference between them?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I don't know which one we were talking about; we didn't deny - the one we denied was denied because they didn't show up at council meeting.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: no no no this guy showed up at a council meeting.

Mayor Ron Mozer: not last time he didn't.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: he was trying to get a piece of property so he could build it up.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and he was denied by the county not by us we had nothing to do with that.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: let me ask you this is the part that gives me it's very I know that you don't run the city.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I don't run the county either.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: no but the county runs you and the two just run you too.

Mayor Ron Mozer: no.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: okay that's what I why did you turn them down and they approved this one?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I didn't turn them down.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: but you use the county.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I did not use the county for anything.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: but you are the mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that has nothing to do with the county. I'm a mayor of a city within the county.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: so you're worthless to us. Correct?

Mayor Ron Mozer: any other thing you got to say? That's not agenda items.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: pardon?

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's not an agenda item. We'll talk about it. Anybody else with comments on agenda items? Let's move on then; anybody have any correspondence they' like to bring forth?

Councilman John Nestor: no mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer: at this time I'd like to ask the solicitor for his report on the city of Monessen.

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: thank you mayor, good evening everybody; uh last council meeting Council voted to transfer two properties 401 Motheral and 513 South 15th Street to the Redevelopment Authority; those deeds have been drafted sent to the Redevelopment Authority um I received notifications that two tax exemptions for 1049 Knox and 450 Chestnut. Those are submitted a couple months ago those are now um tax exempt properties belonging to the city; uh just a reminder if there are any back taxes make sure you ask the school district and the county to exonerate those taxes.

Mayor Ron Mozer: absolutely.

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: you'll see a subdivision uh request on tonight's agenda; it's for the Frank's garage property, um it already went through the Planning Commission meeting a couple weeks ago that was recommended for approval, meets all the ordinance requirements, and finally the notices for the demo hearings - those are complete. Working with Mr. Korposh to get those advertised, uh code enforcement officer to get those properties posted. That's all I have.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you; our city treasurer is not present today; he did give his report last time so I he'll be here next time I guess. At this time I'd like to ask our city controller for her report.

Controller Rosalie Nicksich: thank you mayor; the controller's report as of September 2024, the General Fund Charleroi Federal Savings Bank checking account reconciliation as of September 24th, the beginning bank balance as of August 30th, 2024 was $736,432.93. Deposits made $536,736.06. Expenses incurred $430,090.05. The ending balance as of September 30, 2024 was $1,033,078.94. Outstanding checks $94,361.09. Outstanding deposits $13,066.97. Reconciliation to the bank statement $951,784.82. That concludes my report Mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you. At this time I'd like to uh kind of bring everybody up to speed about some of the things that have been going on across town in the last few weeks; uh the city's been very busy updating uh various storm drains and so forth that have failed that are not part of the USDA project. This includes a contract that was uh completed by Mornak for repair of a storm inlet near 303 Rebecca valued at about $5,385. Mornak also did an emergency repair at 43 Court Avenue for $6,340. Mornak also did a repair of a St storm sewer at 1427 Rostraver $3,828. Carmelo did an emergency repair of a storm in inlet near 1077 Spruce for $7,150; these uh problems exist in all different forms. One of the problems was a problem with uh water undermining the road; the concrete road on Dowling; uh thanks to our public works department they uh pumped 62 bags of concrete underneath the road to shore that up. That was not a little hole underneath the concrete. Those are the kinds of things we got to take care of; part of the USDA Phase 3C project is the work going on around Bart’s around near the Grand Avenue. Anybody that's been on Grand recently knows exactly what I'm talking about, there's a huge culvert that they they've uh built to catch the water coming down from Park - uh from city park. That should be poured long about Monday or Tuesday of next week. weather permitting, allow that seven days to set up and they will start removing the barriers and the one lane road that goes

around that monstrosity that they've been building over there. So that should be something that we can start looking towards the end of very quickly. At the same time they're going to start working on bringing the line from one end of Bart's to the other; they're going to be crossing the entrance of Bart's. They're going to try to do it one entrance at a time so that you can still do business with Bart's, but nonetheless they are going to have to dig a line that goes all the way from um where they've stopped digging it from Parente to this culvert that they've just installed. One of the concerns that I brought to the engineer today was you have this huge culvert there; uh I don't want it to become a problem with garbage or anything else that gets thrown into that culvert. I've asked the contractor to put some sort of screen to keep that from going down the line as it goes towards Parente and onto the river so just to prevent the debris from being a major problem. I ask that people not do that; that is not a dump, that is strictly for water, so with that in mind, Mike and I along with Community Action is attended a meeting with Manorwood homes in Hamilton, Pennsylvania; that's about 2 hours north of uh of where we are right now. I was very impressed with their construction techniques, um they had all five homes that are destined for Monessen in the works; one was just started, two were very close to completion, two were ready to go for shipment. It's interesting how they work. First off it's a big operation they follow a lot of the techniques that they learned from uh Henry Ford as an example; they do assembly line type construction of homes. In the process of doing that they use uh union labor. Union labor turns out to be considerably less expensive than hiring a plumber to come in at plumber's rates, an electrician to come in electrician rates, an HVAC specialist or a carpenter or whatever the case may be, so that combined with the fact that using the Henry Ford, they can produce a home in about two days, or they deliver two homes per day, every day. They are just cranking; as such, they have the ability to buy lumber directly from the saw mills, they have the ability to buy materials directly from the manufacturers, so overall there's about a 25 to 40% reduction over the conventional way that houses are built. I want to stress that they are built extremely well; everything that they do from the walls to the floor to everything, they have jigs set up where they lay the lumber in the jig is perfectly square, perfectly spaced, perfectly lined up, and they assemble the house that way; it's very much an assembly line that's very well controlled. These houses are very very well done, and everybody should understand that this is not the first of modular homes that went into Monessen; there's many homes on uh Pacific, there's many homes on Grand that are modular homes. Now the problem the problem if you want to talk about that is that those Parcels are 35 ft by 135 ft how do you build something that long and narrow and not fit with and still fit within the parcel that you have ownership of, so that's part of the problem um and the reason why they're long and narrow, no narrow buildings. I do have a lot of brochures from Manorwood if anybody's interested. I would also like to point out that they are not the only modular home manufacturer in Pennsylvania; there are many of them particularly in Western Pennsylvania. I was very impressed with the way Manorwood does their housing, but I don't think that that's going to be significantly different than any of the other ones either, so if anybody's interested in that, I would invite them to check them out because they're very impressive. The Mon Valley Refuse Authority received bids for the 2025 - 2028 garbage

contracts; there will be a meeting on November the 7th of the Refuse Authority to award the contract to the lowest cost qualified vendor. From the best I can tell the bids were very competitive based on surrounding communities. I think that uh we're still going to maintain things; there will be an increase in the garbage bills next year, uh but we won't know what the exact number is until which time is they issue the contract. I just said November 7th, and it'll be the following week when we have our meeting and we will have to start thinking about what we're going to be setting our garbage rates at; if you look at other communities in the area, Washington, PA as an example pays $345 a year for their garbage. Monongahela runs anywhere from $390 to $477 uh depending on what year you're talking about through 2028, so I think that we are way ahead of some of the surrounding communities with the contract we have; time will tell when we get this. I uh attended a series of meetings and I was unable to be at the uh the parade last night because I was attending a meeting with the county as part of the Mon Yough Planning Remaking of Westmoreland County; this is the county initiated program; this was the third of eight or nine meetings that they will have. It's really designed to address an issue that exists not only in the state, but particularly in the county. If you look at the state of Pennsylvania it's declining in population; if you look at the Westmoreland County, it's declining at even a faster rate. If you look at Monessen and the Mon Valley it's even declining even faster, so we're trying to come up with ways to stimulate that, and it's kind of interesting that it's all starting to fall into place. During my first year as mayor we conducted a trip of for several community leaders and we visited Carnegie Mellon - their distressed community group, uh we went to East Liberty and we went to the Allegheny Council. Earlier this week we were notified that we were awarded a county LSA Grant of $75,000 for Community Development. The goal of this is to come up with plans that fit within the things that we learned during that that visit and also following the comprehensive plan to be able to seed events or uh things that will attract attention of Industry - where industry will want to come in and develop next to this, or participate with us in such a way that the project has some sustainability and can be grown much beyond what $75,000 will provide, so that's what the goal of that is. Is there anything you'd like to add to that?

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: just that it's for implementation of the program that we passed under the comprehensive plan as was brought up earlier at the meeting and it I can provide the project description of the grant so you can see what we're looking to do, but it's basically the first planning stages of development of the Donner Avenue properties, uh for well, I can give you the project description, and what the um private sector donors were requiring us is to have this in place um before they would begin to fund us for projects, for the project. well first of all the Carnegie Mellon distressed municipality fund is looking to fund us, and there are a number of others; this was a great kudos for Monessen to get this, so it adds into the working money that we have to then work toward implementation. So it gives us the skin in the game that they were looking for. We'd like to have it done within the next six to nine months.

Mayor Ron Mozer: or at least, at least, it takes time. But just as an example, let me let me give an example of a perfectly successful project that has taken place within Westmorland County. It

happens to be in Irwin if you go up to Irwin they have something called the Lantern Theater. The Lantern theater provides a venue where you can see different performing arts and so forth, but think about what it took to make that actually happened first off that started some 12-15 years ago, and it started as a burned down theater that was there; the community came together, worked together in unison and basically put together a nonprofit entity to rebuild that theater. They did it through donations and they did it through backbreaking labor by the people that were doing this. Now they did receive some grants once things got moving along from Senator Ward and several other uh congressmen and so forth to help them along but what they ended up with was a theater that has become the center of a whole downtown area where you have restaurants that and stores all around that area there that are prospering because of the theater that's the kind of cooperation that we're going to have to get to within the city of Monessen. I'm not saying it has to be a theater; I'm not saying it has to be anything, but we've got to quit this arguing, bickering, and causing problems within the city. We've got to come up with a way to work together to come up with a project that has the same kind of impact that Lantern Theater has to Irwin, and that's what this is all about. So let me continue on, um we received a request from Lisa Lyons. Lisa Lyons is part of His Place but Lisa Lyons has also been the coordinator of our Christmas activities for the last couple of years; she's organized the parades, the breakfast with Santa, all these different events. She's come up with an interesting idea this time where she wants to uh ask businesses to buy a Christmas tree. If you buy a Christmas tree for 60 bucks through them, they provide the Christmas tree that comes from um Joseph's Nursery, and it's really because they will all be the same. Each business can then decorate that Christmas tree just like the Paws event did with the Greyhounds, you fix the Christmas tree up the way that you think is best for you, the best possible Christmas tree, and then at the end of this they will have in His Place a place where you can put donations in as far as the way you're bidding for the best tree that you saw out there. All the money from this goes to the school system to promote activities for our youth, and going forward. This is for the school. One last comment, we do have a retirees Health Care account. This year, this uh month, it amounts to $11,268.82; this is a total of all the expenses including insurance and other medical expenses that the city is contractually required to pay for our retirees. These are transactions that do not show up as part of the bills that are approved by Council, but they are contractually obligated to pay those. At this time I'd like to ask…

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Mayor, I got a question; don't get me wrong I'm not against it but I do have a question on you were just mentioning about.. oh I'm sorry, sorry about that. You were mentioning about the Christmas trees, okay, it's not construed, I'm not against nothing like that, but my question is everything goes to the school district.

Mayor Ron Mozer: right.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: why aren't they here asking or promoting it. I'm sorry.

Mayor Ron Mozer: they sent us a formal request, it wasn't the school that this that started this, it was His Place.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: but the bottom line is it's going to the school which is great for programs, but we're not the school district.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well we're not.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: so if the school district wants to promote this and this is a great thing, and it's a nice thing they should be doing this well.

Mayor Ron Mozer: this being done by Lisa Lyons as part of the Christmas celebration.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: you're dancing around my question.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I understand exactly what you're saying but I don't even know the school knows about this to be honest with you.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: well how are we publicly telling people about something if they don't know anything about this?

Mayor Ron Mozer: this is something that's coordinated by Lisa Lyons, as I said.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: then His Place should be here promoting it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well, did your person show up to promote the Halloween activity that he ran last weekend or yesterday?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: no, but he was active on Facebook.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well this is true too; this is happening actively as well.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: but the Halloween parade was for the citizens of Monessen as a whole. This is isn't going in our coffers for or something, not a religious…

Mayor Ron Mozer: well that's who they are.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: no I'm not against that; like I said the idea is great but the point the point is if you want to, you feel passionate about something, and you want to do something, I think I commend everybody to do that, but you need to come here and do it. You don't have other people doing it I'm sorry. I still think it's great if we could participate, I think it's great but again, if it's for the school district, damn it, let them show up, have a representative here and say hey this is… we're working with His Place and we want to do this you know, we want to let you know. Because people are getting misconstrued that council is involved in this. Guaranteed.

Mayor Ron Mozer: the only thing that hey there, this isn't a discuss this is not a discussion.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: right this isn't a discussion. I just wanted it between us, we were, I was just bringing up a point, and you know I'm just bringing up the point that the school district needs to get a little bit more involved and I'm sorry I'm not going to be here to piss them somebody off on the school district, but I'm sorry if I want something I'm not going to come here and about the school district meeting; that's what it's there for.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: good luck if we can talk.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: well that's beside the point, but again I'd like I would like to see more of their participation if this is going to go to them, they need to be there.

Mayor Ron Mozer: okay.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: so that's just, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to get into a big discussion about it.

Councilperson Lois Thomas: but it may is something you said His Place is doing? Don't you think they should come? I can't see Lisa having an issue coming.

Mayor Ron Mozer: exactly, exactly.

Councilperson Lois Thomas: I think they came when they were making -when you were doing something last year, right, so I think they're the ones that should come.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I can't see Lisa having a problem coming to the meeting. I don't see it be an issue at all.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: maybe that is the issue; maybe that is the better place, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer: okay let's continue on. Lois, can I ask you to read my motions for me please?

Councilperson Lois Thomas: got it. Good evening everyone, we'd like to make a motion to appoint Recardo Hall of 1224 Maple Avenue Monessen, PA 15062 to the City of Monessen Planning Commission effective immediately, for a four-year term ending on October 10th 2028.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to approve advertising for the position of Civic Center Manager Administrator.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to approve advertising for positions on a Recreation Board of the City of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to approve the minor subdivision submitted by Lawrence Manderino concerning 1 Donner Avenue, Parcel ID 20-02-04-0-080.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to terminate probationary clerical employee number 213.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to advertise put a position of Clerk within the office of the City Treasurer with advertising and outreach efforts to begin on Friday October 25th.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: motion to transfer $226,495.99 to the Charles Schwab Trust Bank and Account from funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Auditor for the share of the 2024 Police MMO allocation and payment.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: a resolution of the City Monessen and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant as authorized under the Housing Community Development 42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR part 570, and further certify in compliance with the requirements of the said program be resolved that the community development plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, nonprofits and other interested parties through citizen participation process and municipal information gatherings hereby adopted, approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Maness and Council held October 24th 2024.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: a resolution of the City of Monessen, be it resolved that all persons of the City of Monessen know that discrimination in sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land for the construction of housing, or in a provision of brokerage services, because of title seven of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 the Federal For Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations act adds the additional protective classes of age and use of ancestry and will assist all who feel that they have been discriminated against and ensure equal opportunity in housing because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, family status, and physical handicap, approved at the regular scheduled meeting of the City of Monessen on October 24th 2024.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilperson Lois Thomas: a resolution of City Council of the City of Monessen approving a statement of goals in compliance within the national program for minority and women business enterprise executive order 11625, City of Monessen Pennsylvania, 15062, agreed to and adopted this 24th day of October 2022, should be 24, right, by the Council of the City of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Ron Mozer: at this time I'd like to ask Councilman Orzechowski to uh present his.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: thank you Mayor, I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of$49,986.59 all invoices are attached as agenda as attachment “A”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreation Account the amount of $470.03, all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment “B”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund the amount of $737.00. All invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment “C”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $3,279.41; all invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment “D”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Account in the amount of $18,240; all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment “E”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant Fund in the amount of $804.00; all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment “F”.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I make a motion to approve the transfer of $67,365.98 from the General Fund to the Payroll account for payroll expenses.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: and the following balances in the Accounts: American Rescue fund $66,273.70, Debt Service $1,116,926.61; Fire Escrow $21,492.40, General Fund has $518,534.46, Grant Fund has $78,165.90, Healthcare Fund has $3,247.22, Line Usage has $623,386.37, Liquid Fuels has $39,230.30, Parks has $184,110.40, Payroll has $35,842.32, Rec Fund has $3,675.45, and the Refuse Fund has $18,519.22. Mayor that's my report, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you. Council person Thomas, would you like to give us your report please?

Councilperson Lois Thomas: yes I will Mayor, um Streets Department report for September 2024 collector garbage twice a week throughout the city, Mark 60 pa1 calls, fix four catch basins, trim the bushes at the library, cut the trees and trim the bushes at Motheral Park started cutting back or opening several alleys that were overgrown, cut City lots and sidewalks, put up new chains painted the poles and cut down a dead tree by the tank in City Park. Helps the parks department as needed; that is my report for the September 24 mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you.

Councilperson Lois Thomas: you're welcome.

Mayor Ron Mozer: Councilman Nestor do you have a report for us?

Councilman John Nestor: thank you mayor honorable mayor members of council administrative staff citizens Maness and here are the following reports for the public safety department uh please bear with me I am tired today I've been up since 5 so right anyway as I was stating here are the following reports for the police department miscellaneous collections copy of police accident report $60, miscellaneous collections 60. Court receipts for the district's Justice office is the following: vehicle code fines collected $ 625.55; crime code fines collected $331.42; City Ordnance collected $57.35; total receipts from The District's Justice office is a total of $1,014.32. Total receipts collected for September 2024 $1,074.32; total citations for September was 83.00 - year to date 600. Code activity Report for September 2025 habitation permits, nine correction letters 27; animal complaints four; miscellaneous complaints 22; health inspections two, office meetings with residents four, citations issued eight, hearings three, building permits one, zoning permits six. The following is the Monessen municipal fire chiefs report for September 2024: fire structures one, medical assistance two, automatic fire alarm six, natural gas three, Public Service one, trees down one, calls outside the city were the automatic fire alarm for North Belle Vernon, which was one, structure fire for Charleroi one, total calls 16. Total firefighters 26, firefighters per call 7.87. Total man hours 141 and the EMS for September is 48 calls and year to date 484, and that completes my report mayor, and I yield the floor, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer: thank you. Councilwoman Cosner, do you have anything?

Councilperson Karen Cosner: yes um this is my report for September 2024: garbage was picked up and so was the litter in the Parks, Civic Center was cleaned as needed, the parks and ball fields were cut, the track and Pavilions for scheduled events were cleaned, put up lights at Hilltop fire station and helped the street department as needed, that's my report, and I'd also like to announce the trunk or treat at city park will be held on October 26th which is this Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and trick or treat in the city will be held on Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. And as I had mentioned before we have our second clean up date scheduled for November 2nd; the um rain date would be Saturday November 16th. We're going to set up right here in the courtyard and the streets that will be cleaned this time will be um Donner and Schoonmaker then all the streets that run parallel to those two main streets but, if you have a preference and you want to clean where you live or someplace else you're welcome to do it; all the um the vests the bags and gloves will be provided and I um hope if I've sent these out to quite a few people - all the ministers whose email I had, so I hope if you have access to people who would like to help that you'd either take one of these or forward the information to them so we can have a real nice fall cleanup. So that's all I have, thank you.

COUNCILPERSON LOIS THOMAS: did we forward to school and maybe get there some group?

Councilperson Karen Cosner: they did. I figured on everybody I can think of, okay. I know that's true so I'm hoping um but we're all doing the tree planning too on Saturday November 9th so that

may take some of the high school students, I don't know maybe they'll give us more than one day. I hope.

Mayor Ron Mozer: very good thank you uh before we uh open uh the floor to for public comment I would like to point out that next Council Meeting will be on the November the 14th; we are going to try to have a little bit change of format during that meeting than what we've had in the past. It will be a planning meeting. It will be one where we discuss openly within Council ideas and things that we need to discuss before we make motions on them during the second meeting; this is traditionally the way that that meetings have been run in the city; it's way that uh allows us to keep Council better informed and allow better discussion with the motions so that will take effect at our next meeting on the 14th. Anybody have anything else they want to talk about before I open the floor?

Councilman John Nestor: no mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer: at this time I'd like to open the floor for a public commented directed to myself on any item related to the business, ordinances, statutes and resolutions, or daily work product and the attention of the city of Monessen.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: I have about five things here.

Mayor Ron Mozer: three minutes.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: oh we're going back to three minutes again?

Mayor Ron Mozer: we're not going to sit here all night for you.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: it ain't going to be all night.

Mayor Ron Mozer: get on with it.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so Karen why don't you bother the school district which makes $19 million dollars, four times the budget of Monessen and ask their kids that helped you pick up garbage okay?

Councilperson Karen Cosner: I did.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: what do they do? I couldn't hear that what's the outcome - how many kids did you end up?

Councilperson Karen Cosner: well I never know till they show up that day; this hasn't happened yet.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well we'll see what the response is but they want us to help them but they don't help us.

Councilperson Karen Cosner: can I put you down? Are you going to help - are you going to help me?

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: not until things get straightened out. This ain't jumping on you Rosalie but a year and a half ago I asked Mr. Nestor if you could specify you know like uh the amount of money the police comes in and he breaks it down like traffic and all this stuff. Why don't you do the same thing when you say you deposited a million dollars, where did it come from, tell us how much came from.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's the Treasury Department.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well he doesn't do it either - he doesn't break it down.

Mayor Ron Mozer: the Treasury Department every time gives a report.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: he doesn't tell you.

Mayor Ron Mozer: he tells the source of every dollar that comes into the city.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: he gives you labels , he doesn't tell exactly the way.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm sorry but that's what where it comes from.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay now I'm coming up to the big uh kahuna here you're supposed to give us.

Mayor Ron Mozer: questions are addressed to me.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay he's supposed to give us how much money are we going to be short going into December because back in May and June I asked you to give you specific numbers you said September. September came you said October and the first October meeting you weren't here so did you come up with some sort of figures of how much money we're going to be stretching it out until we get through January.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: yes how much as of right now, this is not including whatever the City may get in in November and December so let's be clear about that. If it was today at the end of the day yeah we're about 100 to $125,000 in the red.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay now why are you sitting on that uh ARP money 66,000 some, for four months you said we got it but you're not using it for any road repair or anything so what are you doing with that 66,000 and change?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: well that's something Council got to discuss I believe 18 to 20,000 of it is going towards the plow and spreader for the truck set up for the street department.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so what about the rest?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: well the rest of it we haven't talked about but now unfortunately we have something that's happened with the police vehicles and we may have to use all that money that's left which would be 40 some thousand as a down payment for another police vehicle.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: weren't to try to get a grant, what happened to RVE they're supposed to help us out with grants?

Mayor Ron Mozer: RVE is strictly hired to handle CDBG, that's the only thing.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: they do 70% road.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's correct.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so it seems like all the authorities get their piggy bank but the taxpayer gets nothing; we're driving on these roads going bang and bang and bang like we're in Mexico.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and we paved Third Street as an example this year.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: because the school wanted it so they could go to the football games and come do with the school that was a real private enterprise.

Mayor Ron Mozer: just settle down.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: one correction yes mayor if we may, is it RVE, I always get to mixed up with somebody else. We did not hire them just for CDBG.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that is the only thing our contract is for at this point.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: no, we agreed to hire them for grants and CDBG and that's what this Council will voted on and that's what this Council accepted so we need - I don't want any misconceptions out there, that's what I led to believe unless I'm being wrong, please the rest of my council members tell me that is what it's for; they are obligated to find us grants that are even a state grant, federal grants, I don't care what the grant is that's what they also agreed to do.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: very good Tony.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: that doesn't change I'm firm on that; we sat here upstairs and told everybody that interviewed that's this was our requirements, not just CDBG so I interrupt and I apologize for being as blunt as I am.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: you don't need to be apologize.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and they've been very cooperative at looking at other grants too but they do not do it under the same premise as the CDBG that's limited to 10%.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so they look at other grants?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: because that's what we want them for.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's what we want them for but they insist that that is too much money.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: so what's too much money?

Mayor Ron Mozer: to pay them 10% of a of a grant.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well if they're bringing in 100% what's 10%?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Give us $100,000 Grant and say they went 3%, I'm not going to complain.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm not going to complain either.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: 3% of nothing is nothing.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I understand.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: so I don't want anybody giving a perception that we're not, they're not actively going. I want them actively to report that they're going after federal and state grants or county grants or whatever it is I don't care what it is that's what we hire them for not just CDBG so I don't want anybody to think we're just sitting on our Laurels because it'll come back to haunt us. Well if they don't do it they may not be here next year.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well they better not be here because four months went by, they haven't done anything yet.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: I apologize for interrupting there but I just wanted to clear that up.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: that's good that's the type of clearing we need all the time; anyway um one more thing um what are you going to do you keep wanted to bring proposals - how you're going to implement to get Monessen, Donner and Schoonmaker. You don't need no academic proposals what you need is industry. Industry would bring people in and everything will grow.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm sorry but it's been proven over and over and over again; industry does not bring people; people bring industry.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: did you see the tin mill?

Mayor Ron Mozer: absolutely.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: that's all wrong.

Mayor Ron Mozer: absolutely there look at what happened, wait a second I'm going to say something here just real quick I've been talking to Jason Rigone of the county and basically.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: that's another politician.

Mayor Ron Mozer: it may be another politician but the point being is he (will you be will you be quiet; be quiet, be quiet I'm talking; be quiet - no more in words)(Mr. Ted Harhai: don't give me that I'll be quiet)

Mayor Ron Mozer: could you please address him out? You you've interrupted me; you continue to interrupt me; you to continue, you're interrupting me now. Don't say another word. (Mr. Pino Cianflone: you is this Russia)

Mayor Ron Mozer: no it is not but there's one person at a time and the right now I'm talking to Ernie. Hey just calm down, calm down.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay let's finish this, do you know where you were?

Mayor Ron Mozer: no; well what I was saying is that some examples of a problem are the county went and got a company to build railroad cars in New Stanton. It failed because they couldn't find people to work there.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: I don't believe that.

Mayor Ron Mozer: right now we have - you may not believe it but that is the fact the there's many different industries that industries will go where they have workers to fulfill their jobs; we need to work together to bring up the community and they will come with it.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: listen when this um steel mill started it was just a tin mill.

Mayor Ron Mozer: but that's entirely a different thing.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: and then they started growing they were uh expanding, producing this and that and the public came - they came from Europe they came from everywhere to fill these positions up.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's an entirely different thing.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well that's what we need here.

Mayor Ron Mozer: we don't need any more zero skill industries.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: who are you talking to you talking to low life people? There's a lot of skilled people who pay hundreds of thousand dollars to go to school and they sitting there doing what playing on their screen on their computer.

Mayor Ron Mozer: if they paid that money and they're that smart I'm sure they got that are paying well for them.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: no, the majority of people ain't working that's why the economy is so slow you ever been out here doing after 6:00? It's dead it - looks like a ghost town.

Mayor Ron Mozer: continue on.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so I just want to emphasize this you cannot get fringe groups, you cannot get certain denomination of uh religious or minorities or something you got to address one big group that tax payers of Monessen who pays for everything.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's exactly what I trying to do.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well I don't hear any consortium just for the tax payers, it's always these fringe groups and that's why nobody comes to your events okay, it's not you personally it's just that you're well that's another matter but the thing is you're not reaching the public where it hurts and that's their pocket book. They're not interested in uh how we're going to get along and have candy, bread and circus. They're not interested in that.

Mayor Ron Mozer: anytime you want to bring to me a proposal for doing something, my door is always open.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well it's industry and I'm working on, it's real tough because there's too many blocks; little Parcels of land.

Mayor Ron Mozer: come to me with any suggestion you got.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: but they want like a whole block and that's I just can't see it; you gave me the map I showed it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well you just shot yourself in the foot right there.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: what for?

Mayor Ron Mozer: showing them; you said you don't have anything that you can show them.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well no I did but they said that uh it's all parts they want a whole block.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: we can work through that.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: well how you going to do that when you got the Redevelopment, you got the land grab, you got…

Mayor Ron Mozer: take somebody to promote it you bring forth the who you got and we'll figure out a way to make it happen.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: who's we just you

Mayor Ron Mozer: the Redevelopment Authority the city whoever the Land Bank, whoever is working with it. Nobody's trying to Short Circuit things.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay one last question you mentioned November 14th you're gonna have a like a plan planning or something okay all the city council members going to be present or…

Mayor Ron Mozer: I sure hope so it's they should be okay because when you have certain meetings here nobody shows up and you say well we

Mayor Ron Mozer: this is a city council meeting.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay so they all have to come?

Mayor Ron Mozer: yes, they all have to come.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: and if you don't have a quorum then what?

Mayor Ron Mozer: well we'll worry about that if it happens; well we're going to go as we along; it hasn't happened yet.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: okay who's next?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: my name is Pino; I hope you can hear me. I live at 45 Montraver Drive. You mentioned that we developed a meeting which you sit in it last the first meeting that we went to it lasted 8 minutes - then you know when they get the introduction of the people that were there, the Pledge of the Allegiance, read the three lines out of their card and meeting was over.

Mayor Ron Mozer: if you got anything you want to have in the Redevelopment Authority then submit it to them:

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you can talk after I'm done talking, okay; what I wanted to bring up the Redevelopment Authority is really a lousy group and you're part of the lousy group.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well I'm not part of the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you are part of the lousy group. Okay so what I wanted to talk about is the immigrants and the green card, the approach that you took the last meeting - the approach that you took the last meeting here when you got that young man, bought the property for $1500 bucks whatever he did okay, do you guys ever look at the green card see if they're permanent resident, see what type of card did they have here have you ever looked at it before you say yes and sell it to them?

Mayor Ron Mozer: we did not sell it to them, we allowed the sale to go forward.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: say that again?

Mayor Ron Mozer: the property was sold by the county; we allowed that take place.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: what do we have you here for?

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: the county vetted all those issues.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you couldn't wait to say yeah let's vote on it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: the count the county makes sure…

Mr. Pino Cianflone: are you going to fall under the same rule that Charleroi does, you know the problem that they have in Charleroi because a lot of immigrants they're not here in in in good standing.

Mayor Ron Mozer: how do you know this?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: listen I'm an immigrant and it takes 10 years to get a green card.

Mayor Ron Mozer: there is a special program done by the federal government that allow them quick.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: join the service and they tell you and another thing is that you must have a clean record you no drugs no prior you know problems with the law and I think you some of these people that you got here in Monessen right now got a lot of problem with the drugs, got a lot of problems with the law; you don't go to New York City every weekend and do nothing, okay; that's number one, you need to look at the immigration system and see who they are; they're coming here, and what kind of cars they have not did you say yeah that sounds like a good deal, give it to him. And right now from what I know he worked out of an office somewhere in Ross Park Mall, not an office a room, so I talked to the guy - he showed me his green card he does have a green card, but he has six more years be before he could apply for citizenship and in order to apply for citizenship in case you don't know you, got to be able to talk English (Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: and be productive) okay you got to be able to not perfect but like I do not perfect but be able to be understood okay. So that's what you need to look at and you can tell those * up in at the county that they need to do that okay - number one. Number two, I, you know I get confused if I got a fire in my house I call the fire station. I call the fire station and they send in the fire truck over if I called an ambulance because someone got sick and they need an ambulance, I call them, they come up to my house. When I call the police station the last thing they do is they don't come up; now they're under staffed that's a problem but for two and a half years I've been after the one way street in Montraver, Knox Avenue and Parente Boulevard and the same old happened – NADA, not a damn thing. Trash. And you want me to pick up garbage pick-up that garbage, the piece of crap.

Mayor Ron Mozer: don't cuss.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: no, do that but you got you need to tell the police. The chief is here tell him, hey do your job, all you got to do is tell somebody; you know they have to do it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: if you call 911 there's a record made of it.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I don't give a damn who you call - you call 911 or you call them directly and they give you the run around.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm sorry but you got to call 911.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I've done that.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well then keep doing it there's a record made of that.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: all I'm telling you - here's the chief right here, tell him to do his damn job.

Mayor Ron Mozer: he's been doing a very good job.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: do your damn job - when you go to Knox Avenue…

Mayor Ron Mozer: why don't you do your job?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I do my job.

Mayor Ron Mozer: no you didn't, you sat down here, what was the bid opening for last what was the bid opening that took place at The Refuse Authority last council meeting.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: cuz I didn't have to go. They didn't open up all… let me finish, let me finish, and I'll tell you why.

Mayor Ron Mozer: okay.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: because the girl says and the authority says you don't have to be here and you weren't there either; you don't have to be here because all they're going to do is bring the they're going to bid on the project, and then after they bid on the project you got to go on the 7th, that's when you make a move and need to be here.

Mayor Ron Mozer: so it would be really nice…

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I never missed a meeting other than that.

Mayor Ron Mozer: you missed that one.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: the people that you appointed, they never come to a meeting.

Mayor Ron Mozer: so you haven't reported to us one time what happens in the Refuse Authority; as an example what the low bid was for $2,593,508.86.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you don't allow me to speak. I tried to but you were talking, I put my hand up and you said don't interrupt me; that's what you said cuz the highest bidder on our project actually was County Hauling. okay they had $3,800 some thousand dollars. You know, they sent me the paper so the meeting lasted five minutes because all they had to do was come in and out.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's right we'll wait till the seventh for they award the bid.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you went you were to same meeting I was.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's cuz I have to run a council meeting.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: so I have to sit here to make sure that you do your damn job.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm just saying that you do not report back to the city council.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: tell me when I can - you threw me out twice right.

Mayor Ron Mozer: you've never attempted to report.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you sit there meeting every meeting that I go to you sit there, every redevelopment meeting I go you sit there you do nothing but you sit there.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and every time I open my mouth you start talking again and saying I'm interrupting you.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: what do you mean; every time you open up your mouth, * comes out of it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: calm down okay.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: that's all I can tell you anyway but that's what you need to do number one, you need to need the police department if they're losing people hire more people, I've said that all the while.

Mayor Ron Mozer: did you hear what Tony said about the budget? We've got no money to hire anybody.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: it doesn't make any difference with the budget; you know how much you know you're talking about budget we got $75,000 right, Rostraver needs the money and got 750,000; we're doing something wrong a how they get 750,000 got

Mayor Ron Mozer: that was their school system got that was their school system they got 750,000.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: and you go do the same Republican in power in in in your little town where you go to they haven't done diddly nothing for us and we're in dire need.

Mayor Ron Mozer: anything else since you're not going to talk about what your job is at the redevelop at the Refuge Authority what since you're not going to talk about your job at The Refuge Authority what else you got for us?

Mr. Pino Cianflone: you talk about the about the Refuse Authority when I try to cut in you said what is that you want to know about the Refuse Authority?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I would like to know what the budget is at the Refuse Authority for one thing.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: right now?

Mayor Ron Mozer: yes.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: what are you talking about, what kind of budget are you talking about how we pay our bills?

Mayor Ron Mozer: so as I as I see things and I see things from a very narrow perspective, I know that we received a bid of $2,593,508.86 from a descendant of bids.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: from who?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I don't even know his name. The point being is that is the apparent low bidder, now whether he's qualified or not, that's what they'll decide.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: the reason we didn't go to the meeting because you didn't need to because they got to go over make sure that they the bids were evenly done and then we got to show up.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I'm thinking what I'm truly getting at is the previous contract was valued at $2,035,200. The point being is there's a 27% increase that we're going to see in our garbage bill; that's the kind of thing information I like to have.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I told you that three years ago; yeah I did - that the bid was going to go up high because the garbage was going to go up high and County Hauling did not bid.

Mayor Ron Mozer: never did you say 27%.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: County Holland bid 3,800 something, now you're going to say hey they didn't want the job let me tell you something we had two increases last on a garbage situation the last time; two increases in Monessen we're going to have more than two increases in Monessen after this is done.

Mayor Ron Mozer: they are annually contractually obligated increases each year that's the reason why there's two is a three-year contract.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: how did how did they increase our garbage pickup last time.

Mayor Ron Mozer: the contract was such that every year the price goes up and the same is true with this contract I'm sure the what, tell me what the price will go up each year. the $2,593 th000 is not divided by three and that's your fee for the for the uh the year; it starts out low and gets higher.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: let me tell you something else in case you guys don't know we had a meeting here the doors were locked; they didn't even allow us to come in, the doors were locked; we were locked out.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: Pino, you know that was a mistake and we rectified it and I came and opened the doors.

Mayor Ron Mozer: you're wrong Pino.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: you're just wrong.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: I'm wrong but the door was closed.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: we came and opened the door.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: we held our meeting outside.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: we came and opened up but you said you would rather have the meeting outside.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: but then you came and opened up the door, yes, you thought that the mayor was going to open up the door, but he didn't show up so he telling me I don't show up, you didn't even show up to open up the * door, yeah I'd rather be outside on a good day I'd rather yeah; you did and I give you credit for coming down.

Mayor Ron Mozer: okay wind it down.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: since he likes to pick I'm just telling you he never showed up.

City Administrator Mr. Michael Korposh: because I showed up.

Mr. Pino Cianflone: yeah you showed up after we called you our meeting was halfway going through by the time you just as I have no having it on the outside and I appreciate you showing up okay but the other part is this I like for you, next year like for you when you write your report to actually write down not how many arrests they made, what the arrest was for - was it for drugs, was it for fine, was it for shooting, what's it for, whatever, not the way you read it - hey they made 25 arrest $600 worth of fines - what's that mean? That don't mean nothing we don't know we know that the town is infested and needs to be fixed and you end

Mayor Ron Mozer: anybody else have any comments they'd like to make?

Mr. Ted Harhai: my question to you mayor would be are you ever going to divulge who hatched the plan to build those modular homes on Motheral.

Mayor Ron Mozer: Community Action.

Mr. Ted Harhai: pardon me?

Mayor Ron Mozer: Community Action. I've said that over and over again.

Mr. Ted Harhai: you met with them and when the when the people brought the 19 signatures on the petition and you said go to the county; it wasn't the county it was Westmoreland Community Action.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and that's where they went to - Community Action addressed those questions.

Mr. Ted Harhai: 15 years and we never operated like they did the other thing the newspaper never advertised that they had an open house; they had an open house they said there were two dozen people. Two of the people that were on that petition that were not recognized and given their just due, by the way that should have been publicly held to put those up there - should have had hearing for the public to come so that they could turn it down; never had the opportunity to do that. You mentioned about build these things in modular homes were here before uh there was a steel mill here, and they needed housing immediately and they contacted Admiral Homes, did

the predominant work, they were small cube type homes and they've some people expand expanded since then - totally different scenario; um I think the bulk of people aren't upset so much with those modular homes which I think the construction of the home is fine, but the manner in which you went about it in secrecy; it wasn't put in the paper until you finally started to put it and approved it and the whole nine yards. Let me give you a couple of things that I found out about the dream home sales. Some of the comments, "I bought a new home from these thieves; I can't say much but they messed up everything I have my state representative, the HUD inspector, and the Attorney General are investigating them and they had 21 days to start repairing work that didn't happen. The Pennsylvania Attorney General was giving them another 21-day period it's been two weeks and no work has started after these 21 days are up. My attorney is going to file multiple lawsuits against them starting off with real estate fraud; stay tuned." When this is over I will post everything that person called me I don't know why they called me; I didn't put a thing out, I didn't reach out to them and you'll say well geez when was that, last week uh. The other one is if you decide to do business with dream homes, now this is the person that you voted on, you did your homework you must insist upon a completion, move in date to be in the contract.

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's not true, I do no business with dream homes; I have nothing to do with dream homes.

Mr. Ted Harhai: well dream homes is going to put those things together.

Mayor Ron Mozer: Dream Homes is contracted by Community Action; you should be smart enough to understand how Community Action works and what they have to do.

Mr. Ted Harhai: they're not working the way we worked, when I worked.

Mayor Ron Mozer: well then you need to go talk to them or come see me sometime; I will be happy to talk to you - you've never come to see me see me with any of your ideas or problems.

Mr. Ted Harhai: you don't want to hear my ideas, you got me off the Refuse Authority;

Mayor Ron Mozer: I would love to.

Mr. Ted Harhai: you don't want me involved in anything and I explained that to Karen. I'd volunteer for a ton of stuff - you guys don't want me around here because I'll expose what you're doing. May I finish.

Mayor Ron Mozer: you've been wrong on everything with these houses we are not doing business with Dream Homes.

Mr. Ted Harhai: okay we signed the contract September of 2023.

Mayor Ron Mozer: who signed the contract?

Mr. Ted Harhai: the person.

Mayor Ron Mozer: no who who who who who - what does that have to do with me?

Mr. Ted Harhai: this is a guy that's going to be putting these things together - they can't even seam together properly.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I have nothing to do with do with Dream Homes.

Mr. Ted Harhai: nothing to do with the manufacturer.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I have nothing to do with this.

Mr. Ted Harhai: is the assembly guy. This is the guy that is being sued by about eight people right now; why do we want this guy in Monessen putting modular homes, which are trailers without wheels?

Mayor Ron Mozer: he is not doing any business with the city of Monessen.

Mr. Ted Harhai: who in the world is going to buy a house on Motheral Avenue for that price and don't give me the it's low income, now we're back to low income.

Mayor Ron Mozer: it's not low income.

Ms. Linda Lacey: how much are they Ted?

Mr. Ted Harhai: I don't know what they are - they're not going to spend the money there so what's going to happen is let me ask you this question since you put that in your notes uh uh about (hopefully that's not mine hang it up please um) (I have a question) can somebody purchase these five properties, because one, number one we were told that one wasn't purchased and then we were told one wasn't purchased has one been purchased?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I don't think the contract's been signed on any of them yet.

Mr. Ted Harhai: okay so one has not been purchased um if I went in there and I took over those five homes or five modular trailers.

Mayor Ron Mozer: they're not trailers.

Mr. Ted Harhai: and I rented or leased or what because you covered yourself in this thing that you haven't been doing for a long time and that's the uh Redevelopment Authority, by the way I would uh defend Pino on this one, why doesn't the Redevelopment Authority to give you a report so we can see it, and not a two-minute you can't ask a question deal. Why don't they come to these meetings and give you a report and…

Mayor Ron Mozer: I think they should.

Mr. Ted Harhai: and share that report for us?

Mayor Ron Mozer: I think they should.

Mr. Ted Harhai: that answers my question but um I have this other guy just said - buyer beware Dream Homes cost him $150,000, he is suing him his son sold him the house, the son does not have a real estate license, when he questioned him the son became a ghost.

Mayor Ron Mozer: we have nothing to do with this person.

Mr. Ted Harhai: but that's what you have coming in to assemble these things now they're not using uh

Mayor Ron Mozer: they're not assembling them they build a foundation for them they're all done at this point.

Mr. Ted Harhai: well they put the seaming together because and seaming as it comes into two pieces; they put it together they did a very very um uh poor job and they dealt with another company, you said there were other companies that put these - that manufacture these modular homes. Redman no longer deals with the guy that's coming in to do this up on Motheral.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Mr. Harhai, I have a question and I don't know the answer so I'm going to ask a question it's to anybody really. I would make an assumption that whoever's going to deliver parts of this home that we put together up there okay once their job is done.

Mr. Ted Harhai: the delivery?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: or whoever's putting it together like you were talking about the seams and all that all right.

Mr. Ted Harhai: they put it together, Dream Homes put the house together.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: okay so but my question is and I know it's in Allegheny County and I can't believe it's any different in Westmoreland County what in a building inspector say I'm going into this house now you're want a permit for me to sign off on that says that this was put together, it's constructed adequately, it meets all codes, it meets everything if it doesn't happen, guess what, nobody's going to sit in this house forever.

Mr. Ted Harhai: one would hope so.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: but isn't that that's the law though.

Mr. Ted Harhai: what building inspector would we send in, is that another expense to the City of Monessen?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: K2 Engineering I would think for us.

Mr. Ted Harhai: we would pay them to go?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: they pay for the inspection. Whoever is asking for the inspection pays the fee for the inspection from K2.

Councilman John Nestor: so it would be Westmoreland Community Action.

Mayor Ron Mozer: most likely a buyer.

Mr. Ted Harhai: could we find out?

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso: that's the answer, that is the answer; you don't get an occupancy permit until you have a home inspection.

Mr. Ted Harhai: I don’t know how they came up with this idea - Westmoreland Community Action, we never operated like this and I try to get with them but what happened as you called a meeting here for people that wanted to help Monessen. I was one of those people and at the same time the County Commissioners had a thing in Rostraver township. I'm going to say it's coincidental but I would have asked the County Commissioners to stop that - this thing that's going on but I came here because I was thinking about trying to help Monessen unfortunately that didn't happen. Thank you.

Ms. Linda Lacey: Linda Lacey, Maple Avenue. I just did a little bit of research because when Community Action came here they never did say what ranges those houses were going to be priced at. All you said was it was supposed to be affordable, not low income, well they just changed the name from it's not low income that's for sure because they start around $90,000 and go up and that all depends on whether you put them on a pier a slab or you dig a basement or have a garage attached if your lot is big enough. Some of them come with a drywall package, some don't - that's extra. So the houses that I went to do my research on the cheapest one was $90,000, but that was on a pillar; the other one that's on the lot, that was probably about 1600 square ft, was around $179,900 and that didn't even include the pad. Some of them you have to have basements to them, some you don't, but then I asked this question if I put it on a lot and I decide I don't want to live there can I move it, and they said yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer: not easily.

Ms. Linda Lacey: so to me it's mobile and if you go look at them you can go there's one on 119 going to Greensburg that is I think it's RIU I think.

Mayor Ron Mozer: so right now today there's houses on Pacific Avenue and on Grand Boulevard.

Ms. Linda Lacey: but they look like regular houses.

Mayor Ron Mozer: exactly, these are going to look like regular houses.

Ms. Linda Lacey: Mayor you said you didn't have anything to do with it; um Community Action are the same people that did the houses up on Reed and Knox.

Mayor Ron Mozer: long before me.

Ms. Linda Lacey: those will look like normal houses these are sticking out like a sore thumb come on Motheral. This is ridiculous.

Mayor Ron Mozer: they fit the parcels that exist there.

Ms. Linda Lacey: well why couldn't you build a regular, no, there was regular houses there.

Mayor Ron Mozer: but the regular houses would not meet modern code; if you rebuild a house you have to have setbacks on all four sides.

Ms. Linda Lacey: why couldn't they just duplicate what was there before they tore down?

Mayor Ron Mozer: because it would not have met code.

Ms. Linda Lacey: are you telling me that every house in Monessen right now is on a lot that's if they tore it down and rebuilt it, it wouldn't be coded if they built it exactly the same.

Mayor Ron Mozer: it would be it would be a challenge.

Ms. Linda Lacey: okay that's okay, we'll just go over that that's really technical.

Mayor Ron Mozer: and the other thing is too where your information is coming from, I'm not real sure; these are specific houses coming from Manorwood Homes.

Ms. Linda Lacey: yeah and they start at $90,000, so how is that affordable?

Mayor Ron Mozer: you also made a comment that that house on 9 Street would was only worth 20 or $30,000; it sold for $95,000.

Ms. Linda Lacey: are you definitely sure is that and how that financing did they go through a bank?

Mayor Ron Mozer: no they got a check for it.

Ms. Linda Lacey: oh they paid cash for it?

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's right that's right.

Ms. Linda Lacey: oh that's the only person that would do that is somebody that could pay cash for it all right, but what I'm saying is they never they took the pictures out of the window over there that I was sending people down here to look; they took them out of the window. So my thing is that they never stated how much they were going to cost, all they said was affordable, but to me $90,000 for somebody that's making $40,000, that's not affordable; $179,900 is not affordable.

Mayor Ron Mozer: there there's all kinds of incentives that go into that too. The price is not necessarily the same price that they paid for; they may be price it higher, they may price it lower.

Ms. Linda Lacey: well that's different.

Mayor Ron Mozer: it is, but that's what their grant allows them to do. I would be happy to invite Dan back here to explain this.

Ms. Linda Lacey: yeah, because I would like to know and in meantime you should do what I did you should go out there on 51 and 119 and talk to the salesperson that sells those homes.

Mayor Ron Mozer: Those are mobile homes there; it's different.

Ms. Linda Lacey: wait there's a two story house right on 51 just above C. Harper; there's a two story home there. It's sitting on the lot; it's on a slab, it's not in the basement they're moving that house because they're not - Clayton's not making that model anymore, and they're moving it to a lot that they bought over there on Cedar Creek. Do you know how much that house is going to end up costing? Over 300,000 because they're putting a garage attached to it.

Mayor Ron Mozer: I looked at a house in Manorwood that was over a half million bucks.

Ms. Linda Lacey: I don't think that this was basically like Mr. Harhai said; we the residents in Monessen didn't get the full story on this development.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Mayor, would it make more sense to have whoever it is over there come to our next Council meeting?

Mayor Ron Mozer: that's I just said; we'll get Dan to come and make a presentation.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: no I think he needs to answer all these questions to all the people that have questions and let them interact with him and we just sit here.

Ms. Linda Lacey: yeah, because when the people came down with that petition on Motheral, nobody did anything.

Mayor Ron Mozer: we did, we met with every one of them; we met with every one of them. Go talk to those people again.

Ms. Linda Lacey: but you told them they came down here because it was supposed to be low-income housing.

Mayor Ron Mozer: they thought that was Section 8 housing is what they thought it was.

Ms. Linda Lacey: that's what low-income housing is.

Mayor Ron Mozer: This is not.

Ms. Linda Lacey: affordable housing it's like, do you think that their property values are going to go up because they got the modular homes there? No, or trailers, because they can be moved so they are mobile.

Mayor Ron Mozer: there's no moving these houses.

Ms. Linda Lacey: oh you can move them.

Mayor Ron Mozer: you can move any house as far as I'm concerned.

Ms. Linda Lacey: you can't move just any house, but you can move those.

Mayor Ron Mozer: no, no ,you've had your chance, no.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: one bright note: Wednesday they're going to have a photo opp, the Action Community - they're going to go up to Motheral; they're going to have a photo because the outside's going to be fixed. (Ms. Linda Lacey: I would like to talk to them.)

Mayor Ron Mozer: they should be I don't know.

Mr. Ernest Telegraphis: but that's what I was told this coming Wednesday. They have a photo up in front of the uh newly constructed uh homes up there.

Mayor Ron Mozer: which is pretty amazing if that's the case.

Councilman John Nestor: I make a motion Mayor, a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting at October 24th at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Ron Mozer: is there a second?

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: second.

Mayor Ron Mozer: any questions? All in favor say aye – (all ayes). The meeting is adjourned.