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SPEAKERS

Karen Cosner, City Administrator Mike Korposh, Joseph Dalfonso, Pastor John Custer, Councilman Orzechowski, Earnie Telegraphis, Councilman John Nestor, Ron Mozer

Ron Mozer 00:00

Uh, it's now 631 we're going to go ahead and start this city council meeting of February the 13th. Could I have a roll call please? Council person Cosner here, Councilman Nestor present. Council person Thomas, council Karen Cosner here, Mayor Mozer present. There. We note four present and one absent. But thank you. At this time, I'd like to ask Reverend John Custer to lead us in prayer. Thank

Pastor John Custer 00:31

you. Thank you. Let's pray together, Lord, tonight we come to you. We have requests we want to present to you. First of all, we'd like to give thanks. You got us through this last year. You walked us right beside us. This coming year, you're with us too, and you have many good plans. Everything good that has happened, we attribute to you. It all comes from you, and it's all good. And so tonight we give thanks. I have some requests, Lord, we we just agree together tonight, especially for Marvin Davis, I pray that you would touch him, heal his body, beloved code officer here and fellow servant put upon him. Healing and I, the promise we call upon tonight is when two of us here would agree, on earth, agree about anything you do it we ask. And so all of us right here in this room, way more than two, we agree for this healing, let him recover, gain strength, be back in his normal tour of duty here. And Lord I pray also. I just overheard here about Councilman Nestor, his mother, and we ask you to extend healing to her, touch her and let her days be good and peaceful. We pray for this, agree for it. And Lord, I ask tonight for all the servants gathered here. Thank you for them. I pray that you would give them the information they need tonight to do the job that they've been called to do. We're thankful they took it up willingly ask tonight for wisdom for them that they could take the facts that you give them and assemble them and do things that are wise for this city. We just thank you for your love, and I ask in Your name, because of that unending concern, desire for wellness and goodness for this city. Thank you, Lord. Amen. Amen,

All 02:42

I pledge allegiance to the flag of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all

Ron Mozer

So let's see, as people have the opportunity to look at the minutes from the December 23 and the work session meeting. She did not do this. We were going to do those on the 27th Okay, all together. Oh, okay, all right. Skip that. At this time, is there any public comment on agenda? Items only,

Earnie Telegraphis 03:36

Earnest, telegraphis. This is for Tony the CFO. I just got some basic questions. How much money have we utilized? So? Far from the tan note, \$100,000 okay, now, if you took \$100,000 and that went to where the general fund, general fund. Now, how? On page two, it says that you're paying 170 page three, you're paying 176,000 for all influences. So aren't you 76,000 short,

Councilman Orzechowski 04:11

no, we had over \$160,000 still in the

Earnie Telegraphis 04:18

general so if you had 160,000 you took 100,000 that payroll. Okay, payroll, okay, so how much you have now? Payroll,

Councilman Orzechowski 04:26

I will give you that report. There is a, I think there's \$80,000

Earnie Telegraphis 04:33

that's it. That's left in the general. Okay, so what's going to happen next time you're going to get more money from the tandem as

Councilman Orzechowski 04:40

slowly as we can. So if I don't have to, we don't have to, when you

Earnie Telegraphis 04:44

take the money out, do they charge you interest only on what you're taking out, or they already charge you for the whole half a million? No, it's

Councilman Orzechowski 04:50

already been, it's already all in our account, so we're paying on the whole half a million.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:56

Okay, then I. Mary explain to me what is this new term I never heard before, and that has to do with this guarantee revenue obligation bond for non electoral debt. What's that?

Joseph Dalfonso 05:18

We talked about this briefly in January. This is the USDA sewage project. The USDA offered the city two loans the amount of \$7,595,000 you'll see the first ordinance that is to close on the first USDA loan, so meaning the city has already spent that amount of money under the PNC interim financing. Okay, that already paid for them, for USDA loan. No, this is going to refund a portion of that. That's refunding the city will pay this loan over the course of 30 years at one point, yes, 30 years and an interest rate of 1.25%

Earnie Telegraphis 06:04

the interest rate is 1.2 outcomes. You're paying six point something for the panel. It's

Joseph Dalfonso 06:08

a different type of loan. The second ordinance is to extend the PNC interim financing for the second half of the USDA loan that is the same premise as what the city did in 2022 it's for 7,595,000 that is to complete the rest of the project. The issue with this is the project was supposed to be complete by March, but this year, this year, but they are dealing with 100 year old lines and all the surprises that come along with it. It is a variable interest rate loan. The interest rate is capped at 10% the city is only paying interest payments during the term of this loan. They're not paying any principal. The principal will be paid when the USDA loan number two kicks in right now. All the loan work right now is projected, keyword, projected to be done by mid

Earnie Telegraphis 07:09

October. Okay, so when does this other loan kick in? This will

Joseph Dalfonso 07:14

be October. And remember the USDA did provide a there's a \$5,000,000. Four and a half million dollar grant, there'll be additional work, but that's grant money thereafter.

Earnie Telegraphis 07:23

Okay, with that additional work, can we use that if you got anything left over to repair the roads?

Joseph Dalfonso 07:32

No, no, no.

This is sewage. You got to remember the city's under a consent order from the DEP to do this work. Have been for, I think almost 20 years,

Earnie Telegraphis 07:41

if you save money from any of these loans, we can't. I mean, these loans are very favorable, right, yeah, but we can't save any excess. No,

Joseph Dalfonso 07:51

has to go towards sewage work. It took a lot of work, starting in 2010 2011 to even get to where the city is at today. I mean, you gotta think this USDA process started three administration. One

Earnie Telegraphis 08:04

last question for you, who's the contractor doing all this? I

Joseph Dalfonso 08:08

think there's several. There's several. There's more than one who's watching all these but the main one is, I believe MCSP.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:16

Where are they from?

Joseph Dalfonso 08:18

Ohio? Yeah, believe Cincinnati. Yep, it's very specialized work they're doing the centrifugal lining of the pipes, which ultimately saved the city a lot of money. Because, I believe several years ago, Mister Orzechowski tasked the engineers with how finding out how much it would cost to dig up all these sewage lines in it was really expensive, because

Earnie Telegraphis 08:43

he does know how to negotiate. But anyway,

Joseph Dalfonso 08:49

digging in the ground.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:52

Anyway, okay, I'm glad you guys are able to answer my questions.

Ron Mozer 08:59

Thank you. Anybody else I'd like to remind everybody that the only motions that will be making tonight are motions that are financially oriented.

The first one is a motion for the first reading of approval to advertise ordinance number, and I don't have the ordinance number 1275, 1275 authorizing and incurring of non electoral debt by the issuance of a guaranteed revenue obligation bond in the principal amount of \$7,595,000 pursuant to USDA loan conditions. Could I have a separate request to accomplish the permanent financing of a portion of the improvement of the city sewer system facilities,

including, but not limited to centrifugally concrete lining the approximate approximately 13,000 feet of the large brick truck sewer lines on Third Street, Sixth Street, Ninth Street, 12th Street, and renew 8000 feet of eight inch to 24 inch pipe with cast in pipe and replace 105 manholes.

Ron Mozer:

Could I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor:

Second,

Ron Mozer:

any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh:

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council Orzechowski, yes. Yes,

Ron Mozer

motion for the first reading approval to advertise ordinance number.1276 authorizing and the current non electoral debt by the issuance of a guaranteed revenue note in the principal amount of \$7,595,000.07 pursuant to PNC loan agreement to extend interim financing for phase three of the city wide sewer rehabilitation project. Could I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor:

Second

Ron Mozer

any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh:

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Council Member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Ron Mozer:

I'm going to try to explain a little bit about what actually transpired just now, back in 2007 the PA DP got together with him, got together with Mon Valley sewage authority as a result of a complaint filed by a local resident to do a camera study of all the pipelines that we have, and they came back at 80% of them were what they call a Category Five, four or five. Five is immediate failure. Four is failure within five years.

Now, bear in mind this was in 2007 also bear in mind that we suffered numerous failures along the way too. We had a failures, one in Cleveland Cliffs, one up in in town as well. So when they did this, they defined a project that was actually four different, four different

phases. And I think that they're trying to expand that to many more phases but four that I'm aware of.

Phase One's a city park that was a problem with, with separating the sewage from the storm water. And that was basically done, completed. We're done with that.

Phase two is the EQ tank. That's the EQ tank that they've been talking about on parenting for a long time. We turn that over to Mon Valley sewage authority. We've been waiting on that for many years, and it still hasn't happened. So I don't know what the update is on that.

Phase three was the USDA lining. That's what we've been spending, the seven, the \$15 million that we're talking about right now on.

And then phase four was what we used the pin vest for. And you might have recalled early on in my administration, we did a pin vest project that was replacing pipe. That was what was done up on Reed and through the park and so forth. But they actually dug up and replaced the pipe. So that was the in ground digging that we had to do as things go.

Administrations change in 2022 we finally had all the banks lined up. PENNvest loan for phase four was out of the gate for \$2.37 million at one and a quarter percent and a 25 year term, five years for construction, 20 years for payment. It turns out this the same 1.25% regardless. So it really doesn't matter one way or the other.

PNC Bank actually stepped up with a 15, \$15,190,000 loan for interim financing that we've been doing, and that's what's been we're doing. That's what we manipulated tonight with those two ordinance one was paying it down by seven and a half million dollars. The other was taking the remaining balance and putting it on a new loan that had a new termination date. This that's 30 months in the future.

Yeah, it's got a lot of time left too. We hope to be able to complete complete that project long before then. Now, remember the PNC. It had a three year term it ran. It was going to run out of March 23 now, the lawyers had this all worked out, but the new loan is 40 years, not 30 years. and it's 1.125% interest on the USDA loan. Now 1.125% is super deals.

In any event, the seven half million dollars we paid off today by doing this, rather than just extending the \$15 million is saving the city \$885.39 at current interest rates per day, \$885 per day out of the line usage fund. So this is just a phenomenal thing. You take the interest rate that the PNC was charging versus what we get the new rate, that's \$885 so that we're doing good there.

I think that's really the only thing I really wanted to say about that is I think that the project is going together quite well.

There will be another discussion item that we're going to be talking about here in a few minutes that talks about a change order. That change order will be enough money to actually complete the \$15 million project we started on, close out that second loan that we just started today. We should be able to close out, if anything goes right and the engineers stay on target by October of this year. So we're actually doing quite well with that. I do believe I Okay,

So this leads us to discussion of the 2025, rate schedule for the sewer rehabilitation project, three, amendment number seven. And this is something I just want to discuss through Council very quickly. I don't think it's going to take a lot. The only thing that I have to say about this is that the contract for the engineer is really written such that every year they can adjust their rates. To me, that means every year they can come to us and negotiate the rates. And the only thing that upsets me is they didn't come to us and negotiate the rates. They just said, this is are going to be our new rates, and that upsets me, but nonetheless, the rates that they're doing are in line with what inflation is doing. So it really even if they had come and negotiated, we'd come up with probably the same answer. So if anybody has any comments about that, I think that'll just move forward to a motion to be made.

Anything you wanna say about that? Tony, I don't Okay. Well, let's continue on there. The next one is a discussion on change order five. Change Order five is the the change order I was just mentioning going to take us over the line for \$15 million after that, everything becomes grant fund, and it won't. There's no money to pay back, no nothing. And the only thing is we just got to keep following the same procedure to meet the goals for that grant money. The change order is written in two parts. One is a decrease in the in the project fund by \$500,000 and that's really due to the fact that that we hired insight to come in and do a lot of lines. There were some lines that they just simply couldn't do for one reason or another. They didn't need to be done. They couldn't get didn't have manhole for them, for whatever reason. There's a half million dollars worth of savings that we got when they came in to do their project. But contrary to that, they're increasing it by \$916,000 and that's what takes us over the limit for the \$15 million that's a lot of work for realigning things. This is primarily done at Marion, Montraver, Pacific and Pacific. There's a few other similar type roads we're doing, but this is the reason why, when the water company came and dug up Montraver, just as an example, we said, don't worry about it yet. Give us the money it takes to pave it, but we are likely going to have to be doing some work up here. We want to make sure we get our work done before we dig up the brand new road. So that's not to say that we're not going to take care of Montraver, Marion and Pacific. It's just that we want to make sure that we're done working on them. That's what change order number five is really accomplishing. If there's anybody has any questions on it, I'll be happy to try to answer them, but that's really the nuts and bolts of what that is about that will move on to a motion in our next meeting as well.

The other thing is, we need to recreate a police Pension Board. We need to reinstate it. We need to find somebody that meets the qualifications, the criteria, and reappoint them to Yeah, it's

Joseph Dalfonso 19:34

that's set by ordinance. I think by ordinance it's Council. I believe it's the city Administrator, three officers from the police department. You

Councilman John Nestor 19:46

don't have to have the controller anything in there. I

Joseph Dalfonso 19:48

don't believe so. And I know Linda's looking through that. She's met with somebody from the police department. I think there's a list of names of who wants to be. Yeah, there

19:59

is a. Two officers. I believe when we can just when we reestablish it, before it was myself, two officers, Councilman Orzechowski, Councilor, Councilwoman Thomas, that was important, okay, and I can't remember the city admin being there, but that

Joseph Dalfonso 20:20

could have been in a time I know Judith Taylor was there. I don't know if it was her capacity as the city Administrator or the city clerk. Yeah, the entire five are actually there, and it was just so everybody's aware, it's to review matters pertaining to the police pension, including any proposed retirements, make recommendations to city council, and it's a good checks and balances system that needs to be in place. So the only

Ron Mozer 20:56

thing we really need to make sure we do is make a motion to appoint those people at the next meeting. And I

Joseph Dalfonso 21:03

believe your city clerk has those names perfect

Ron Mozer 21:08

motion G, we can just discard that has no variant on anything that we're doing here. And it was not a motion anyway, just a discussion out of it, but that's handled differently.

H is a discussion. Of the proper payment mechanism for the city to pay insurance claims to the city of Monessen volunteer relief fire hose number one, that's just simply a motion needs to be made for insurance claim that was made and they they need to be reimbursed. Is that correct? And it'll be allocated to the city of Monessen to then allocate that to the appropriate

Fire Company. That was the whole thing, to sort of take the whole process and make it a little more simple that it goes into the city of Monessen general fund and then it's issued out. So that will happen at the next meeting. Anybody have any questions or concerns about that? No,

Councilman John Nestor 22:02

I don't, but I do have a question. It's kind of off this topic that relates to the both houses one and two. Do we know if, by any chance, of last year, if we just dispersed 5000 for both companies?

Ron Mozer 22:17

I think we did that through

Councilman John Nestor 22:20

correct William has sent out a letter, and I was just, I was, I can't remember if we already allocated and gave that money last year, or if we just forgot to do it, because

Ron Mozer 22:32

I believe we did. Did we not? Did we did it through the arp?

Anthony Orzechowski:

Yeah, we did through the arp.

Councilman John Nestor 22:36

Okay? Because I was kind of questioning why he was asking.

Ron Mozer 22:38

I don't think it was \$5,000 I think it was closer to 15, was it not?

Councilman Orzechowski 22:43

Yeah, it was more. It was more than we budgeted this year. Yeah,

Ron Mozer 22:46

yeah. Now I kind of took that letter as meaning, where's the money going to come from, from this year's budget of 5000

Councilman John Nestor 22:53

Oh, because he, because I see IRA, was like, hey, 2024 was on that. And I'm like, I thought we I thought,

Ron Mozer 23:00

and the only thing I can say is we gotta get some revenue coming in before we're going to be getting everything out, anything out.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:07

We generally don't disperse that towards the end of the year too.

Councilman John Nestor 23:09

Yeah, okay, sorry about that, Mayor, but yeah, we do need to follow through and make sure that it took place. I'm pretty sure it did. I agree with Tony that that we paid that out of our funds. Sorry

Ron Mozer 23:13

No, that's what the purposes is, so we understand what we're doing here. The next one is a discussion of adding the ability and prime pay to permit all participating individuals to utilize an email address to email their bills and EOBs to prime pay, rather than being forwarded to the city and the resulting upload facts to complete the service for them. This would cost \$1 per month per enrolled, for a total of \$85 per month.

Does everybody understand what we're talking about there right now, apparently, and I'm maybe talking I'll turn Mike can straighten me out. Is a retiree. When he has medical work done and he's following his insurance claim, he sends it to us, then we have to upload it to the system and go that way. What she's basically saying is, let them upload it directly to the system. We still have the ability to review it, to to, you know, make sure that it's proper, but it eliminates the step in the process for \$1 per employee, per employee, that's per month. I think that it makes sense to me, but

Councilman Orzechowski 24:55

I don't really it depends on how many people take advantage of it.

Ron Mozer 24:55

Well, there's 85 people, and she's basically trying to get them all. To do it, if they're all going to do it,

Councilman Orzechowski 25:01

yes, \$85 \$85

Ron Mozer 25:03

it's worth it, right? \$85 per month. Times you know, 12 months is is, you know, these are for retirees. Is for retirees.

Councilman John Nestor 25:16

Mark, you're going to use this. I retiree.

Ron Mozer 25:24

That's why those people that are using the prime payer currently, and that's retirees. This primarily the police. I do believe the firemen have their own insurance, their own retirement plans. Well, unless somebody has issue with it, I think it ought to move forward to the next meeting. Tony, your turn. Okay,

Councilman Orzechowski 25:50

thank you, Mayor. Make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general funding amount of \$176,323.36 all invoices are attached to his agendas. A

City Administrator Mike Korposh 26:01

Is there a second

John Nestor:

second?

Ron Mozer:

Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 26:10

Motion to pay the following invoices from the recreation account. Amount of \$1,196.45 all when voices are attached to this agenda is attached, would be

Ron Mozer

is there a second second. Any questions, call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 26:19

council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor, yes motion passed,

Councilman Orzechowski 26:28

Motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund the amount of \$38,930.53 all invoices are attached to the agenda is attachment C?

Ron Mozer

Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor

Second?

Ron Mozer

Any questions? Call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 26:38

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council Member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 26:47

Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund in the amount of \$807.55 all invoices are attached as agendas. Attachment D,

Ron Mozer

is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor

Second

Ron Mozer Any questions? Call the role?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 26:57

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, very much, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 27:05

Motion to approve the transfer of \$65,028.20 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll. Is

Ron Mozer 27:12

there a second?

Councilman John Nestor

Second,

Ron Mozer

any questions? Call the roll?

City Administrator Mike Korposh

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 27:21

Motion to move \$100,000 from the tan note account to the general account.

Ron Mozer

Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor

second?

Ron Mozer

Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 27:26

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council Member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 27:36

Motion to transfer \$2,200 from the general fund to the healthcare fund.

Ron Mozer

Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 27:40

Second?

Ron Mozer

Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Council Member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 27:55

You want to have a discussion on the next thing? I don't think it should be a discussion. We just do it.

Ron Mozer 27:58

Okay, that's fine. You want to just move forward to the next one. We'll move forward the next one. I'm not sure why it was discussion, not a motion myself, but that's

Councilman Orzechowski 28:07

What I'm saying. Well, that's that's what happened when that fell through the cracks.

Ron Mozer 28:18

All right, Lois is not here, so we can skip that. Do you have anything you want to talk about? John, thank

Councilman John Nestor 28:23

I really don't have much except for I talked to Vitale from WEC about, he was asking about if I had anything about roads that were I noticed that were popping up, you know, with water and gas lines that were coming through the neighborhood. I just mentioned about the intersection of Schoonmaker and second street on the left hand side, on 906 where the road is now buckling up and then stepping down. He said he would kind of look into it. I haven't heard anything else. I just know that that particular intersections really is highly used, not just from transportation on six but from our first responders that turned down onto second street to get to the stations, the respective stations that they report to. But that's all I really had, is just the buckling of that road, and this is prior to the deep freeze we had. So I'm sure there's probably an issue going on down there.

Ron Mozer 29:21

There's a lot of things that are happening around town right now. We have the road is kind of depressed on Summit around leads. We have a sinkhole behind the the the hall, hall up there that we've got. The point being is, I met with Dr Alvi. What's his first name, dr Alvin. He is of the opinion that there is some underlying mind subsidence issues running around town. He's really advocating that we establish a meeting, and we need for council to understand this and figure if we want to move forward with it, a meeting that involves inviting Senator Ward, Devanzo and possibly some of the other congressmen and senators we have in the area to come to Monessen and allow him to make a presentation about some of the solutions that he can offer for for doing this.

And the reason why he wants to do this is these are not going to be cheap solutions. They're way beyond our ability to do it. It's going to require state aid to address some of these issues, if he's correct. Now, he does have a pretty good resume insofar as he did the stabilization before they built the tower right across the street over here, the Westmoreland County Housing Authority built, they did the stabilization before they built the east gate building. He did a lot of that. He's been around quite a while. He He's very well respected within DEP, but I um, I mean, is Council really thinking that this should be pursued and see if we can get him down here to talk to the whole town is under amount or above a mines,

Councilman John Nestor 31:08

the whole town is above a mine. And every part of the town has has potential for being issues, if he can offer us some solutions.

Ron Mozer 31:18

Yeah, and I just, the reason why I brought this up as well too, is that's where our previous waterline break was at too. So I don't know if that has to do with the water line. So that's a good point. Not all everything is mindset, yeah.

Councilman John Nestor 31:34

So I haven't spoken back from him, but I know he'll, he'll be looking into it, Tony's preview at that. Okay, that's all I have, Mayor. Thank you. Thank you,

Ron Mozer 31:48

council woman. Cosner, we've been working a lot with several different things you want to try to explain to you?

Karen Cosner 31:55

Well, I probably could. I'm sure by now everybody knows that we've been working on a four series concerts at the amphitheater at City Park. So the mayor and I have been trying to think, how do we get foundations and grants to pay for this?

So last week, on Friday, we submitted an application asking for \$8,000 to PNC Charitable Trust. Came up with a budget for all the four concert series of a little over \$16,000 I know that the mayor wanted to have have these be free concerts to the community and the Mon Valley and surrounding areas. In order to do that, then we need donations. We need grants, and that's what we're really trying very hard to get.

There's another grant through Westmoreland parks that's due in in March, that we're going to apply for. We've been looking exploring all areas. We're hoping local, some of these bigger businesses, because I really don't want to go to the people we beg for, for everything else, you know, some of the larger industries we do have them, in essence, hopefully they're going to be willing to support this, because then you're going to get people coming to town, hopefully they're going to go to the restaurants. And really, why can't we be a destination?

I mean, we are. I feel that what Monessen once was isn't going to happen. Well, we could be something different. If we go to Pittsburgh, we go to Monongahela, why can't it be us? We just have to work together and we believe this is a start to get people into our town. So we wanted everybody on council to be aware of what we've been trying very hard to do. And hopefully this is going to come off, and then we can do every year. We can, we can plan a year in advance of how to get the money, and maybe by then people will say, Yeah, they'll, tell us now for next year, we're hoping. But does anybody have any questions about this or what we've done?

Councilman John Nestor 33:47

I want to say thank you for all the work. Thank you

Ron Mozer 33:50

Let me make something very clear too. This is, this is a city event. This is a city amphitheater that we're trying to do it at. This is a city organized thing we're working with with Mon Valley Academy of Arts, a guy by the name of Mark Smith to help us, because he is in the in business, he knows the context, and the music and so forth. But in the course of following this grant for the PNC, because it is the city, city council is going to be responsible for how this comes off, I mean, and as such, we basically listed the city, all the council as being the board of directors for this event. So you guys have a very direct input to what we're doing here. And I really think it can be a very positive thing.

I think that offers lots of opportunities to that end. This has been in the newspaper already. Once we got a phone call from Cleveland Cliffs, they've already arranged to become a sponsor of the event. So one of many, but that's the kind of thing that we're looking forward to, is companies to step up that can afford it, to invest in this per. Process so that we can put together this program sometime very soon. Ie this by the end of this month, we also need to sign a contract with Billy price to get him reserved for our date that we have in June. So just make sure that you know, we understand what we're doing here. We've got the resources coming in and so forth to afford that. That's a \$3,000 commitment that we need to sign right now. We're probably sitting about 1000 bucks. So we got a ways to go between now and the end of the month.

Councilman John Nestor 35:39

Is there a particular goal.

Ron Mozer 35:45

We're aiming for 16,000 plus a few \$100, I don't think there's going to be a big problem if we get the \$8,000 from from PNG Bank of their grant program, we're more than halfway there, has

Councilman John Nestor 36:01

anybody reached out to like, maybe, like the credit union down the street?

Ron Mozer 36:05

No, but we need to. There's many business we just have not had the opportunity yet to do that. Everybody from the restaurants, Douglas, college, all these places, need to be offered the opportunity to participate. And in return for that, we will do what we can to promote their their business, just as we're trying, it would be nice to see that finally starting

Councilman John Nestor 36:24

to get utilized more often. You know, even, like some of the churches they were want to have, like a church service up there on a Sunday, or something like that, or or any local religious groups or something happening up there, just be nice to see it brushed off a little bit well, there's some real connotations.

Ron Mozer 36:39

As far as you know, get bringing people into the area too. You bring in a name like Billy price, you're going to be bringing people in from all over Southwestern Pennsylvania. Yeah, to Monessen, it's a great time for restaurants to to to benefit from, from the additional business for local stores and for everybody to see what Vanessa has to offer Exactly.

Councilman John Nestor 37:02

I'm looking forward to this. I love the music and the parks.

Karen Cosner 37:08

Oh, absolutely

Ron Mozer 37:10

explain to us the Peace Pole

Karen Cosner 37:12

okay. I had received an email a few weeks ago from Donna Vesley. Probably those of you from Vanessa know who she is, and I knew this, but I had forgotten this. And I'm sure you're aware too of Stephanie, your chick, who is the first female president of Rotary International. She's from, in essence, graduated from, in essence, in 1972 she lives in Cannonsburg. But what they want to do in her honor is to install a peace pole, which I never heard in my life. What is a peace pole? So I looked it up and they and I guess it's just the something that's a representation of the world we live in. And it's, I guess you look at the Peace Pole and you just ponder that, how important it is that we all get along in this world. And they would have they, and they wanted to make a big deal about this. They want to bring Stephanie in. They want the schools to be involved and have a really big ceremony to honor her, which I thought was, I could think of no reason why we wouldn't do this for them. And at this point we have no thoughts of where it would be. Yeah, I'm just going to ask that even No, because it's been so cold, I haven't made myself go down and actually look at the park to think where would be an appropriate location.

Councilman John Nestor 38:32

This would be at the parks, at City Park

Karen Cosner 38:35

Yes, so that's a thought. You know, if anybody has an opinion of where they think it should be, or where, where the best place, and it's just like a plastic pole, and it would have a little marker on the bottom. And in honor of Stephanie,

Councilman John Nestor 38:53

how big is the pole? Like, how tall?

Karen Cosner 38:57

I'm not really sure you know. What I could do is, I'll forward all the information she sent me to you, and you can look at it because they have pictures of other parks. I

Councilman John Nestor 39:04

would probably say, I mean, everything ends up doing the walking track. But I'd say somewhere, maybe there were has more of a view where people are walking and driving past.

Ron Mozer 39:12

We're promoting the amphitheater.

Karen Cosner 39:20

Here. You know what? I'm going to pass this down to you. You can just look at it. I just thought it's on the back of it. It'll probably answer all of your questions well. And again, I think it's a good idea to get Stephanie back into town. She's a member of the Rotary. And again, that kind of contact can't help but bring positivity to Monessen once again and again, it shows that Monessen grads are out there doing things. They're all over the world, but perfect. So there is that.

And I also wanted to mention that our community calendar is up and running on our website. If you look on it, if you have any things go thing going on. You want me to pull on it, email it to me. It has a listing of the events, and you click on a tab, and you have a pull down of the months. And on the months, it'll have a little thing about the activities and everything so that is happening. And the last thing we're hoping to hire a manager for the Civic Center, which we who we need in the back and, you know, very strongly need. And I thought, since we're hiring new people from the very beginning, I would like to see a policy manual given to these people, so that they know what the expectations for them are and how to pay for things, how to make the reservation, so everybody is on the same page from the very beginning. So I went online, and I felt found one from another city, and I sort of tweaked it to make it fit Monessen. And I know that Tony, you got you looked at it and made comments, and I did highlight the things that I changed, that you suggested, because you I'm glad you looked at it, because I could look all day and not see those things. So I fixed those, and I'd like to hope that we can get this in place by the time the new people are on board, so that everybody knows what they're to do. And because I come from the classroom situation, I made a nice

checklist of what the expectations are, because our city crew works very hard trying to do everything in the town. They try hard to keep the civic center clean. I feel, however, it's the responsibility of those people who have the programs in that building that they clean up before they leave. So I made a nice checklist. I love checklists, and then everybody who's in charge just checks it off before they leave that day that they've done what's on here. And again, I sent you a copy. So if you think, Oh, you forgot this, tell me, because we all you know, when I look at things, I think it looks good, and then somebody points something else out. So I just wanted to make everybody aware of what I've been doing. And I appreciate your comments and straightening me out if I've made a left something else. So that's all I have. Anybody

Ron Mozer 42:06

have any questions or No, but I got a thing that I want to add to this. Something just occurred to me is, first off, we need to make a motion at the next meeting to hire this person and persons, and we've actually narrowed it down to a partnership between two different people for our Civic Center Manager.

Councilman John Nestor 42:22

I do believe we need to take a motion as well to accept the documentation.

Ron Mozer 42:28

Yeah, well, that would be a motion, yes. But beyond that too, we need a motion to hire. This would be a motion of a higher replacement to what Julian was doing right now. Mike's running over there every day, locking, unlocking, and it's just gets to be very

Councilman John Nestor 42:48

anybody

Ron Mozer 42:54

have anything else that they'd like to see on the thing next meeting, I do think that we need. And my apologies to to Tony this motion to move the \$315 I think that that is a mistake that we made, and I like to get that corrected on the next meeting.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:15

We can Okay.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 43:20

Can I go into your bills to be paid already? Just it's already in there, but it would just be a motion, then

Councilman Orzechowski 43:28

just be a motion to reimburse the general fund. \$315

City Administrator Mike Korposh 43:33

grant fund pays for that, correct? Okay, very good.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:38

I do have one question, sure, and that is and I understand part of it. But do we have a path, or do we have a timetable for hiring a street? Okay,

City Administrator Mike Korposh 43:54

there'll be another filing of the application process in the paper tomorrow that was requested by all to bring up the pool of applicants that we have. So that will be in a two week period. And I think by the time we hit the 27 we will have enough applicants to begin an interview process. You know, we have people from before we do, but I mean, we want most of the people from before, many of those have been there to go, yeah, they're gone, but there's a couple that could still be

Councilman Orzechowski 44:26

brought back. Well, my only question is, if you're advertising again, is that what you just said, yes, in council, have to make a motion to authorize that first. I don't you just can't author it. You just can't do a motion. Just do a motion and do it. I mean, it required a motion to of council to advertise

Joseph Dalfonso 44:44

or purchase order

City Administrator Mike Korposh 44:45

Purchase order, yeah, that's the way we did this. One Councilman is a PO, okay, any event. I do want to move forward with that as quick as we possibly can. This was. Done at the request of couple of people in the streets department, in the union that that really wanted to see this re advertised. Anybody got anything else they want to put in here? No?

Councilman John Nestor 45:17

Mayor, nope.

Ron Mozer 45:22

Okay. Um. I think we're going to, I'd like to make a motion to defer public comments to the meeting of February 27 could have a second second, all in favor. So this will be deferred. Which case the meeting is adjourned.