COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

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MARCH 28TH, 2024

6:30PM

Meeting called to order by Ron Mozer at 6:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD ON MARCH 21 AT CITY HALL TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Executive sessions were announced by Ron Mozer.

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Roll call by Mike Korposh – Anthony Orzechowski present – Lois Thomas present – John Nestor present – Karen Cosner present – Ron Mozer - present.

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY LOIS THOMAS, COUNCILPERSON OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN. Opening prayer offered by Pastor Evan Silva.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Mozer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF March 14, 2024. Motion to approve minutes of previous session by John Nestor – seconded by Karen Cosner – vote 5 – 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECTED TO MAYOR MOZER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. Ernest Telegraphis – First of all why are we giving away all of these rental fees of City Park? This one truck - food truck got 8 dates, so we are losing 8 times 250.00 bucks? What is the purpose of giving carte blanche to this one truck?

Ron Moser - First off, it is open to the public and that was a decision made by council for some period of time that we would make the park available to events that are open to the public. Yeah but he is making money, it is a profit organization. We are collecting a fee for the permit. A permit is how much? It is 50.00 per truck. We will collect our fee. Ernie – Yes, but he is making money. But we are losing 200.00. It is 50.00 per vehicle. And then we did the same thing for honoring Michael Moorer.

That is another public event. Who is spending money on that one? The school system is paying for Michael Moorer. The school is doing, it, the city isn't paying for nothing? The school is picking up everything.

I guess they have the money because they tax four times more than the city does. Then explain to me, you told me that Aplex took care of the Civic Center, we still are giving money away to this McGraw. That's for the installation of the kitchen equipment. Oh the handicapped ramp, I'm sorry. You never talked about it last time, all you said was you just had a guy Aplex entity paying for everything. No. But the way he said it, look at the tapes. They are improving everything over there. They were improving the floor. This is after the fact.

Then we've got another situation.

You guys are losing members that are supposed to be working for the city. Now we've got Cheryl resigning. You got that other lady from Mon City out. What are you doing to get people in, and sound solid people who could be relied on to help the city maintain itself? We have it on the agenda to hire a person too.

Cheryl knew everything. Who will you pick who knows anything about the city. You are going to find people outside the city who don't have a clue. You guys are not doing anything. The only thing you are doing is knocking down buildings. That's the only thing else. What else are you doing here? On the agenda we are going to hire someone.

You are going to hire, and you have a vacuum now. Who are you going to hire? You hired someone before and it didn't work out.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Ron Mozer – No Mayor.

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN. Joseph Dalfonso – Resolution 1 of 2024 that institutes the delinquent garbage amnesty program. The city did something like this about ten years ago in fact I was 10 years ago in 2014 with the goal of decreasing the amount of delinquent garbage fees that are outstanding as of date. How this program will work is that the city has agreed to waive penalty and interest fees that have accrued on these delinquencies. Portnoff has agreed to waive 50% of their legal fees. The only thing that Portnoff did not want to waive were the hard costs that they filed liens against the property. So those will still be on the face value amount of what the garbage bills were. The period will be open between June 1 and November 30. That was a six-month window that everyone will have the opportunity if they are delinquent for 2023 and prior years to get paid up in full. The reason it's going to start in June 1 is that Portnoff needs to get all of their ducks in a row to get out the notifications to all of the delinquent holders, so they needed some time to get through that. But once the resolution is adopted by council

tonight, that will start the program in motion. Secondly I did have a couple different conversations with the real estate department for Cleveland Cliffs regarding the sew line easements going through their property. They finally have the easement document and that department they are going to be changing some of the language regarding access. They have a pretty substantial operation there. The one holdup is going to be the engineers from both CC and the city have to locate a few areas where manholes will be places tht are not going to impac the operations over there. That is all I have for this evening.

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

Gerald Saksun – No report this meeting. My current report was reported at the last meeting.

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

Rosalie Nicksich – gave her report last.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs – I really don't' have a lot that I need to talk about for the last couple of weeks. We did have a few things going on that he will make public as soon as they manifest themselves into something that makes sense. The primary thing that he spent the last couple of days was the CDBG 2017 contract actually expired in February. In Feb we applied for an extension of that and we were granted an extension that took us into, I believe, about this time. But they came back and said no, we are going to shut that off and you need to come up with an entirely new contract. In the process of a new contract, they came up with new verbiage that needed to be in the new contract that was delaying things between some work the city admin and I did. We were able to get that released today, and once again we are free to complete the work we were doing at the Civic Center

contract available to us and as you'll see later on we will be making a motion to do a handicap ramp there. That's about it.

a. **Discussion of Issues by Mayor Mozer within the City of Monessen –b. Motion to approve the demolition of structures on the following properties based upon title owners and interested parties failing to attend Demolition Hearings held in the City of Monessen at City Hall, 575 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 on February 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm:**

* **920 Rostraver St, 20-02-07-0-471**
* **424 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-053**
* **318 Delaware Street, 20-02-08-0-228**
* **420 Second Street, 20-02-07-0-512**
* **515 Summit Avenue, 20-02-07-0-205**
* **421 Ontario Avenue, 20-02-08-0-144**
* **428 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-054**
* **515 Chestnut Street, 20-02-07-0-216**
* **430 Oneida Street, 20-02-08-0-055**
* **405 Delaware Street, 20-02-08-0-192**
* **908 Rostraver Street, 20-02-07-0-466**
* **608 Division Street, 20-02-06-0-291**
* **641 Knox Avenue, 20-02-06-0-059**
* **309 Forest Street, 20-02-08-0-095**
* **401 Ontario Avenue, 20-02-08-0-139**

* **400 Motheral Avenue, 20-02-07-0-157**

* **1542 Rostraver Street, 20-02-15-0-317**

* **924 Rostraver Street, 20-02-07-0-472**

* **612 12th Street, 20-02-06-0-277**

Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing rules and regulations for public participation at all advertised regular and special meetings of the Council of the City of Monessen. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to approve PHFA Homeowner Assistance Fund Vendor Acknowledgment document. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – (Anthony Orzechowski – can we explain what PHFA is) (Ron Mozer – that is a fund that was put aside by DCED that will provide money to assist people that are risk of losing their home – up to $50,000 per home) (Joseph Dalfonso – the city is signing up – it will pay delinquent taxes, sewage and garbage) (Ron Mozer – and even mortgage) (Jospeh Dalfonso – it is a state program that provides homeowner assistance) - vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to approve attached Payment Requisition No. 16 and Certificate in the amount of $1,178,862.34 for the Phase 3B and Phase 3C work performed during the month of February 2024. The invoices are attached for approval by the Council as "Exhibit A". Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to appoint Ronald Naylor as an extra Police Officer for the City of Monessen for a 30-day period to be compensated at the starting patrolman rate of the City of Monessen Police Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent on the City of Monessen entering a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamster Local Union No. 205. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to approve Civil Service Testing on an as needed basis during the Police Officer open hiring period within the City of Monessen. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion for the City of Monessen to become a member of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania at a cost of $325.00 per year. Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor (Anthony Orzechowski – mayor I have an issue with this – the city right now is still relying on the TAN note – had we not had the TAN note we would not be able to pay our bills, pay or salaries – we wouldn't be able to do all that stuff – I am not comfortable with taking on any other expenses that is not 100% that the city must do – until we are in a better financial state that we can make it without a TAN note – I don't think the city should incur any added expenses) (Ron Moze - well ok – I can understand that quite well to be honest with you – to me the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania is a group that can provide legal assistance for people that are being evicted – provide legal assistance for a whole wealth of things – they are the ones that point out that 53% of the population they are responsible for, or helping, earn less than $20,000 per year – these are people that are paying their rent instead of the medical – this is more of a lobbying activity – I'm not saying the city is going to lose anything if we don't do it but I am saying we are losing the opportunity to gain better

understanding of what we can offer those people – 53% of Monessen that are at risk of housing – that is the whole purpose of this) (Anthony Orzechowski – I can appreciate that but that availability of housing and alliance is still available to them whether we become an alliance member or not) (Ron Mozer – but you don't know that – you don't have that information – there you can bring that information back to the citizens of Monessen – that is the big difference – call it every day and find out what they are doing) (Anthony Orzechowski – maybe it is something that we table until later and see our financial – I just don't like spending money that we don't have right now – we do not have it – I make a motion to table the motion for the City of Monessen to become a member of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0. Thank you, mayor.)

i. Motion to accept the resignation of Employee 510. Motion by Karen Cosner – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $34,429.53. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreational Account in the amount of $1,239.19. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "B." Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $628.31. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "C". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $1,265.77. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "D". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

e. Motion to pay the following invoice from the Grant Fund in the amount of $2,767.28. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "E". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $10, 409.40. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "F". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

g. Motion to approve the transfer of $71,529.05 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account to cover the payroll expenses. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

h. Motion to transfer $75,000.00 from the TAN Account to the General Account to assist in payroll costs for the February 29, 2024, payroll allocation for the City of Monessen. Motion by

Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

i. Motion to transfer $70,000.00 from the General Account to the Payroll account to allocated for expenses for the February 29th City of Monessen payroll period. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

j. Motion to transfer $50,000.00 from the TAN account to the General Fund account. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

k. Motion to transfer $66,052.16 from the General Account to the Payroll account for Payroll Expenditures for the March 14, 2024, City of Monessen payroll. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0.

l. Motion to reimburse the General Account Fund of the City of Monessen for the Liquid Fuels Account in the amount of $76,626.19, with specific transactions outlined as follows:

* **Compass Mineral Salt $47,487.91**
* **NAPA Auto Truck Repair $475.67**
* **Lowes Street Signs $43.66**
* **Wilson Home Heating Diesel $1,825.85**
* **West Penn Power Street Lights $22,354.00**
* **U.S Municipal Street Signs $1,459.40**
* **Bart's Automotive Truck Repairs $1,141.59**

* **Davies Automotive Truck Repairs $982.30**

* **Stephenson Equipment Repairs of Equipment $855.81**

Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 4 – 0. The expenditures are from our Liquid Fuels money which came in about a week to 10 days ago. The general account was paying for things like plowing, salt, maintenance on any repair of the truck or anything of that nature. (Ernie Telegraphis – you could use the TAN not for that) I did not have to.

Account balances – ARP $155,137.56 – debt service $894,167.35 – fire escrow $21,393.38 – refuse $352,624.86 – healthcare $1,663.18 – grant $79,577.38 – line usage $796,701.77 – liquid fuels $255,501.26 – park $27,237.12 – payroll $18,448.45 – recreation $4,597.41 – general $39,957.70 – TAN $227,323.16.

Councilperson Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending February 29, 2024. Lois Thomas – absent – defer her report to the next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending, February 29, 2024. John Nestor – abstain report until the next meeting.

Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks, and Public Property

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending February 29, 2023. Karen Cosner – I don't have any official report, but I

would like to bring up two things – I received a few weeks ago from Dr. Martin Dudas from the Monessen Parks Restoration Group – he is asking for council's approval to aide the job done by the city workers in the park, volunteers are covered by liability insurance from Penn National Insurance – for your consideration this isn't anything new – but when I talked to him – I said what would be nice if we could have more of a collaboration – anybody doing any work in the park – work was done – we would have to sit down so everybody doing it with the plans so there would be no overlap with work being done – they also asked if I could have a copy of his liability insurance from Penn National Insurance – he gave me a copy which is about this thick – so I have it – anybody interested in looking at it you are welcome – it's beyond my understanding but it seams like all basis are covered (John Nestor – I think previous practice we should put that on file if there are any issues – I love idea we see some oversight – working together – I love that idea) (Ron Mozer – I appreciate you taking that on too) I think it is all about cooperation – Mike and I have been working on a Pirates Field for Kids Grant – what the grant is for is for batting cage at the Shawnee Park – the girls' softball team – when I started working on this I didn't realize that softball team were all girls and no boys were on it – this is a learning experience – we are happy at the end of the day that we pushed some – we should know by April 15th whether or not we got the grant – w asked for a wavier so we don't have to make a match from the city – I think that is pretty exciting – I hope we get it – I know there had been some things about this for several years now – I just wanted to make other council members aware of it and the public – any questions – feel free to ask – you can stop by my

office on Tuesday and Thursday until 2:30 – give me a call at 724-684-9000 or email me.

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.

Ernie Telegraphis – who is responsible for anti-littering in the city of Monessen (Ron Mozer – every citizen of Monessen) don't give me that communist point of view (Ron Mozer - every citizen of Monessen) who is responsible on this council (Linda Lacey – that would be the streets department) I believe so – Karen are you responsible (Ron Mozer – she is public places not streets – that would be Lois) she is not here – this is Cleveland Cliffs – they are polluting our streets – they are putting all kind of debris all over the city of Monessen (passing around a picture) – Pennsylvania Vehicle code and Anti-littering code – Title 75 Chapter 37 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statues 3709 – it addresses any deposit of waste and material on any Commonwealth highway, private and public property and waters – they define this as waste paper, sweeping, ashes, household waste, glass, refuse, metal, rubbish or any dangerous or detrimental substance – nobody is dong nothing about it – I contacted them – they have an agency and I am going to alert them since nobody in Monessen cares about pot holes or debris in the air or on the pavements – we breathe it in – why mayor haven't you done anything about this health problem – it really is a health problem (Ron Mozer – first off I appreciate you taking the role and taking care of it – thank you very much) I'm not getting your salary – are you going to give me part of your salary – then I'll do it (Ron Mozer – all $160/month) so you guys aren't going to do anything about it

(Ron Mozer – no – first off you made the initial contact – that is wonderful – that is great) when they step in they are going to bill you guys – so that's great – this is what you guys do – you pass the buck – you act like your innocent – you are all about being real good people (Ron Mozer – calm down) (Anthony Orzechowski – you just said something about they are going to bill you – who is going to bill you) if they come in – it says there is a penalty (Joseph Dalfonso – to them not us – that is the penalty for violating the statute) who pays for that (Ron Mozer – not the city - it's the person who violates) so when the state comes in – are they going to bill you guys or Cleveland Cliffs (Joseph Dalfonso – Cliffs if they violate the statute) I just want to make sure – I don't want to have another increase in taxes because you guys didn't do your job – thank Tony for making intelligent questions (Anthony Orzechowski – that's my job) that's everybody else's job but I don't get it from the other ones – I have one little question for Karen – Karen you rode with Don Gregor two months ago – you saw rubbish all over – what is the outcome – you don't have a report for that – planting trees (Ron Mozer – the question will be addressed to me – Karen would you please) (Karen Cosner – what rubbish are you talking about) you and Don Gregor drove around back in January – the rubbish – did you correct the situation (Karen Cosner – there has been rubbish in Monessen for as long as I have lived here) there were those particular areas of rubbish that was being piled up (Karen Cosner – are you talking about Columbus Park) yeah (Karen Cosner – I have inquired about that) you inquired two months ago so (John Nestor – the gates are locked) the rubbish is still there – who is picking it up (Ron Mozer – it was all cleaned up) (Linda Lacey – by who) (Ron Mozer – by

Cleveland Cliffs - we did part of it) I just hope we have more responsible council members to the voters who put you guys in.

Ted Harhai – at the last meeting the fictitious orientation of you accomplishments – some of the other misleading nonsense – I thought is was orchestrated – a lot of the stuff if the county did not step in and spend a ton of money under the rescue act and do some of this demolition – it would have never gotten done – I don't know if the paper is giving you credit because they are not here – they watch it tv – I don't know, do they call you afterwards and you just discuss it with them – you talked about the TAN note – a long time ago that young lady Rosalie Nicksich taught me about a TAN note and how we can not survive without it – I said that is impossible – it's not impossible – that is how we survived because it's a declining industrial center – that is what happens and we need to get money – you are learning that – you found out that you need that to operate – it is just the way it is going to be – you had said some time ago that Community Banks did not know what a TAN note was – its funny because that week I went a spoke to the head Community Bank and they know exactly what a TAN note was – that was printed in the paper also (Anthony Orzechowski – you're right - if I can make a comment about that – my goal is not to rely on the TAN note) I am not refuting that – I just wanted to make a comment because she is the one who taught me about 23 or 24 years ago what a TAN note was – why we need it – how is operates – then she would say you can't take $5,000 – she ran the show is what I am saying – she is a great lady and a big help probably to you imagine – I bring up the paper because it talks about the sewage – we know about that – if it would have been done in 2014 when Mavrakis was mayor and it was mandated and he just blew it off - it was about $11 or $12

million – now at $15 million – it costs the city money – more money – the gas lines were done by the gas company – I don't want to debate the health center – this is about the money with the health center scam – only one side in the newspaper – only $177,000 over 7 years is approximately $1.2 million – it would have yielded – they wanted to sell it – I think it benefited – I know it benefited two entities that fought hard and had Mavrakis as the mouth piece – to reduce it from $177,000 to $54,000 – Westmoreland Community Action are the single family (Ron Mozer – yes) on Motheral - who keeps inviting this Urin guy into – he was in the building about two or three weeks before you call the meeting off because Ernie was interrupting you when – that was not on the agenda by the way – I sat in the back and listened (Ron Mozer – my comments) yes it was not on the agenda – that's the thing you express (Ron Mozer – my comments – there was not motion) just FYI – who keeps inviting this guy – he wants to do low income housing – we don't need him – when we were a community of 25,000 people the Federal Government mandated that you need to have so much income housing – Park Manor was built – that was in the 50's – after that you had Eastgate, Westgate, Valley Manor and Highland Manor – we have enough – we have whatever the number is now in town – we don't need low income housing – who keeps inviting this guy in town – I have the information on how he – I have this all – why would we want someone like that – I am a resident – the things he wrote we absolutely 100% not true – we keep inviting him back – he appears before the redevelopment authority - you attend the meeting because I ask Pino if you were there - so you are fully aware of it - why do we want this guy in Monessen for low income apartment housing – he is looking at two other spots in the city –

you don't have to answer it (Ron Mozer – first off I would like to answer it if I could) just let me finish – you said don't speak about the refuse authority – I was going to question the vote for Lois's aunt who wanted to be off the authority – looks like we voted 3 to 2 to get her off – Tom Salak was a good appointment no doubt – when we came to me , we voted for Dave Fein first so we did not have to vote for me so you would not have to vote 0 to 5 to vote me off – you should have just told me upfront because I knew you were not going to reappoint me because there are other designs you want to do with the sewage authority – four entities I thought you really flipped on was a little amazing to me – the ambulance service was kind of treated like crap – the library, the fire department and the civic center – all of a sudden the civic center floor gets done – they said a parent did it – I heard differently – I don't think a parent would put the money up for that – I think somebody got a favor from the city or is going to receive a favor from the city – I will say one last thing because I see some of the crimes in the city – crime it is proof – you spoke for 35 minutes at a meeting one time so about this three minute limit and you spoke twice (Ron Mozer – it is kind of nice being mayor – you should realize this because you were once mayor – as the mayor you can talk as long as you want to) you weren't the mayor – your beard was neatly trimmed (Ron Mozer – I want to point out I never invited him into town – he came on his own and his business is with the redevelopment authority not with the city) you are aware of the redevelopment (Ron Mozer – I am aware of that but that is the redevelopment authority).

Linda Lacey – I would like to say there is no such thing as low income housing – unless you consider the projects or these three senior buildings owned by the housing authority – you can not

build a house under $250,000 – that is not happening (Ron Mozer – probably not – that is not what they are saying) so why are you using the terminology low income housing (Ron Mozer – it is subsidized) are they going to subsidize $150,000 or $200,000 – are they going to subsidize that (Ron Mozer – they subsidize in some degree – how much I do not know – that is not my business) even if the did subsidize it would not be affordable here (Ron Mozer – first off – this has nothing to do with things we can control here) you keep mentioning it – the other thing I want to say is Portnoff – what are you going to do to those people who got caught up in Portnoff four or five years ago who had to pay an extremely amount of money – are you going to give them a refund (Ron Mozer – no) yet still you are helping these people that are now caught up in that – why (Ron Mozer – this was a program that was done in 2015, if believe, that was very successful – w got a lot of people to get caught up) I have never heard of that program – really seriously – I was just saying what are you going to do to those people that were caught up before – I have seven questions I am going to give you (Ron Mozer – ok) you can read them – I can read them – six questions – you said you want the questions submitted to you along with a comment I saw that I thought was fitting – I think – I'll give those to you – what happens, Tony to the TAN note when we run out of the TAN note – will we get another one (Anthony Orzechowski – hopefully we won't have to touch another penny) it was $500,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – we used $275,000+ - there is $227,000+ we have not touched – taxes are going out – we had $76,000+ from liquid fuels transferring to general to make up for what the general paid for liquid fuels – salt and everything for winter – we are at the point now where I don't see it not happening – we don't touch

the rest of the TAN note – that is all we are going to spend out of it) it seems like it was leaving pretty quick (Anthony Orzechowski – ask anyone up here – it was not leaving quickly) I thought in December it was $500,000 (Anthony Orzechowski – we did not have it until January – I did not need the TAN note until the end of January) this is March (Anthony Orzechowski – I did not need the TAN note until the middle of February) you mentioned the amount of money you got from the TAN note – that is why I am asking (Anthony Orzechowski - $500,000 but we did not need it until the middle of February because we had $380,000 in the black from last year – that carried all the way from January) you are saying from February to March we have used almost half of it (Anthony Orzechowski – we used a little less than half – yes) one more question that is on the agenda that we are paying West Penn Power street lights $22,354.00 – is that for a year or for a month (Anthony Orzechowski – a month) we pay that a month for 6 traffic lights (Ron Mozer – I though you said street lights) street lights (Ron Mozer – street lights is all the street lights in town) from what I understand they are as dim as they can go (Ron Mozer – they are LED) I thought that was going to save us money (Ron Mozer – it has but we also have to pay for those LED lights too – that is a 10 year program) ok so $22,354 is monthly that we have to pay for our street lights (Anthony Orzechowski – there is $10,000 at least that includes the walking track and other places) so what happens when there is a street light out – do we call you or do we call West Penn Power (Anthony Orzechowski – both – both can happen) there is one right down on 6th Street right now that is out (Anthony Orzechowski – if you have the number of the pole – that is exactly what they want) I will email it to Karen – there is one on our street too – not at my house but up the street

– one on 6th Street that has been out all winter (Anthony Orzechowski – to be honest with you Linda, I would love to get rid of – not make it dark – but get rid of – put solar on each one of the poles and just use that but it is not cost efficient but it was nice enough – god rest his soul – councilman Charvelle started that program – he is the one who drove West Penn Power to get it all done) (Ron Mozer – to whatever it is worth – that was a ten year program – we should be coming out of that in a couple more years – we will have a major reduction in our electric) I am going to give the questions to the mayor (Ron Mozer – you can ask them if you want – six different questions – feel free to) why were the two houses on 14th Street were demolished when they could have been revitalized and sold and put back on the tax role – the property was not advertised for sale – instead the lots were sold to a person who lived next to the properties (Ron Mozer – let me explain that – first off we had no say so in that – it was two properties that were so far behind that they went through judicial sale – at the judicial sale, the landbank at the county picked those up – they went and looked at the inside of them and they were any near able to rehabilitate them – they are the ones who decided to demolish them – they are the ones that sold them to the neighbor, the property) that is not the story I was told (Ron Mozer – I'm sorry but that is the story that is accurate) I will let you stick to that - there are worse properties in Monessen – a whole list you just read them off – were in worse shape than those two houses on 14th Street (Ron Mozer – right – these are properties we are moving forward with local action to get them demolished) they should have been demolished before those two on 14th Street – they were not dilapidated looking like what I saw on Rostraver – what I saw on McKee – what I saw on Oneida (Ron

Mozer – they do have records at the landbank – you are welcome to ask his about them) I've been through the landbank list – I talked with Brian Lawarence – I know (Ron Mozer – he was the one that ordered them to be demolished) how could he order to be demolished when it belonged to the city (Ron Mozer – it did not belong to us) who did it belong to (Ron Mozer – it belonged to the courts – it went through the judicial – the judicial process allows the property to be sold free and clear – it no longer has taxes due, no longer has mortgages due) ok so you say Brian Lawrencee bought those houses (Ron Mozer – the landbank has first rights of refusal on anything that goes through the judicial process – anything that hits the judicial process, if he see anything he would like to do something with – either rehabilitate it or demolish it – he has first right – so he got that property in the name of the landbank) local earned income – where does that money go – how is it collected every year – how is it distributed in the city and does Berkheimer send you a report (Ron Mozer -that money comes from earned income) I know where it comes from because I pay it (Ron Mozer – you pay it as everybody else that has a job – that is regulated by the state – they distribute it to the county – the county distributes to us – we get 1%) I know all that part – all about how Pennsylvania laws work on that – that is not what I asked – I asked how is it distributed when you get it (Ron Mozer – it goes into the general fund) ok – and the general fund (Ron Mozer – it pays our bills) the problem on High Street – has that been fixed and are all the rest of the houses going to tap into public sewer (Ron Mozer – I do not have a current status on that but I do believe that should be finished within the next week or so if it is not finished already) all the houses up there (Ron Mozer – all – well – all the houses that want to attach to it can attach to it)

oh – so other words, you can't be attached to it if you don't want to be attached to it (Ron Mozer – can you help me address this because I'm um) I want to know because if you don't have to be – why are we paying a sewage bill (Joseph Dalfonso – you can not disconnect from the sewage line if that is what you are asking – some of these houses up there have had a sewage system, a septic tank, something along those lines since there were constructed) I understand that but I think when you build a house every house is supposed to have a septic tank (Joseph Dalfonso – yes – now today – they are supposed to be connected to the sewage line – for some reason those houses were built before the sewage line) what happens to your sewage septic tank when it is not attached – it's in the ground (Joseph Dalfonso – it leaches into the) it goes into the Monongahela (Joseph Dalfonso – it's ground water – it's a treatment – it's an on lot sewage system – it treats the sewage) maybe that is why our sewage bill is so high (Joseph Dalfonso – what happens is some of the on lot sewage systems are failing – the city is starting to provide sewage to those houses – eventually that neighborhood will be connected) I think that happened in Belle Vernon probably about 5 years ago – everybody in that community on that street had to have it (Ron Mozer – that has happened here over the course of many years, many times) ok – I'm done and I'm going to give you copy of the questions.

Pino Cianflone – Tony, a question I wanted to ask you when you were speaking (Ron Mozer – address me and I'll turn it over to him just to be proper with this) I was asking Tony but I will go through the channel – but at the end of the day, you vote yes to not being allowed to speak (Anthony Orzechowski – you mean the three minutes) yep – those three minutes – you said that you are

definitely allowed to go beyond (Anthony Orzechowski – I will voice my opinion very strongly if you are having a civil conversation with questions and directing things to ask answers – three minutes are up and you are still continuing – yes – you deserve every moment to be able to talk like that – I think it is us acknowledging and respecting you for what your questions are and you deserve an answer and also respecting us to provide you with that answer) how many council people believe in that same (Anthony Orzechowski – I can't answer for everyone) (Ron Mozer – his thing to be real honest is to make sure that we maintain decorum – if we maintain decorum, I would hope more people will start to come) I will go back to your answer to that question – more people will come if you be transparent – and (Ron Mozer – show me one thing that I cam not transparent on) that you're running the show (Ron Mozer – I'm mayor – what is the mayor supposed to do) you have people that tell you what to do (Ron Mozer – nobody tells me what to do) you stand there any tell me – I'm only telling you – I see how you work – you come to two meetings (Ron Mozer – first of) let me finish now – I ask you the question (Ron Mozer – but no insults) parson (Ron Mozer – no insults) you insult us every day (Ron Mozer – no I don't) (Anthony Orzechowski – Pino – keep the personal things) wait – this is how I look at – I have been involved with working people for over 60 years of my life – I've been to many meetings – I have been put in jail, thrown out of meeting and I came back because I will find a will and a way to come back and combat you and fight you and I will – just remember something – Mandel and Martin Luther King wen to jail for the right to speak – for the right to express themselves and you don't believe in that (Ron Mozer – absolutely I do) because you don't want to hear the truth – the other two

meeting you attended – I will tell you something you did terrible for Monessen – Ted Harhai, a legislator for 20 some years – you didn't even put him in the refuse authority because you are pissed off at him and he is smarter than you are (Ron Mozer – first off no insults) that's not an insult that is facts (Ron Mozer – that is your perception) why didn't you put him in – someone told you (Ron Mozer – no one told me to put him in or not put him in) you waited for two years before you fulfilled that job – two years went empty and you did not care (Ron Mozer – now I have people in there that report to me) you email that you sent this past week from Mike and to us that came – it was all about the refuse – the letter you wrote to our secretary about the garbage – you come to the meeting like you have an authority to represent the city of Monessen (Ron Mozer – I have an authority to see what goes on there – I now have people in that authority that tell me what is going on – how many times did you come to me and report what was going on in the refuse authority meeting) how many times did I come to you – never (Ron Mozer – exactly) you know why – because you are not transparent (Ron Mozer – because I am sitting in my office) (Anthony Orzechowski -we are getting loud) I just telling you why (Ron Mozer – you are insulting) (Anthony Orzechowski – we are getting loud and we are getting off on what I ask everybody not to do) I have been loud all my life (Anthony Orzechowski – not this way Pino – I'm going to ask you politely to just tone it down – no personal attacks and I respect your opinion but I'm telling you if this continues, I am going to ask the Chief to start considering – I don't want to do that) I'll be back next month (Anthony Orzechowski – it could happen again next month) then I'll come back the following month (Ron Mozer – lets avoid that) I ask a simple question, you give me an answer – why did he get rid

of Teddy (Anthony Orzechowski – he did not get rid of anybody – council voted as a whole) why was it empty for two years (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't understand – there was no position) (Ron Mozer – it was not two years, it was about a year) no I brought it to council – it was a year and a half when that girl resigned - I brought it to your attention – you know you don't come to the meetings (Ron Mozer – you never proposed anybody to be appointed) you talked to me about the refuse – you come with someone and you come in and told me we don't need the refuse authority (Ron Mozer – I never said that) yes – you said that right there – you said we can do without you guys – if you speak loud again I cam going to throw you out of the meeting – that is what you said – you want me to talk to you (Ron Mozer – I don't know where you come up with some of this stuff – can I ask you a question – first off you come in here every time – you say these people are not from Monessen but Monessen is not an island that you don't depend on other people – people come from Uniontown to polish the floors at no cost to the city – they believe in the civic center – let me finish – they I find out you complain about the school system – you complain about the newspaper – you complain about the attorneys – think about these things – now I understand you have gone to one of the local business men and said you can take your business outside of Monessen – take it across the river to Charleroi and you were making some very derogatory remarks at the same time) if you can't come up with the names, they are lying – you believe anything (Ron Mozer – first off I have heard this from multiple people) I never said that (Ron Mozer – we have a very good developer in town Joe Bradsmont – you go to him and say you have a certain individual person back to Mexico in a very derogative way – send his help

back to Mexico) I talked to him – I met with him various times (Ron Mozer – every time you talk with him, he tells me) bring him over here – why do you believe someone who is lying to you – she (Linda Lacey) was with me (Ron Mozer – I have not been their but our code officer tells me it is total phenomenal – he has done great work on these houses) she was with me so I know he was lying (Ron Mozer – his houses are getting renovated and they are selling for good money) Tony listen to what I am going to tell you – listen – tell him to come here and tell me that I said that (Ron Mozer – if that is what it is going to take them I will ask him) are you going to do that (Ron Mozer – I am going to ask him – I can't demand anyone coming) why would you take his word (Ron Mozer – because I believe him – he has done) you don't believe me (Ron Mozer – I don't believe you right now – you already said I am not transparent – I am trying to be as transparent as I can possible be – you accuse me of different things – I just don't think are appropriate – that is exactly it) like what – what did I accuse you of (Ron Mozer – being transparent) you are not transparent – I have a right to say when I see how you work – you got people who operate – let me ask you a question (Ron Mozer – let's move on) who did you hire as a engineer for Monessen (Ron Mozer - WEC is still our engineer) still our engineers – they are hired (Anthony Orzechowski – no – we haven't finished interviews) so you didn't hire – you are interview – why would you want to move somebody who was here for 40 some years (Ron Mozer – he may be the one we decide on) (Anthony Orzechowski – why would you not look at T-Mobile if you have Verizon if you are paying a lot more money or if you don't like the service – you turn around and don't have direct tv, you have Verizon or Comcast or something else – you look out and see what competitive bids are

out there and see if there is anything out there that you are not familiar with – nobody has said anything that we are changing – we are just being respectable and being smart for our taxpayers – what is out there and is this the best bang for our buck – just like you do every day when you go to buy something – you make a conscious decision to go to a particular store and buy a particular product because you are either comfortable with it or you like what you are paying for) Tony – you understand if you were to get rid of WEC – whoever takes his place has to call him up and pay him to get some more information off of him (Anthony Orzechowski – absolutely not – we were very clear in some of the interviews – we ask very pointed questions which I am not going to get into here – across the board to everybody – different scenarios and wanted to know what you are going to do for us – in all aspects – here is a blank sheet of paper – fill in the blanks – lets see what you can do) I said something that I didn't because Joe is lying – because he abuses people from Venezuela and speaks Spanish – I talked with them in Spanish – I have met with the several times – when you have a contract – you have to pay them on time – you can tell that to Joe – what house did he fix – he got it up so sale for $105,000 – lets go look at it – I told him (Ron Mozer – the wonderful thing about houses – they sell for what people will pay for them – if nobody will pay $105,000 then it won't sell for $105,000) (Anthony Orzechowski – the realtor – what the market bears – if the market bears in Monessen $60,000 – guess what if you put $100,000 into it you are going to lose some money aren't you – that is his problem – not ours – not yours – not anybody else's) (Linda Lacey – what I am saying is that house is not work $105,000) (Ron Mozer – great – don't buy it – fine don't pay for it $105,000) (Linda Lacey – you say he does such

great work – I want you) (Ron Mozer – I've seen the house that he has bought and sold) (Anthony Orzechowski – no disrespect – we all heard it growing up – didn't B T Barnum say there is a sucker born every minute or second) first of all – I put my reputation on the line – I bought – working people all my life – I happen to be a foreigner to begin with – I know what it is like not to be able to speak English but take advantage of somebody because they can't speak English very well – that's what Joe has done – that's terrible (Ron Mozer – I don't know that he does that at all) tell him to come to council and tell people, Pino you said – because he is lying – I don't have no reason to lie (Ron Mozer – lets not call people liars) I came back to Monessen – this is my place – this is my home – lived here of 65 years, my family – I've never seen it in such bad shape as I see it right now – you told us stuff whenever you were running and when you got in you got other people telling you what to do – that's terrible – that is not being transparent – one more thing before it is over – February 10th I told him to leave and get out of my house – I don't need you here – don't call me – I don't want you here – he must of went to the wrong house – he must of went to your house not mine – he is not welcome in my house – whatever they say does not matter to me – last month before I even said what are you doing – you turned and put it on me supposed that is what they tell me (Ron Mozer – let's stick with the quorum) just an easy way to get out of the conversation – again you lie – you are not transparent – tell the truth – the newspaper who knows (Ron Mozer – quit insulting me – quit insulting me) I'm not insulting you (Ron Mozer – what do you call – you call me not transparent – you call me lying) what do you want me to tell you (Ron Mozer – give me one example of what I am not transparent about – one example) you adjourned

the meeting last month – why did you adjourn the meeting (Ron Mozer – because I could not get control of the meeting) wait a minute (Anthony Orzechowski – can we end this now before I adjourn the meeting) he adjourned the meeting (Anthony Orzechowski – he did it because of what is going on like this right now – I am not going to disrespect you but I have better things to do sit here and listen to a ping pong match going back and forth that is not going to come to any resolution) (Joseph Dalfonso – it is not like you two are ever going to agree on anything) (Anthony Orzechowski – that ok – that is what politics is – the way everybody has a right to but I don't want to sit here for 45 minutes and listen to a debate go by – I told you – I told Ernie – the strongest thing to change things is run for office – kick my ass out – kick John's ass out or Karen's ass out – sit up here and see what it is like – wait a minute – then it is no problem – I don't want to go through this month after month – state the purpose – state what you don't like – state what you want changed – state why we don't have an answer and leave it at that – it will get back to us that come you here and rip my rear end the next time if I don't have an answer for you – you just make it well) let me ask you a question – he said I insulted him because I said he is not transparent – I see you – you are transparent (Anthony Orzechowski – you are attacking him Pino) (Ron Mozer – that is a personal attack) (Anthony Orzechowski – I don't want you to say it at all – say it after the meeting – say hey Ron I don't get along with you and here are the reasons why – that is between you two – I don't want to sit here and listen to it in a council meeting for the rest of my life – I'm tired of it) that's fine – you know you – what I am telling you, you need three people here to vote and pass any resolution – actually right now you guys are not doing

much better than when Sharrow was in office (Anthony Orzechowski – wait I sat up here and went through two years of hell) I'm hoping the two females – Lois and her (Ron Mozer – let's not go there) get on and change (Anthony Orzechowski – let's not go there please) (Ron Mozer – enough is enough) I hope the both of them have 4 years left – I hope the way they vote (Ron Mozer – ok lets sit down) do what is best for Monessen (Anthony Orzechowski – I'm sure if Lois was here she would tell you and I'm sure Karen could speak for herself)

12. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm by John Nestor – seconded by Anthony Orzechowski – vote 4 – 0.

Mayor Ron Mozer

Attest:

City Clerk Linda Matthews