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SPEAKERS

Chief Dave Yuhasz, Pastor Brown, Councilwoman Lois Thomas, Mayor Ron Mozer, Speaker 1, Tamika West, Joseph Dalfonso, Controlller Rosalie Nicksich, Councilman Orzechowski, Linda Lacy, Councilman John Nestor, Earnie Telegraphis, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, All, Mike Korposh

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:00
It is now 630 I'd like to call this city council meeting of City of Monessen to order. Could I have a roll call please?

Mike Korposh 00:08
Council person Mozer here. Councilman Nester, council person, Thomas here. Council person Cosner, present . There are four members present and one by phone. I note a quorum.

Mayor Ron Mozer 01:10
Thank you. This time I'd like to invite evangelist Brown to lead us in prayer. Here, you use this microphone here much better. Are you standing John?

Pastor Brown 01:27
God, bless you all. If I may, just may have allowed me to have just a few words before we go into prayer. It is important that unity. And I talked about unity the last time that I did a prayer. But we have to understand and know that unity is very important. I after 41 years on my 42nd year, I am one of the people who are being affected by the loss of the Corning plant, rural kitchen, and some brands, and going through all of the names that we've transpired under over the last 40 years, that we've worked together, and as now, things have come to an end, but we know that together, we can move mountains. Together. We can do the things that seem to be impossible, but it's about working together. And I know that under the title and the limit of our of our political minds, the Republicans, the Democrats, the independents, whatever we are, if we can learn to work together, then look at and see what is the most important factor, the citizens of our community, the community itself, to keep it into the into the place in which it is, that to help it grow, to recover when things happen. This is what's most important, if we can forget about all of the faults, but come together to look and see what we can do to rebuild and make this thing become a great place. And I say this thing, but what I mean is let this community become a

great place that all of the residents will benefit from it. Let's look to the Lord with a word of prayer, most holy and Almighty God Father. We thank you. We give you praise and we give you glory. We thank you because, Lord, You've allowed this community to continue to exist. Oh God, we thank you and we lift you up. Oh God, we magnify you and exalt you. Oh God, there is none greater than you. And we look to you and we ask for the guidance and direction. We ask that you will touch our hearts, oh God, and most of all, bring us into the unity. Oh god to look beyond each other's faults. Oh god to look beyond father the things of our own needs. Oh God, and look upon and see the needs of the whole organization of this community. Oh God, bring us together, build us, strengthen us. Bless this community. Oh god and bless father, the representative that sits before us. Oh God, give them the blessings. Oh God, open their arm their eyes. Oh God, help them to see. And father brings together in unity the citizens of this community. Oh God, let them be. Father, blessed and understood that, knowing that father, they are valuable, they are important. And I today, Father, as this meeting goes through, Father, we ask for peace, we ask for love, we ask for joy, we ask for direction, we ask for guidance, and most of all, we ask for unity. And the working together as one accord to come to the victory of the things that comes to hinder and to overcome and to be a blessing to all of the citizens. And we thank you. We count it done and believe it's already done in Jesus name, we say, thank you Amen.

All 05:26
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 you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:43
Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:50
Hopefully everybody had a chance to review the meeting minutes of the previous session of April the 10th. If so, somebody needs to make a motion to approve them.

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 06:06
May I like to make a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on April 10, 2025, at 6:30pm,

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:13
is there a second?

Mike Korposh 06:18
Please call the roll council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Mozer, aye. Council person THOMAS Yes. Councilor cows key, yes, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:31
At this time, I like to see if there's any comments on agenda items only. I

Earnie Telegraphis 06:44

Ernest Telegraphis, on page 2b, and C. Now, What is the policy your this might be for you. Mr. Dalfonso, Solicitor, when an authority like the redevelopment doesn't reveal who the property is going to go to, they could just say, well, we want this parcel taken from the city of Monessen, but they're not telling us what they're going to do with them. So they're giving it to?

Joseph Dalfonso 07:24
I believe they do have somebody for this property. I don't most and every one that since I've been here, usually they do have somebody that's interested for acquiring one of these vacant properties to use as a side lot.

Earnie Telegraphis 07:37
Yeah, but where's transparency? Because we want to know who these people are. They're a second property, you know, top of your head. Mayor,

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:45
Yes, I do. I don't know if it's appropriate. I mean, they have the choice to do the property they want. They work under the same auspice that we do. They want to make property taxable. The person that wants this property, I believe, is Tina, and I forget her last name.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:03
Well, what's the purpose? What's she going to do? This?

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:05
She has house in the middle of it's on either side of her house. She wants to have yards, both sides, both sides.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:14
She's not doing something because we had all these people come in, remember last year, come out of town, and they were basically shipping homes here.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:27
This is nothing new. These are, these are vacant properties.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:30
I know most of them were old.

Joseph Dalfonso 08:34
They were, they were, and that was from the repository at County. No, that was from the County repository. They've already been through a public sale. Nobody wanted to purchase.

Earnie Telegraphis 08:48
The reason is, in the past, I'm not blaming these people here presently, in the past, the blocks of parcels that were given to these people who took the property for like $1 on the barrel. Okay, and here we got one this past Saturday in the Mon Valley newspaper. You have Megan Kearns. She's got seven

properties here, and she's making $30,000 each one. She got 212 thousand, how much did she pay for these properties? The problem, what are you looking at? What's more than transfer now come up with all these.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:39
That's not on the agenda.

Joseph Dalfonso 09:40
In any event, we're talking about not properties. We're talking about the two properties that the Redevelopment Authority found a use for.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:48
Now the city doesn't have to maintain those. You can go do your own title search and figure it out.

Earnie Telegraphis 09:59
. Question is, Tony, how much money we got left now, dispersing again, over $150,000 with checks do that every month. City runs on nothing. No, I just want to know where are we. You got to give us numbers. Every month I get numbers from the utilities.

Councilman Orzechowski 10:26
Every month you get numbers from me.

Earnie Telegraphis 10:27
So that difference, new changes. Of course they change because sometimes we have money, sometimes we don't, okay, so where are we now? Do we have money? Or we don't have money?

Councilman Orzechowski 10:36
We have money. And I'll tell you when I get to my report.

Earnie Telegraphis 10:38
Okay, I'll be waiting for it.

Councilman Orzechowski 10:39
You'll be gone by

Earnie Telegraphis 10:40
No, I'm waiting because I go in and say works there.

Councilman Orzechowski 10:46
You'll be gone.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:50
Any other comments on agenda items?

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:03
Does anybody aware of any correspondence that needs to be read during the council meeting? Hearing nothing. We'll move on this time. I'd like to ask the solicitor for his report.

Joseph Dalfonso 11:14
Thank you, Mayor, and good evening, everybody. We're getting closer to having all of our sewage Easement before the USDA project. Excuse me,

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:24
Ernie Be quiet.

Joseph Dalfonso 11:27
All the ones up on Rosravor and Grand Boulevard are in hand. Pick up one this evening from the mayor sent to the county, waiting on a couple to come back from the county. We're still waiting on the railroad, who's reviewing the engineering design of these. There are three or four people reaching out to the railroad try to get a response. Still working with Cleveland cliffs, the EQ tank is going to come back around. Spoke to the sewage authority solicitor this week. They did have some property issues for the site along Parente, they need to have clean title to make sure the borrowing is satisfied. The mayor and I do have a call with them and their engineer tomorrow for a status update. And I was working with you that the city clerk on an IRS issue, flight issue with how the city was reporting two. Initially it looked like the city was going to have a penalty of $15,000. The city clerk was able to piece things together from about six years ago, and turns out the city is going to get a $600 credit from the IRS. So that's some good news, and thanks to the city clerk for finalizing that. That's all I have this evening.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:45
Thank you. Our city treasurer is not here. Does he have a report he provided? That's correct. Rosalie, do you have a report for the controller's office?

Controlller Rosalie Nicksich 12:58
Yes, Mayor, the controllers report as of March 2025 the general fund, Charlotte, Federal Savings Bank, checking account reconciliation. As of March 2025 the beginning bank balance. As of February 28 2025 was $229,734.35 deposit. Deposits made $540,709.55 expenses, $336,752.57 the ending balance as of March 31 2025 was $433,691.33 the outstanding checks, $49,339.84 the outstanding deposits, $3,067.97 the reconciled balance to the bank statement was $387,419.46 that concludes my report, Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:15
I have very little to say on my discussion items, but just real quickly, I want to remind everybody that we have a lot of old homes. We've demolished some 170 plus homes so far, but there are still a lot of old blighted homes here, and I just want to warn parents to keep their kids out of them. They are very dangerous. The last weekend, we had a house on Rebecca collapse out of thin air, landed on the street of Rebecca. We had to clean it up last weekend. I'm just trying to stress that it's very important do not trespass into these blighted homes. They are dangerous. That's the extent of what I want to talk about. Lois, can I get a read by of my Motions.

Councilman Lois Thomas 15:03
Good evening. Everyone like to make a motion to approve Mon Valley Paws, Paws in the Park and vendor show use of city park in a walking track area from 10am to 2pm on September 6, 2025

Councilman John Nestor 15:18
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 15:18
Is there a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 15:22
Any questions, call the roll please.

Mike Korposh 15:24
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor Aye. Council person THOMAS Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 15:34
motion on approval of property transfers by city of Monessen and the redevelopment authority property number 20-02-06-0-723, 36 Graham Avenue and 20-02-06-0-724,44 Graham avenue for the express purpose of returning them to the tax rolls the RDA as a receptive buyer Ready for the property?

Councilman John Nestor 15:50
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 15:55
There's any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 16:05
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Speaker 1 16:15
Motion or resolution on spending and allocation of funds within the government of city of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 16:20
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 16:21
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 16:23
Second any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 16:26
Council person, Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Council person, Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski Yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Speaker 1 16:36
Motion to hire Ernest McWilliams as a member of the streets and parks compliment of The City of Monessen, and pending the approval of all relevant medical and background testing and procedures.

Mayor Ron Mozer 16:47
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 16:48
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 16:49
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 16:52
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Council person Thomas, yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mike Korposh 17:00
Excise me, council person, the motion that we have there list, the candidate is John Patrick Volpe, it should be Joseph Patrick Volpe, I apologize for that. The rest of the motion is to say, Okay.

Speaker 1 17:18
Motion to approve Joseph Patrick Volpe, Junior as a part time code enforcement officer within the City of Monessen, and an agreed set hourly time framework of up to 29 hours per week, contingent on the approval of all relevant medical and background testing procedures.

Mayor Ron Mozer 17:32
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 17:34
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 17:35
Any questions? Call the roll

Mayor Ron Mozer 17:37
Council person. Nestor, did you have a question?

Councilman John Nestor 17:43

Yeah, I just wanted to make a statement. I I liked to go back later to go over the formula that we were mentioning earlier with ourselves and the council person that we had in our last work session. But now I think that we need someone in that office that can work with the County, because I don't want to be put in position losing all the art funds from the county with these demolitions. I need someone who can sit there and get the job rolling, and then we can go back and look at future hires.

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:14
Okay. Very good. Anything else call the roll?

Mike Korposh 18:19
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas, yes. Councilman Orzechowski Yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 18:29
Motion to provide Pastor Robert Holmes with accessibility and utilization of the City Park and Madison Park on the designated days of June 17, 2025, through august 6. 2025, Tuesdays at City Park and Wednesdays at Ninth Street Madison Park for use of a youth led, community based fundraising project utilizing a mobile beverage and food trailer operated by Monessen beyond grad 2025, youth summer program.

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:55
Is there a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:58
Any questions?

Councilman John Nestor 18:58
Second?

Councilman John Nestor 19:00
Statement there? I think as the permits, if I agree, I don't know if this should be on the Motion. I believe it should be out of the motion, but think the permit fee should be waived, but they should still go underneath the health inspection, but the health inspection should be waived also the fees. The fee, we can do that administratively. But if you'd like to add it to the motion, I just don't how everybody feels, Would you like to put it on the record?

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:34
I have no issue with that.

Mike Korposh 19:42
Would like to read that again with that and add it in the piece for the health inspection?

Joseph Dalfonso 19:50
John, are you making that motion?

Councilman John Nestor 19:55
Okay, okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:58
Okay, so let me just recap them. Motion, real quick

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:00
Motion to provide the Monessen Beyond Graduation program and Robert Holmes with accessibility and utilization of City Park and Madison Park on the designated days of June, 17, 2025, through June, August, 6, Tuesdays at City Park and Wednesdays on at Ninth Street Madison Park for youth, for use as a youth led based fund raising project utilizing a beverage and food trailer operated by Monessen Graduation and beyond 2025 Summer Youth Program, all permit fees and food inspection fees will be waived.

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:38
Need a second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:39
I need a second. Second.

20:41
You made the motion

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 20:42
second.

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 20:49
Second it

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:51
Okay. Any questions, call the roll.

Mike Korposh 20:54
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas, yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yeah, Mayor Mozer yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:06
Okay, at this time, I'd like to invite council member Orzechowski to give us his report.

Councilman Orzechowski 21:12
Thank you, Mayor, make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $33,501.17 all invoices are attached as agendas. Attachment A

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:22
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 21:23
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:24
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 21:26
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person THOMAS Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 21:35
motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse account in the amount of $55,750.26 all invoices are attached as agenda detachment B.

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:45
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 21:47
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:48
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 21:50
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 21:59
Motion to pay the pay the following invoices from the line usage account, amount of $7,860 all invoices are attached to this agenda's attachment. C,

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:08
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:10
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:11
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 22:13

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

Councilman Orzechowski 22:22
motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund account the amount of $379.50 all invoices are attached this agenda is Attachment D.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:31
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 22:33
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:33
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 22:36
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 22:45
Motion to pay the following invoices from the liquid fuels account the amount of $15,620.90 all invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment? E

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:54
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:56
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:57
any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 23:00
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:08
Motion to approve the transfer of $72,775.11 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:17
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 23:19

Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:20
Any questions, call the roll

Mike Korposh 23:23
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:32
Motion to transfer $2,500 from the general account to the health care account. Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 23:38
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:39
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 23:42
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person Thomas Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:51
And Mayor here's the account balances and all the accounts. American rescue was $45,602.21 debt service has $684,985.80 $84,985.82 fire escrow has $93,192.90 general fund has $684,992.45 the grant fund has $131,318.32 healthcare has $4,523.97 $1,523.97 line usage has $764,544.80 liquid fuels has $245,223.63 parks fund has $63,251.99 payroll fund has $44,129.07 has $44,129.07 rec fund has $2,102.50 the tan note, I'm sorry, or the refuse fund, has $405,467.81 the tan Note has a balance of $327,504.50 Six cents, and the paving escrow has $45,172.60 the mayor. That's my report.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:07
Okay, just one comment. Did you have the PennVest account there in your list? So I happen to notice that the PennVest account, we passed a resolution early last year that we will move, I believe it's $10,000 out of the money that we received from the sewage authority every month into the Penn Vest account. The point being is we've completed that PennVest account. We need to modify that resolution and cease put money into that and move any funds that are in that back to the line usage account, and that we need to put on the agenda for the next time we meet. You understand what I'm saying? Yeah, it could just be a discussion item next meeting, right? Well, we need to be moved next meeting. Well, I can't we need to stop putting money is what I'm saying.

Councilman Orzechowski 26:08
Well, we need the figures to know exactly how much is in there, so we know we're talking about, I don't give something thinking we this is what we were moving, right? We need to be specific, and we will know that by next meeting.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:21
Okay, next meeting. Okay, no problem. I just want to make sure that we understand that. Thank you, Louis, do you have anything you'd like to talk about?

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 26:33
Give the Streets Department report for March 2025, I'm collecting garbage throughout the downtown area marked Pa one calls cold patch streets, swept streets. Weather permitting. The spring maintenance of equipment started by changing oil and filters. Put new blades on a few new wheels on the mower decks, welded decks on all the tractors and mowers, clean all the trucks, remove the salt residue from the winter straighten up the City Garage and help the Parks Department as needed. That is my report, Mayor. Thank you,

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:04
John. Do you have anything you'd like to talk about?

Councilman John Nestor 27:07
Honorable Mayor? Members of Council, administrative staff, says the Vanessa, unfortunately, I'm not able to get my report at this time. I also want to thank you for adding another code enforcement officer at my department, I'm hoping, unfortunately, with the loss of Marvin, I lost an army within one person. So I hope we can meet in this department as robust as possible. So if you continue to demolition and continue to be on top of our game when it comes to issues within the city limits, so I thank you for the hire, and then continue to maybe see how this goes before we add anything else or to or to quantify the formula that we were mentioning. I also, I'll bring it up the next meeting again, but we there will be some fire department's will be holding an annual Open House Saturday May 17, from 12pm to 4pm there'll be live demonstrations, membership information, junior firefighter activities, fire prevention and more. There'll be complimentary drinks and food and giveaways, you know. So I'll bring it up again at the next meeting, and that'll be at the fire station downtown. Also, I want to say happy birthday to you, Mayor Ron, there, and that's all I have.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:38
Thank you. Great. At this time, I'd like to ask Karen Cosner for her report.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 28:51
All right, before I give my report, I want to remind everybody again that we have a community cleanup scheduled for this Saturday from nine to one at Madison Park, which is 9th street Park and electronics drop off the City Garage from nine to one. Now I think if it's pouring down rain Lois in the morning, would we cancel and go to the rain date, which is May 3, pouring down rain, if it's lightly sprinkling, I think probably we'll go ahead with it, if the forecast doesn't seem like it's gonna. Well, we'll see how it works.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 29:27
Have you done in the past, if it's raining, we go to the rain date. What do you consider rain like,

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 29:34

I guess, steady rain.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 29:36
Okay, okay, because we have a Salvation Army coming with their food truck, so I would have to let her know she's going to be there between 11 and one.

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 29:44
Well, if we decide plenty of time to let her know, yeah,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 29:49
And she said, that wouldn't be a problem. So I hope everybody can come and help out a little bit. And then before again, we have a short. Presentation by Tamika West, who's involved with the Monessen youth baseball Association. She has a little something special planned for her student athletes that she would like to make everybody aware of. Hi,

Tamika West 30:17
I'm Tamika West. I'm the Monessen youth baseball Association has changed over to different presidents and different every office and organization has changed. My department for the past two years has I'm the board president, and one thing I'd like to do is I'd like everybody know that baseball is back in town, and it's been back. They're building a dynasty. I only have a third grader, but we've already pulled out two champion tournaments with our Pinto team and then with our Bronco team. They're also tournament champions last year, and we're looking forward to keeping it going every year. But everyone doesn't know really about the little field up in Columbus, and not everybody drives past City Park all the time when the pony, we also have a pony league too, and the pony league are the boys that played Bronco last year that are now moving to pony. So, we're looking really forward to the boys bringing baseball into town, the World Series. That's, you know, we're a parent, so that's what we want one day. That's what we're looking forward to. But we want everybody to know how big baseball really is. And I would like to support the town by having a parade, something happy, something fun. You know, some trucks, fire trucks, ambulances are making some noise. We're going to invite the other divisions that we played with that are still a part of our league. We want to invite them and their bands as well to be able to walk through town and just let you know, hey, baseball is back in town. And we would like to do this on May 24 we just heard about the open house anywhere at like, two o'clock in the afternoon, and we just, like, loop from the bottom street up to the top, from Eastgate axon to Eighth Street on the credit union, and go around, and that would be off. But basically, we would give out schedules. You'll see them around town sometimes, but nobody really pays attention, because they're like, who's on the baseball team? What's baseball? But now you'll actually see that we have four different teams, and they range from T ball to pony and there's about 60 kids. The last roster I got was around 53 so I'm not really sure now, but our game start on Monday will be T ball. That's when it starts, and we would just like to present a parade for them.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:17
Thank you. As long as we're doing this, I'd kind of like to just pull council members to get a consensus, not a motion, but a consensus, to whether they would approve a parade on the City on July the 22nd. 32:46

Joseph Dalfonso 32:48
May I have a question. Okay, is this just to submit to PennDOT to close the roads? Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:56
Well, first off, we'll have another council meeting before the end of the weekend. But still, this is a motion, but this

Joseph Dalfonso 33:05
is there any cost for the city to know this document to time? Not all

Chief Dave Yuhasz 33:12
We need, all I need is a copy of the city has I need a council blessing.

Joseph Dalfonso 33:23
Okay, with that said, there is an exception to the Sunshine Act where a resident brings something up. It doesn't cost anything. It's de minimis in nature. This is requesting that the city submit, on behalf of the baseball association to submit the PennDOT application for the parade that instance, Council can take up the motion even though it's not on the agenda, but you do have to post the amended agenda tomorrow morning.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:51
Okay, I'd like to make a motion that we allow a parade to occur on May the 24th for the purpose of promoting the Monessen baseball league. Could I have a second, any questions? I have a question that would be at 10 o'clock, two o'clock, or two o'clock, where was the location? It's going to be. It's going to start down towards East gate, go all the way to a 6th street, and turn around and come back on Schoonmaker, okay? And it will end at the Rite Aid or probably at the Rite Aid, right?

Councilman John Nestor 34:40
Second

Councilman Orzechowski 34:40
Okay, that's all, okay. I just wanted to picture it

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:44
Okay, call the roll please.

Mike Korposh 34:47
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council person THOMAS Yes. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 34:59
Okay. I would like to submit my parks report for March 2025, clean the civic center. Continue cleaning out the park garage, fix the wall in the parking lot at City Park, cut off three trees that had fallen in city

park, removed the bad swings and bad swings, meaning the ones that were a safety issue in city park, picked up limbs throughout the park, started cleaning up leaves around city park, ball field and in parking lot, put the plumbing back together in preparation of getting the water turned on in all of the parks, we will need to plan on getting the water turned on and will support a John in the upcoming week. Weather permitting help The Street Department as needed, and that is my report. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:49
Does anybody have any else that they'd like to add to this meeting from Council? This time I'd like to open the floor for public comment.

Earnie Telegraphis 36:02
Okay, can we go back to the baseball? Do we get helpful to approve fire engine? Because she wants a fire truck. Nobody messes it, but they're supposed to.

Joseph Dalfonso 36:21
What he does. I don't control the two fire departments and what they use their trucks.

Earnie Telegraphis 36:36
The other thing is, you guys gotta learn to cross all the T's off the list. You said something, but she's okay with the Health Department. Is she nothing? Nobody talked. Well, aren't you gonna have food? Are you talking about?

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:58
He'll still have the food inspection. It's just not going to pay the fee for it.

Earnie Telegraphis 37:04
I just wanted a citizen to not get in trouble with the health department, but anyway, they're still going

Councilwoman Lois Thomas 37:09
To go through all the Inspections. Just want to waive the fees.
Earnie Telegraphis 37:17
I want to ask you something again. You guys don't bring up industry. We need industry in this town. Otherwise, I don't know what's going to happen. Now. You did mention the last three months that sometime in April,

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:38
Mayor, I never said April,

Earnie Telegraphis 37:41
Tell us that you got grants to repair the roads. Do we have grants to repair the roads?

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:49
We don't have grants, but we have repair roads being financed by the water company and the gas company.

Earnie Telegraphis 37:53
Okay, can you be more specific on which roads?

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:56
We're talking about, Pacific, we're talking about Marion. Rostraver, 9th Street will be done through CDBG and Reed will be done through the cooperation of the City.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:22
Oh and and Leeds. One half of Leeds will be done? Yes.

Earnie Telegraphis 38:28
So you got five and a half rows. When do you anticipate? Parente is Grand Boulevard. They're a big mess.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:39
Parente is a million dollar project. Soon as we find a million dollars, we'll do it,

Earnie Telegraphis 38:48
Boulevard, Grand Boulevard,

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:51
Graham Avenue on the other side of the hilltop, yeah, that hasn't there's plenty of other roads we need to do before we get to that?

Earnie Telegraphis 39:02
Okay? And then, I guess we're not going to do nothing where that connection cemetery and the Epiphany church that road, what that call, it looks like a moon landing.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:16
It looks just like Rebecca does. Yeah. So what are you going to do with that? Well, we'll get to them as soon as we can get funding

Earnie Telegraphis 39:23
Forget no funding, we gotta go through another year, and if we do put the freezing and solid next winter, I don't think anybody can go on that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:34
I'm sorry, but that we only do roads we have funding for.

Earnie Telegraphis 39:38
Okay, when you got funds, when buildings are house assets, they're going to collapse. But you got anything like that for roads? Was that bad?

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:46
Those are being paid for by the County ARP fund.

Earnie Telegraphis 39:52
That's fine. guys don't know how many roads we got.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:56
We don't have anybody any funding for the roads other than what we're doing. I. So there'll be other roads. I'm sure that Columbus will get added to that. That'll be another road they're working on that that'll get done as they repair water and sewage line or water and gas lines throughout the city, they end up paving the roads.

Earnie Telegraphis 40:16
Okay? Tony, I want to give us all these numbers. How much money does the city have? Because those amounts, if you say, in line sewage, that ain't our money, we can't touch that. That's a specific amount that comes through the fees and taxes and the taxpayers. So how much does the city of Monessen have in their hands for the city only.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:42
Everything I reported on. Do you think that someone's personal account that I said, is that your opinion,

Earnie Telegraphis 40:52
Most of those accounts belong to that account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:54
So do the bill? Some of the bills were out of different funds as well.

Earnie Telegraphis 41:00
So I'm just asking, just for the City of Monessen. How much? He read that as well. He got it all together. If you ask anybody here, how much money does the city have? Nobody knows. Is it two million? Three million? Is that all our money? I don't think so. Where did you get it from? Different people. Tell me, oh, wait, I feel great. Then one other last thing, it I can know you mean well, but last time there was a flea market, it was a bust. There was only one table there and nobody I want to say, you don't bring people out of the hospital and say, oh, let's all get together. You gotta have all kind of agendas. You gotta have reasons why people are coming, not because we're gonna be a community. You gotta have a project or a goal, okay If it's just vague No. We'll just get together, in essence, people even though you got good intentions, but I don't think You're being practical. That's all I'm saying.

Linda Lacy 42:22
I just got two things to say. Ask Linda Lacey Maple Avenue 15062, it has been brought to my attention that there's a new development going on out in Connellsville, PA, and it's called Campbell's estates, and they are pushing affordable housing, just like Monessen and put affordable housing, push affordable housing. But these houses, you can go right on the internet and see these houses are normal houses. They are not trailers. And I wonder how Connellsville can do that, and we can't. It blows

my mind. How other communities are doing affordable housing, and it gives a person a two bedroom, three bedroom, a four bedroom house, and it's under the is it Fayette County Housing Authority? So how can they do it? And we are a different county. I can answer, okay, my suggestion is for you to call that Mayor or that person that's in charge of that project and find out how they did it so that maybe we can do it, because I think that those trailers up on Motheral doesn't help us at all. I'm so sorry, and I'm so disappointed who ever started that project because it wasn't for the best of Monessen. That's all I want to say on that part. The other part is Mihalic boat launch. Are we talking to the Army Corps of Engineers about how we are going to fix that boat launch?

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:20
We have talked to the Army Corps of Engineers. They have said that they do not have funding to fix it.

Linda Lacy 44:25
Well, they have billions of dollars. They were working on a project I heard on the news a couple months ago. They got money.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:35
They tell me they don't

Linda Lacy 44:36
Well, maybe the citizens ought to get behind it and start writing letters to the Corps of Engineers, because, after all, they started it, it was their problem.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:47
And it may work, who knows,

Linda Lacy 44:49
And for years, that has been neglected. And I think it was 2012 when they built it, and then 2016 there was a problem. And now the. Barges are rotten through we can't go over there, go out on the landing to look out over the river. So my thing is, if we want people to come here and spend their money, we should have some type of pictures recreation area that they can enjoy their self at. What do we have? Karen had the flea market, and she wanted the people come here. What are they coming here for? Karen? Just tell me what? What do we have to offer anybody coming here? I'm not trying to be nasty or I'm not trying to be a bee, but my question is, why would you invite somebody into your town when we have nothing to offer? You don't have anything to offer to residents, and after all, it's our money that's running this town.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 45:56
Can I make a comment? Though no one showed up at the flea market. The Historical Society had a table out in front. We had our doors open. And I bet we had at least seven people who came out of Baileys came right through and toured, which was amazing for us. So I count it as a win. It's a baby step in getting people to see what we have.

Linda Lacy 46:16
Well, maybe the historical society should be open every Saturday.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 46:19
Well, if we had volunteers to man the desk We would love to do that,

Linda Lacy 46:26
But still, that's what it that's the bottom line. Since we don't have anybody to do this, so why would we invite people here if we have nobody to work it? That doesn't make sense to me.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 46:38
No people need to step up and volunteer. Linda,

Linda Lacy 46:43
Well, those are the two things that are kind of important to me that I would swear out, besides the Leeds issues, and I think Leeds, should be done first return.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:04
Does anybody else have any comments they'd like to make this time I like to make there have a

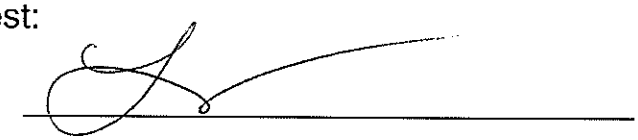
Councilman John Nestor 47:10
question. Have we gone to painting those lines yet that we've talked about? Perhaps two meetings ago.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:19
I haven't checked with I haven't checked with the Streets Department to find out.

Councilman John Nestor 47:24
All right, I appreciate that. Thank you

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:36
Hearing nothing. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn, as though I have a second, second, any questions? All in favor of adjournment. Say, aye, aye, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you. Later, John. Take care. Everybody. All right. Thanks

Attest:



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