Mayor Ron Mozer 00:01
I'd like to call this city of Monessen work session. City council work session. To order. Could I have a roll call please?

Mike Korposh 00:10
Council person Cosner here, Councilman Nestor present. Council person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski Here, Mayor Mozer present. Mayor, we note four present, one absent, and a quorum is noted. Thank you. At this time, I'd like to invite Nancy Gideon to lead us in prayer.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:33
Use this mic. Please. You.

Nancy Gideon 00:45
Father God, this evening we just come to you, father for the city of Monessen, for the mayor, for the council Lord, for the residents of Monessen, and Father God, we're just asking you to impart to them this evening, the wisdom they have need of father. We're asking you for a spirit of unity to be upon them and among them. I'm asking you, Father to give new vision, father to each and every one of them, for Monessen Lord, that they can come together, that industry businesses can come into this city. Father God and Father you, we know your Word says that we are exhorted that, first of all, all sublimation, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and for all those that are in authority that we may lead and live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty So Father, as they work together tonight, Lord, I'm just asking you to fill them up with fresh Revelation, give them the wisdom that you have, that you have, that you would direct their steps to Lord and the decisions that they have to make and father, as I hold up this agenda right here this evening, I just lift it to you, and I ask that Your will be done in every one of these decisions that has To be made tonight, just bless them all for their work and their labor. Lord, in Your Son's name, Amen, Amen.

All 02:30
I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:52
We're running a little bit behind on the meeting minutes, so we're going to delay the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. At this time, I'd like to ask our city treasurer to give us his report, if he has one.

Gerry Saksun 03:07
Thank you Mayor, Council and citizens of Monessen. This is my report for the month of March, garbage fees, revenues. Currently March will receive $35,512.78 $35,512.78 here today, 506,000 $134.78 took budget amount. 400,000 garbage fees delinquent March. $21,960.71. This includes $2,014.62 collected by Portnoff. Here today, delinquent, $57,309.50 this includes $10,908.85 collected by Portnoff, penalties and interest collected by Portnoff for this month, $1,766.66,
year to date, $3,703.29,budgeted amount, $2,500, garbage fees collected for 2026 March to $270 year to date, 1007 $85 budget amount, $140,000 total for March, $59,510.09 $59,510.09 year to date, 568,920 $32.57 budget amount, $617,500 real

estate taxes, revenues collected for March. Current, $224,061.28 year to date, $224,061.28 budget amount, $1,487,000 city taxes prior years collectively received nothing this month here today, 37 $30,779.64 budget amounts. And $1,000 total. Year to date, real estate taxes collected $254,840.92 delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland County March, $48,607.05

Councilman Orzechowski 05:17
year to date, $48,607.05

Speaker 1 05:21
budget amount, $250,000 total day taxes collected.

Councilman Orzechowski 05:28
303,444 $447.97

Speaker 1 05:34
budget amount, $1,747,000 distribution house as follows, general fund here today received $177,292.84 budget amount, $1,034,505.90 debt service here today received 48,000 $113.98 budget amount, $280,745 and 50 cents. Ivory c5 1147, 5000 $147.80

Councilman Orzechowski 06:10
budget around $30,037.40

Speaker 1 06:14
parts received your date, $24,486.30 budget amount, $141,701.10 141 pounds and $701.10 total. Year to date, taxes distribution was $254,840.90 92 cents. Budget Amount $1,487,000 miscellaneous income, real estate transfers. Tax March received $11,307.58 year to date, $24,030.95 budget amount, $60,000 earned income. Tax marcher received $81,978.94 year to date, $193,857 to date, $193,857.17 budget amount, $651,046 Martin Child Tax march for received $1,215.12 year to date on One $1,437.42 budget amount, $20,000 local service, tax March, we received 360 $8.35 year to date, $17,041.11 budget amount, $72,000 tax certifications. March, we received $1,520 year to date, $4,910 budget amount, $20,000 municipal lean letters, March will receive $900 here to date, $4,200 budget amount, $12,000 line usage account, unsecured payments, one, 250, to $50 here To date, 75 line usage fees. March will receive $77,276.05 here today, $224,847.07 total year to date, $224,922.07

Gerry Saksun 08:16
Mayor, that includes My Report for the month of March. Thank you. Could I have a motion to accept their motion for accepted a Treasurer's Report for guards fees and city real estate taxes collected for the month of March. Is there a second? Second? Any questions? Call the roll please. Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:40
At this time I'd like to invite the public for comments directed to myself on agenda items only.

Ernie Telegraphis 08:50

2 questions here, one on page 2, about the roads, this is kind of vague. It says we've been hard on the roads. Priority will be assigned to addressing the roads as required. What does that mean? As required? Well, we're going to discuss that. We'll talk about it. You're going to tell us how the roads are required, which ones are required. We're going to talk about that. Okay? The other one is, and I guess it's Tony here, CFO, the SWAT team and the police people that participate in this was more than Swat. Do you know if you have the money to participate in this? Where would you get the assets to pay for them?

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:47
I think before Council even talks about that, we got to wait to hear the presentation, to see if that's part of the presentation. So we get more information, and we can come to a conservative answer. But I can't do that yet, because I don't know.

Ernie Telegraphis 10:00
I'm just asking, Do you have money to do this? I don't know what they're going to offer.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:06
You're asking me something. I don't know, what if, what if any costs are involved. It could be $10,000 gonna be 10 cents? I can't tell you, Well, how much money do you have to play around with? I don't have any money to play around.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:28
That's a decision council have to make when it's informed. But right now, I can't say I can't say anything, because I don't have the information. Alright?

Ernie Telegraphis 10:40
Well, I hope you give us something great tonight or at the next meeting, if you could afford it. Now, you gotta show me how to afford it.

Councilman Orzechowski 10:44
I'm sure Council will talk about how we will afford it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:50
Well, I'm sure my input will be part of what Council decides. How's that? Does anybody else have any comments on agenda items? No Mayor. Thank you. Does anybody have any old business that they'd like to bring forth? Okay, well, let's talk a little bit about some of the things I've seen going around on around here. First off, um, on my notes. Be quick this way I know I have it here. There's nothing to table learning. Well, let me just talk a little bit about some of this. First off, this week has been pretty interesting. In so far as we've had a lot to do on early this week, we had a problem with one of our storm drains on Grand Boulevard between Marion and Watson. And I really want to compliment both our contractor that we used, and also Delmar Hepple. And it was really him that really came to the aid and was able to clear out a line that that otherwise would have left everybody there overnight with water being pumped out of a hole in freezing conditions, and the vac truck really paid its worth that night, and Mornak did an excellent job, and Delmar Hepple was to be commended over that. As we go on about things and talking, I'll

talk a little bit more about the roads, and we'll get to that in the discussion item here in a minute. But in fact, I'm just going to put it off until we get to that point on the agenda. Otherwise, one thing that I do really want to stress is our sympathy towards the family of Carl Watson. Carl Watson is a firefighter chief of the Hilltop Fire Department. He lost his life soon after fighting a fire on Saturday, Sunday. I forget the day, he got home and he was letting his dog outside. And unfortunately, he passed. He served in the US Army for 14 years, he received numerous awards, including the medic and I forget all the awards he did receive, but to credit he's respected. Governor Shapiro this week ordered all flags in Westmoreland County flown at half mast in honor of him, and that's a really quite an honor to have that done by the governor of the state. It's with great sympathy that we have for the family, and it's going to be tough carrying on the torch without him, but we've got to go forward. I uh, with that, let's continue with our thanks, detective. Zachary Beam, you're here today. Maybe you can explain to us a little bit more about you and Dave Yuhasz, so chief can explain a little bit more about what it means to be part of a SWAT team in Westmoreland County.

Zachary Beam 14:44
If you don't mind, I'd just go over a little bit of brief history and everything perfect. Okay, so my name is Zach Beam. I work for the city of Lower Burrell. I'm also the commander for the Westmoreland County SWAT team. So a little bit of history on how it started. So in New Kensington in 1999 they had like a warrant service team that was just their agency that formed. And then in 2016 we had some critical incidents in Lower Burrell and other places, and we decided to bring in Lower Burrell and Upper Burrell and New Kensington. In 2016 we formed our own SWAT team, if you will. And then from there, it seemed to work, and it grew a little bit further. So then we became Westmoreland SWAT in 2018 with seven agencies, New Kensington, Lower Burrell of Vandergrift Borough, Washington Township, Murraysville and Allegheny Township took a little hiatus there, and then we found that seven agencies worked, and we could all work together with the bylaws that we drew up. So in 2022 Greensburg police came on. 2023 North Huntington came on, and then 2024 last year, Irwin and Ligonier township came on. So that brings up to 11 agencies to date, deployment wise, we handle high risk drug warrants, protests, barricades. We've cleared city blocks before. We had a new Vandergrift. We had a homicide suspect that ran on foot from a pursuit and then hid somewhere in a block, and we found him at the bottom of a wiring he was apprehended. And we've also done like high value target protection during the presidential race. We did a bunch of those. In all of those deployments, we've only had one use of force, which was in Greensburg in a barricade that was not compliant. But we've had over 69 deployments in those years with only one use of force. We also do community events. We go community days, national nights out and go to school to put on demonstrations for them. Community involvement. We Westmoreland SWAT is we're one of the 13 recognized tactical teams for Region 13, along with Pittsburgh, state police, Beaver, Cambria County, North Hills and so on. Through them, we received free SWAT training for our guys. 2021 we received over $17,000 in free training for them. And last year was over $20,000 in free training. Just to give you an idea of Westmoreland County, the total population is roughly around 350,000 we serve 125,000 residents of that currently also with federal state programs and grants, that SWAT team has acquired over $1.5 million of free equipment. Jurisdictions. Currently we have 38 people on the team, 27 operators, five negotiators, five tactical medics, and then the commander myself,

leading the 38 so the way the SWAT team is set up is you take the total amount of sworn officers in the police department and then 20 multiply that times 20% because we had to come up with some kind of calculation. So generally, their police department matches, or is a certain percentage of the population. So that's the way we came up with cost sharing for the team. So say North Huntington, their percentage would be 666, 34 on how we figure it out, because 20% so with that calculation, Vanessa would be 236, so if you guys would come on, would be 5.55% of Team cost. So the team cost is the upkeep to the farmer, the less lethal munitions. Give you an idea of costs. 2023 the total cost for the year was 11,020 24 was a little bit less, $10,800 so if you take $11,000 at 5.55% Monessen's total cost for that year to the SWAT team would have been $610.50 that doesn't count what it would cost for the individual, but to be part of the team, that's the shared cost of the upkeep of the armor and everything else. We don't cover the officers who would join from an expense like their overtime, any kind of that's all through the collective bargaining unit or contract. And for me to combine 11 contracts, it would be impossible. So that covers cost wise there so again, like the agency's responsibility for their wages, their benefits, ammunition, we would supply them with vest, helmet, because I have some night vision, they were responsible for their pistol, rifle. Obviously, the. The pros are cost sharing makes it feasible. If we didn't share costs, it would not be feasible to do this at all. It reduces liability for the city, townships and boroughs because of anything that may happen with failure to train. We train twice a month. We're up to date to tactics and case law, they specialize equipment to allow the situations to resolve peacefully. We have a faster response time for critical incidents. One for New Kensington, they had an armed robbery that took place, and some juveniles barricaded themselves. We pulled up the armor, and within 30 minutes of being called, it was resolved because of our fast response time, and we found loaded AK 47 as a weapon within a house within reach. So obviously new kind of low overall. I mean, we've had officers killed in the line of duty, and we know the cost, so safety is always in the forefront of our minds. Also we know our citizens, and we have invested interest in the community. That's the biggest benefit that I see so far, is we know our people, and we have a vested interest in our community. We work here. Got great working relationships with state police, and sometimes they're a little bit further away, and it's harder to get them to respond. You get them to respond. The cons. There's always cons, but the only con I see is startup cost. The officers will be required to have, like a uniform multi can uniform, less lethal munitions that Monessen would have to pay for and then hearing protection, but it's minimal compared to what you're getting to return in training twice a month. I can't tell you what forecast, what that would cost sending if the schedules could be manipulated. So it would be with that if that's what the chief can answer. It's nice to with anything that happens to hit the bat signal, and within half hour to an hour, have 38 people here to help.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:09
That's all I have. I have any questions? Okay? Well, thank you very much. Yeah, I probably come up with a couple questions. There's got to be some intrinsic value to this finding police officers is very difficult to do right now, and I think this is a universal problem going across the entire country, to be honest with you, this offers a opportunity for police officers to get additional training and additional skill set. Does that seem to help any with the attraction of new officers, or keeping officers retained within a police department.

Zachary Beam 22:43
It does, they show interest, and it helps keep some interested in staying in the department. But also it reduces use of force, because they're become so highly trained that it limits use of forces and lawsuits and everything else, because they're up to date on everything.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:01
So your 30 minutes sounds very enticing. But by the same token, that was in New Kensington, and most of the police force, police organizations that are part of the team or on that part of the state or the county north, except for North Huntington, so straight down 30 to 70, I believe Northington or Irwin could be here within 30 minutes.

Zachary Beam
Took me one hour without lights and sirens to get here from Lower Burrell.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:39
Okay, one of the issues that Monessen has is, I don't know if this is in common with any other police stations, but we have limited resources. As far as cars are concerned. Do any of the other police departments use personal vehicles to transport the members to and from their municipality, to whatever the meetings are?

Zachary Beam 24:00
Yes, so I would say it's about half its individual department, whatever they decide or their townships decide to do, but the vehicle code allows for regional police departments to put red lights in their personal vehicles to respond to critical incidents. If you're part of a SWAT team, some of them make them make them go to the department to pick up vehicles and then respond. But that's something that would be up to boroughs, township, sort of cities, to decide.

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:28
So how does the response that you guys provide compare to what the county provides through their what is it? The CERT, the County Emergency Response Team. There's the state police. State police, okay, police, search team. okay.

Zachary Beam 24:46
The primary advantage is that your officers would be part of the SWAT team, and they would know their residents and know what they're dealing with, and may handle it differently. I can't speak for them, but we know our residents. We know the ins and outs. We don't know, uh. who's married to who, we know all those relationships and they may resolve or have take a different turn if they would have that information. But example is so. We had barricade long time ago, 2012 when I got hired in Lower Burrell, was working a midnight shift on Thanksgiving, and I called the state police. Certainly speaking with them. They're great. They work with us. We train together. It was like nine hours before they were set up to resolve the situation. And like I said, I'm an hour away, and that's me. We're on the other in the county.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:38
I think we had a similar type event here recently in Monessen too.

Councilman John Nestor 25:43
That was gonna be my next question, Mayor, you're a sergeant, correct? I don't want to be just but Sergeant, was your team called out for the last situation we had chief Yuhasz. Or was that from the state?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 25:58
We don't have a mutual aid agreement with Westmoreland County.

Councilman John Nestor 26:05
So I cannot follow them. So the state, how long did it take for the state to arrive?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 26:11
Say, five hours, five hours.

Councilman John Nestor 26:13
Alright. And then my thing, my biggest issue that we have to figure out is, of course, insurance.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:18
We did talk to our insurance agent quite a bit about this over the last few days with Linda, and there's, there's some details that you may be able to tell us. First off, workman's comp is, doesn't matter if they're here or there, that they're covered with that, but the vehicles, when they use their own vehicles, apparently, their insurance would be the primary, ours would be secondary. There's some things the insurance company, some questions they had that if we were to go further, we would want to resolve.

Councilman John Nestor 26:51
Because, that's my question, is, if, you know, God forbid, if an officer was driving down 70 to get to Greensburg for a call and a tractor trailer, you know, swerved them off the road. They fell off the road. Whose insurance covers that? Officers, accident, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:07
Their insurance primary,

Zachary Beam 27:08
I don't, I can't speak to that. Yeah, like, Lower Burrell covers my work. What's called, they cover insurance for me. I'm not sure if that's a question for your insurance company, but it's not a shared cost. So we're not funded by the county. We're funded by the jurisdictions that join. So that's if we were funded by the county, then it would maybe a different tune. But they don't fund us in anything.

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:33
So is it just some sort of a cog? What kind of agreement do you have with all the different communities that participate?

Speaker 2 27:39
It's the same as the DUI task force. So if you guys go on to that task force where

you do enforcement, so the Supreme Court said if you're going to form a non emergency task force like that, then it has to be done by ordinance and mutual aid agreement. So any jurisdiction that wants to join the SWAT team has to agree to the mutual aid in terms of the mutual aid agreement, which is shared cost and sending their officer to training call outs, and that way, we basically become like a DUI Task Force, but on the SWAT level, and everything's legal

Councilman John Nestor 28:16
Okay, I think we probably have to iron that out too. When does overtime kick in? Say an officer is at home, off shift and they get called out for a spot instances or overtime? Absolutely.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:37
Chief, do you have anything you want to add to this discussion?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 28:39
Yeah, and just to go in with what he touched on, along with the training, I can manipulate the schedule into a way that can coincide with their training and whoever the officer is, so that will be at no extra cost for any call outs, I can't control call offs, you know, like he said, there's 13 calls last year. The last is better, you know, all of said there's going to have to, only have to sit down and come up with some type of policy for whoever's part of this in which, you know, if there is only two people working on shift, and that's what member who gets called up, he cannot leave. And I gotta keep two people with power, but if he's on his off time, he is free to come in. Now, if there's extra, any chance there's extra people around, maybe he might, but that's something I need to sit down and work on, on that aspect. Okay, in regards to another cost thing that he was standing above the uniform rifle, pistol, each officer has their own personal pistol now has their own city owned pistol now. Um. That's all stuff that could be, probably be funded by the grant fund, the airs, the uniform, stuff like that that we have seen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:10
Well, they said that they had 13 events last year. The admones into it. It's going to be more.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 30:22
Just knock on wood, the three, four years I was chief here, that last Thursday into Friday was the first time that we had to do anything. Okay, that's what I was really leading up to, an emergency type. Now, there are opportunities where we could use them when we have high risk drug wars. You know, there is some things that you know, we could call them, instead of our guys. And I've done this before. I've been on the battering ram to go into a house. I'm wearing a regular uniform vest, no helmet. We have a shield. That's pretty much a lot of follow up we have. But sometimes we have to do what we do come to a safe resolution.

Councilman John Nestor 31:07
I'm sorry, Mayor, Chief, do we still have assistance with the housing authority?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 31:14
We still utilize the part timers.

Councilman John Nestor 31:16
I was just wondering if we was having some of the housing authority if we need to have two cops, which would leave us three. Does that give that person the time to go respond to that call?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 31:27
It could be again. That's something we need to iron out. We don't have many part timers. Part time officers are far and few between anymore, not like how it was when I first started. It was slow everywhere. Everyone's fighting to get a job. Yeah, now we have a couple good part timers that could have jobs elsewhere. Okay, so that's when, again, come down to the policy, and come down to who is available at that time, and what the majority of my department, spread out throughout basically Westmoreland County, you know, they may be good for the cause at that point to you know, because if they live in Irwin, and something happens in Irwin, they're right there. But also something happens in Monessen, still take time to get here. I understand, and I apologize, Mayor, just one question went to the sergeant. How many calls did you have that from this year to, like today that you guys, I hear today, we've had two, just two.

Zachary Beam 32:32
Okay, 2023,and 24 we had 14. But not all those were full team deployments. So if we do, like a surveillance or take down or something that requires for the Hey guys, we don't activate the entirely.

Councilman John Nestor 32:44
Would your busiest time be around the summertime? Busiest?

Zachary Beam 32:48
Okay, the last 20.4 actually, December was our busiest time of the year.

Councilman John Nestor 32:53
Well, thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:55
Anybody else have any questions they'd like to ask?

Ernie Telegraphis 32:59
No. No, no.

Zachary Beam 33:03
I know one more thing, you don't mind. So we like we're on 2020. We had a huge upswing of activity. But as officers get further trained to get better equipment, we saw the call outs go down because they're more capable with their equipment and tactics to handle it. So like Washington Township had one where a guy was suicidal on the roadway, stopped the vehicle and middle of the road had a handgun, and because now we had night vision, he was able to go up and under the coverage, take away the gun and resolve it before, after the call out the SWAT team or anybody else.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 33:45
Turns out, that could also be beneficial, I think, touches on what he just said, if officer who select and go through all of his training, who's working the road and has a situation, he might be able to take care of something real quick because it is extra training and knowledge that type of scenario.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:05
I think that there's lots of intrinsic value that's really hard to put a number on, that this offers the city. I do appreciate you coming in and giving us a presentation. It is something that we will definitely consider, and council will discuss it more. But I do appreciate it. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Councilman John Nestor 34:22
Thank you for sharing. Thank you very much.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:29
Next thing is discussion, talking a little bit about the Mon Valley. Paws,every year they put on a show here in Monessen. This year they're going to be on September the sixth, from 10am to 2pm in city park at the walking track. This is something that's that happens every year. It's a very positive thing to the economy, to the city. It's good, it's a very well attended thing. I see no reason why we would not allow them to use the park again this year, Mayor, we'll discuss that more in the next meeting. At this time, I'd really like to ask pastor Holmes to come and give us a little presentation. He's got a program here that's really quite exciting for our youth, and I'd like for him to maybe give us a little bit of a introduction of what it is. If you'd use this mic, it works considerably better than that thing over there does Okay.

Councilman John Nestor 35:26
Thank you for coming, Mayor.

Pastor Hall 35:30
Robert C Holmes, supervisor beyond grad program and good evening. Everyone certainly want to thank the Council for giving me an opportunity to talk about the ministry beyond grad summer fund program. And before I do though, I just really want to give you a little snapshot and take a few moments to talk about our past. You know, I'm excited, because this is our second year of the program. We started out as just a pilot project being funded by RK Mellon, and like a good funder, they evaluate how we did. And so we were, we were awarded another grant to continue. And so I'm very excited about that. And so this is February, we also transitioned under SPHS, and so we went from Penn West to SPHS. And I'm extremely excited, because you all know that Kelly McKevitt and her crew SPHS received the USA top workplace award, and that was out of out of 42,000 COVID organizations that applied. So we're very excited to be now as a fiscal manager SPHS. I'm also thankful for Doctor Matilda Spencer, who's a criminal justice professor up in California University as our grant writer and our manager for the program. And so she does a marvelous job. So we're excited to be working with some very talented people that we bring to help manage this thing called Monessen Beyond Grad. So again, our program, the summer fun program, that I want to talk to you all about, is dedicated to empowering Monessen high school youth by providing meaningful opportunities that promote economic mobility, career

readiness and entrepreneur development. Now I'm excited about the career readiness. We have a curriculum that we use for ninth through 12th grade. And last year we only had we had a total of 30 kids. This year, we doubled it to 60 kids. And that's ninth 12, and so. And again, one of our curriculums that we use is getting these kids ready for careers, amen, and it's called career readiness. So this summer fun program, when do we want to start? We're thinking about beginning it June the 17th through August the sixth. We plan to launch a youth led, community based fundraising project utilizing a mobile beverage trailer operated by the students in the Monessen and Beyond Grad program. This trailer will provide a variety of refreshments and simple food items, including hot dogs, walking tacos, chips, pretzels, bottled water, iced tea and coffee, a custom beverage creativity named after the Monessen school mascot, called the Greyhound, is what we're working on. And so we'll probably have some dog treats, because we know that many people have their dogs in the park. So, where do we want to have this at? Certainly, two days a week. We like to operate from about 10 o'clock in the morning till 2 right now, and we may just see how it goes. Right now, we're thinking of Tuesday at City park and Wednesday at Ninth Street park, but that could just reverse, and we do the opposite, depending on the crowd at both the City park and Ninth Street Park. We just want to evaluate what is our purpose and impact. The goal of this project is manifold. It's to provide practical business experience for students through entrepreneurship and customer service, budgeting and marketing, to introduce basic financial literacy and concepts in real time. And one of our main goals is going to be to raise funds for the Hound Supply scholarship. As you guys know, a lot of kids that are going to be electricians or plumbers, they gotta have tools, and there's a cost. So we'll be raising money for a scholarship for our seniors. One of the things that I just want to talk about our seniors real quick for a moment. It because today we went to CNX mentorship Academy. CNX mentorship Academy is something that occurs like twice, at least twice a month. We go to a workplace. CNX Corporation, comes to the high school, picks the kids up along with me and but today we went for a senior resource day. Uh, they not only had they only provide breakfast, but there are about five employers they have resume writing. They took a headshot. They had dress for success, a company that comes and provide and a lot of kids a change of clothes, put on suits, you know, having that business feeling. So the seniors Corporation is spending a lot of time and effort to providing the kids opportunities to and especially for kids who do not want the four year traditional school, although they encourage the four year traditional school, but it's for kids to want to go to work directly after high school. And so they introduced them to a lot of employers, I think through the years, we've been on probably 10 visits to like Eden electric. We've been to PPG place and did a tour of that talked about their carpentry department and just everything that they all the jobs that they provide, as well as their administrative jobs that they provide and so and that includes also UPMC and a host of others. But I just don't want to spend too much time, but I'm just saying that's a component of the Monessen Beyond Grad program, going at least twice a month to visit with different employers talk about jobs and talk about education. We also added another component called teacher in the workplace. Teacher in the workplace is a similar thing right out of hella, a lot of the companies combined as one to offer jobs and opportunities to young people. So this is all so our program is not only designed to educate parents and students about post secondary education or workforce development, but it's also exposing them to the opportunities, and there are tremendous opportunities waiting for young people soon as they get out of high

school, so that those are some of the things that we're doing, but the Monessen Beyond Grad program will help to foster youth leadership and pride in our local economy and community spaces. This summer project is an extension of our commitment to building bridges between classroom learning and real world application. So additional community engagement will be the robotics program. I'm excited about the robotics program because last summer we had our summer fun program. We ran it out of the Steel Plate, and Doctor Matilda Spencer introduced me to Robert Atkins, who is very, very involved with FIRST, inspires, who, presents the competitions for the robots. And so the program launched in early January, went to Carnegie Mellon for the kickoff, picked up our robot, and we started in January, built a robot, and we're ready to go in March. And the Monessen Beyond Grad Greyhound robot competed with 53 other teams, and we came in 42nd place. So I was excited about that, but we're going to offer some training about the robotics program this summer, also a basic mathematics we have a mathematics coach and Tracy Calhoun from the Pittsburgh School District, so we're excited about that. So these learning sessions are designed to spark curiosity about STEM and reinforce Essential Academic Skills and fun and to try to do it in an engaging way. So who's going to supervise this? Well, I'm glad that one of the things we've done in the Monessen Beyond Grad program, is to expand and hire a few employees. We have a full time facilitator in Skyler Massey, and then Mr. Marlon Wheeler is also helping us out as well as a facilitator. We're excited about that, and I will be there myself to help supervise. So what am I? What are we requesting from City Council? We're asking some for some assistance and permitting, sharing any promotional materials that you can any potential funding or sponsorship opportunities, and understanding wishes that you will be helping to inspire the next generation of Monessen leaders and reinforce the importance of community back youth development and closing in closing, I just want to say this is not just about fundraising, but this is a stepping stone towards economic empowerment. Academic curiosity and civic engagement. I really think when I see the kids, especially so the other day last week, we went to the Pittsburgh Zoo. And a lot of the kids thought it was just gonna be a fun day at the zoo, but we had a full educational day. They talked about their jobs and all the zookeepers and how important it is how they take care of the animals. And the kids came away with a sense of understanding. Okay, first of all, this is what the zoo provides in terms of careers. But at the same time, some of the things they didn't know about the animals, we had, again, a day of learning, and it was an excitement. So through the Beyond Grad program. We're exposing them to a lot of different opportunities. We've been to Thiel college we've been to CCAC college fair. We went to WCCC about couple weeks ago. We're still going to Seton Hill this year. And so we have professional mentors that come in and speak to our kids and inspire our kids, letting them know this is what I do for a living, and this is what and so this program is about inspiring our kids to be the next, future leaders. So the summer fun program is just a continuation of the Monessen Beyond Grad program, as we offer some other opportunities that we're not doing right now. Any questions? Yeah, fantastic.

Mayor Ron Mozer 46:24
I think this is a great, great thing you're doing here. I'm very impressed. Let's start with some of the things that we can handle pretty easily. Okay, the park as an example. I envision you got a trailer that you're going to put there, and you're going to offer certain services and hot dogs and various things from that trailer. Where would you envision that being in in the park?

Pastor Hall 46:43
Probably somewhere in the middle, you know the way where you normally set up your tents when you have, when you have events at the at the Ninth Street park or the City park. And again, I don't Is there electric at Ninth Street Park?

Mayor Ron Mozer 46:58
I know that there's electric at the Pavilion at Ninth Street, and there's two electric stations in the middle of the City park.

Pastor Hall 47:05
Okay, so at the City park, we would definitely be in the middle. Okay, at Ninth Street Park, we probably a little closer to the pavilion to try to utilize the electricity. But if it's not convenient or it's confusing, you know, I have a generator, so that's not an issue.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:19
Shouldn't be an issue. Do you perceive this in any way? Denying access to the park by those people that that walk the park normally, that are not the kids or anything else.

Pastor Hall 47:30
We want to make sure they're clear and free to exercise, and we just want to provide some freshmen. And then again, we want to do a write up in the paper letting them know this is a fundraiser for the Monessen Beyond Grad program for economic mobility as well, as you know, for these scholars trying to provide scholarships for our seniors who are moving on and need to need to have supplies.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:52
I know it's a real challenge you're going through high school trying to determine what you want to be in life, and this has given some opportunity to see different things. And I think that's just a very positive thing. I don't see anything wrong with it. As far as the logistics with the trailer, what do you what are you thinking there?

Ernie Telegraphis 48:09
As far as the trailer?

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:11
yeah, you say here, help with logistics or storage of the trailer.

Pastor Hall 48:16
For the trailer, yeah, that that won't be a need, because I'm gonna take it back and forth every day.

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:20
Okay? So that's not an issue whatsoever. As far as sharing promotional material, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't have material here at City Hall and on the web.

Councilman Orzechowski 48:32

Do you have any things out? I have a question. Yes, sir. In what capacity is the Monessen School District involved in this for the summer fun program?

Pastor Hall 48:42
Well, during Monessen, we're partnering with the Monessen School District. First of all, so we partner with Penn West and Communities That Care, as well as the positive action with Communities That Care and Positive Action, along with Monessen Beyond Grad have now all transitioned under SPHS, so now we're partners, partnering with SPHS and so with Monessen School District, like the other day, when we went to WCCC, we collaborated with the guidance office and took students to a college visit. So everything we do is with under the behest of Doctor Motte and the school board, and they're providing opportunity to have to have the Monessen Beyond program during school hours. So our program is during school hours. And so we have nine through 12, and that's during school hours. And so we're definitely partnering with them, and in the summertime, the only thing they'll be providing is just reminding them what we're doing. And anytime they want to come down and be a part of it, they're welcome to any of the teachers or administrators. Are any of the students denied access to the some of the things that you're doing? No, no. Uh, wide open to everybody. It's wide open to everybody. Yep, this summer, it'll be open to every, whoever signs up for the Monessen Beyond Grad program, and we'll be taking some trips as well. We did last year, you know, we took a tour of the cosmetology center here with the Douglas Education Center and we went to steel camp last year. And we're only going back to student. I'm having a real hard coming up with anything negative.

Councilman John Nestor 50:29
Mayor, if I may, with this pilot program, hopefully make this a success within the city. But I hope that, by any means, and I know this is a little shortcoming, I would like to see that the city waive its permit fees for the course, since it's helping the children within the city limits. And also, of course, there's going to have to be a health inspection on the trailer, but waive the health inspection fees on that as well.

Pastor Hall 50:51
I agree. Thank you. Thank you. That is generous. We appreciate that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:57
Anybody else have any other comments they'd like to make? Thank you very much. It's very enlightening, Council. Once again, I'm very, very pleased to hear all that you're doing for our youth. That's fantastic. Well, you know, as I spoke before, I'm the man that didn't grow up in Monessen, and I have love for this city, and it's just giving back. And so I see the future of the fine work you all are doing. Many will benefit for generations to come. So thank you all for the work you're doing. Thank you. Thank you. There's two pieces of property The city owns 936 Grand and 944 Grant. I'd like to on the next council meeting, transfer those to the Monessen RDA for express purpose of returning them to tax roll. These are vacant lots, gets us off something we don't have to take care of anymore, and gets them on the tax roll. I know of no reason why that would be scorned by anybody.

Councilman John Nestor 52:00
Are these properties next to any houses?

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:02
Yes, yes, and that's the reason why there's a demand for the house, for the property. Thank you, Mayor. The roads. The roads are a serious problem in the city of Manasseh, and maybe we don't have a defined list of where the roads are that need to work the worst. But it doesn't. It's not hard to come up with a list of roads that deserve attention. I've asked our parks department to look at the priorities that they give to the work that they do. And you have to understand they are under a lot of stress. They take care of the parks, they take care of the roads, they take care of the sewers, they take care of just a whole wealth of things. Every time somebody picks up the phone and says, I hit a pothole, that's who they call. The bottom line is, we have very limited people in the parks department is designed for seven people. Five of them are left. We're going to hire two new people at our next meeting. But nonetheless, it's, it's a challenge. In amongst that challenge, I think that we have to really decide how important are the roads to the citizens of Monessen, compared to how important it is to the citizen that we mow the parks every single week, I think that we need to probably give some very serious thought, Council in particular, as to how we maintain our roads and how much time we devote to them. Now, council has also worked hard and made application for some LSA state money that includes equipment specifically to address roads. One is a trailer that has a compartment to keep hot mix hot, a roller to roll it out smooth when you put it in there, something to blow out the pothole when you come to it, an attacking agent to put in it before you put the hot mix in it and do a repair that one would hope would last years, as opposed to seasons that we have now with cold patch. Well, with that in mind, Leeds became a primary target this last week. Leeds has some very nasty roads. They're concrete roads, and I made the suggestion that that we needed to do something. I talked to our streets department, they immediately took it upon themselves to take this on, and I suggested that they even go to rent a roller to roll it out smooth, rather than driving over it back and forth to get it back down. They said, well, we got a roller of our own. I said, Well, can we use it? Well, let me just say, vibrate. Rollers. Vibrating compactors do not work well on concrete that has no gift to it. When they're trying to run this vibrating compactor on the concrete, trying to pack down material that's in a pot hole on the concrete, it broke the vibrating compactor. So they're trying to figure out what it's going to take to fix that at this point. So there are things that sound like good ideas that sometimes don't turn out to be good ideas. I've always the bottom line is, we're going to have to depend on our public works department to think out of the box, to look at new ways of fixing problems on the roads, to devote time to doing that and to assure that that it's done efficiently, and that's a big challenge for them. But with Council's approval, I'd like to continue with that, that philosophy. Okay? The Christian Center Church had some Easter activities planned for the Ninth Street Park. They're going to move those to the Civic Center because it is predicting rain this weekend. So just for everybody's information, the Easter activities planned by the Christian Center Church will be held at the Civic Center, and I think that runs from 11:30 to 12 or 11 o'clock to 12:30 another thing that council needs to be aware of is Penn Vest phase four. This is never going to let us down. This is just seems to be dragging on and on and on. What we're at right now is DEP and Westmoreland conservation district has been notified that we've completed the project. They are in the process of scheduling the final inspections. That's the last part that has to take place before the project is actually closed down, the primary reason why it is

of interest to me is it changes it from an interim loan to a long term loan. But unlike the USDA, Penn Vest is doing the interim loan and Penn Vest is doing the long term loan, there's really no difference in the interest rate. It's just a matter of the accounting. And I quite honestly would like to get Penn Vest phase four where we just don't simply don't have to talk about again for a long time to come. That's my goal. One of the things that council did here a few months ago was we worked with the contractor that was part of Phase four, and it got him to agree to repair Reed, that part of Reed that was destroyed by them trying to do the repair work that runs from Ninth Street to the top of the hill there in front of the Gates of Heaven Church, that road looks like a patchwork right now. Our original thought was to pave the center 12 feet of that road and leave the outer five feet on either side of it alone, because it was not disturbed. But the paver, El Grande, through their graciousness, has offered to pay the curb to curb for another $2,500 there's no reason to worry. We wouldn't jump on that with both feet and say absolutely yes and we will proceed with that, just so everybody knows Marion and Pacific will go out for bid here in the next week or so, and those will get paved as soon as we possibly can. Those were also roads. They'll be paid for by PNG, Marion. And yes, that's all I had at this time, I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Orzechowski and see what he's got for us.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:06
Thank you, Mayor. Like to make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general funding amount of $19,019.58 all invoices are attached. Attachment A

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:16
Is there a second? Second? Any questions? Call the roll council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Council Member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:33
Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund accounts. Amount of $1,444.32. All invoices are attached to each agenda's attachment A.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:35
Is there a second? Second? Any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Orzechowski 59:46
Motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund the amount of $3,251.56 all invoices are attached as agendas attached and C. is there

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:55
Is there a second? Any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:05
Make a motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund the amount of $600 all invoices are attached. This agenda is Attachment D.

Mayor Ron Mozer
Is there a second? Second, any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 1:00:13
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzekowski, yes. Mayor motion Yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:23
motion to approve the transfer of 68,309 $89.23 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll expenses.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:33
Is there a second? Second, any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:42
Motion to approve payment resolution number 30 and certificate in the amount of $99,527.80 the phase three work performed from November 27,2024 through February 3, 2025 for sewer rehabilitation project. Phase three, certificate 30 from March 1 2025 through March 28,2025 as well as work covered under an Amendment eight, preformed from 10.28.24 to 3.28, 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:13
Is there a second? Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:17
Not sure why? These are undermined.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:21
Well, you're paying the bills. Call the roll please.

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

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:37
And just to be clear to everybody, those are being paid through the USDA loan that we've got going go ahead motion to approve payment requisition number 30 and certificate of the final invoice in the amount of $17,612.09 to the final phase three, work performed from 5.14.2024 to 3.25.2025 by MSRP Inc, and an invoice from Insight Pipe Contracting LLC, for work performed during 9.1.2024, through the 3.31.2025 in the amount of $22,916.32 for Phase Three work performed by the USDA program.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:07
Is there a second? Second? Any questions? Again? This is paid for by the USDA. Roll call the roll please.

Mike Korposh 1:02:14
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council member Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:02:22
Before you get to the page, grant fund has $131,506.97 payroll fund has $20,328.73 Health Care Fund has $3,625.21 American Rescue has $45,602.21 general fund has $246,791.83 TAN Note is $327,504.56 refuse account has 436.4 $136,973.07 debt service fund, I'm sorry, fire escrow has $22,187.09 debt service has $684,985.82 line usage has $772,404.80 liquid fuels has $1,558.85 parks fund has $61,777.20 direct fund has $1,597.50 and paving escrow fund has $45,172.60 Thank you. And my discussion on the resolution spending, allocation of funds within the government of city of Monessen that would be for council to talk about right now, for their approval. The approvals are $500 locally within administration, anything above that would go to me or anybody else. Uh, uh, I'm asking consideration to go to drop that a little bit. It's a 250 last year, we spent over $90,000 in stuff that I can't say I ever seen. They're all fine, but we need to have, in my opinion, we need to have a tighter control on what we're spending, especially in the current political environment of what's going on. Things may get tougher. They may really get tough. And we're not the only ones. Any other city or municipality or anything else might find it the same way. And I want to make it very clear so it doesn't show up in the paper that I said this. But you know, things might get tough for people to decide. The .prices are going up, inflation is going off. God knows what's happening, and could go into a recession. Food and family comes before first of anything else. And I'm not allocating or suggesting that you don't pay your utilities or your taxes or anything, but things happen, and sometimes things have to get delayed a little bit. And I just think council needs to consider that we need to tighten our belts even more than we don't can't do right now, and make sure that every penny we're spending is allocated and it's really, really, really needed until we see what's happening, what's going on in the world.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:41
I agree. And to that end, I went in and looked at our spending for the anything less than $500 and I prepared a report that I just passed out to council. The first two pages, as you see, are for small items. You know, $12 $19 $83, all the way up to $215 that is the that would be the threshold of 250 that we'd be talking about, that we had swap the last page is things that were over $250 that would require that that difference in approval process that we were talking about here. And I'm not sure that I understand the motivation behind this. There's $11,000 in the one page there. They're all items that were more than $250 but I think it's worth discussing a little bit the you know how we would what, what would change with this? What is this on there that you and my cut back?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:48
Well, one thing that's flawed on this report, and I hate to say this, this reports

2025 I'm talking about over $90,000.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:56
Well, one.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:59
Well, I'm talking No, $90,000we spent for 2025.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:02
I can generate the same kind of report for 2024 but we're talking about going forward, and this is 2025.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:07
Well, what makes you think 2025 is going to be the same amount, if not more? Because our costs are probably going to go up.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:14
They probably are. But what's going to change? I mean, the charges here that we have, you know, the def, the weed eater heads, the blades for the arm tractor.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:22
I'm saying that there's, there's other things that have transpired that I just feel that sometimes some things, no matter what, need to Be more questioned.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:40
Okay,some of the things don't My only concern is the delay that that might cause if we're if we got a piece of equipment, parts for a truck, as example, a Davies Ford, $297

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:54
Well, I'm going to challenge that and say, when have we had that experience happen? Maybe once, maybe once, where there was a delay in the approval process that caused the problem or things couldn't get away. Just one.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:09
I can name several that you did. You denied, and I had to re enter many times before you had finally taken all right.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:16
But, that's different than not being looked at all. I did a process, right? Process was not followed. Reason, it was declined, and then it was resubmitted, and then it was approved. Am I correct?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:28
It was approved, but only after well, you know, many discussion items. And the point I'm trying to get at is that some of these things, like the right front upper and lower rods for clamps and clamps for the steering thing. How much is it going to delay it if you if you want to, if we go that way, versus just getting it done? And then while the guys out running around, taking care of business

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:49
We have a policy. We have a procedure, if we don't follow us or policy and procedure.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:54
These are being followed. These no these are being followed.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:00
Here again, there's a process and procedure. The only time something that usually, almost always, would get declined by me, and I'll say it's me, is because there wasn't an invoice, there wasn't a description of what the product was and what was being done. Okay, if we're going to spend taxpayer money, they deserve to know what it is, what's being spent, and what's it being spent for, and how it's being done. And I was saying, need this for because of something is not good enough.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:30
I would challenge you to go to any one of these in these purchase orders and say that there's not that information provided.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:38
There's a PO in there today for a five ton jack or a bending for something, the guy that went that's under the $500 no problem, okay? But I looked it up. There's no invoice. There's no price. Well, I'm saying there's no price. There's no quote, or anything else for this. Did someone go to or look up Harbor Freight versus Fayette Parts where everybody gets stuff at, okay, we have to watch those little nickels and dimes now.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:18
Well,I'm not denying that whatsoever. I what I am denying is that it can actually cost us more if we don't get things taken care of in a timely fashion. Again, it takes, it takes labor to do all these different things.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:10:32
Again, I will just go back, and that's fine, and that's can be Council's discussion on it what they want. But my point is this, it's not our money. It's taxpayer money, where we are responsible for every penny we deserve to be able to give on some of this stuff, especially on the bigger some of the things.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:00
You know the third page. There's three pages to it.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:11:05
Yeah, there's like, if anybody was to read this report, like John just said on the page 3 C Harper for $339.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:15
There's nothing there. That's because the way that they've printed on the paper, to be honest with you, this didn't include all the description items, all the line items. When I did the first time the page, the report was 10 or 12 pages and had all the detail. The problem with that was it didn't break it down by purchase order. It

broke it down by item number. I just think that we need. I'd like to sit down with you and understand a little bit more about this, because I think there's some intrinsic costs that will eat us up. In his taxpayer money, as you point out, just in overhead we're looking at.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:11:55
I'm disagreeing with you, yeah, clearly.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:58
We'll talk about some more.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:12:00
Well, I think it's something that council needs absolutely informed to talk about it. If Council has any questions or any suggestions or any other things, this is the place to do it. Absolutely.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:12:10
Does anybody else have any comments? Well,

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 1:12:13
I had a thought. And then again, it's something small about ordering like supplies for cleaning and toilet paper and paper towels. We have several buildings throughout town. Does Marlene order for everyone, or does, like the police, you order your own thing, because sometimes when you order in bulk, you get a reduced price. And I just wondered if that was ever considered that the various departments will let her know how much and one person would order those kind of things for everyone.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:12:48
What would make more sense is that same philosophy is saying that everything that might be needed for the police, for a Civic Center, for the City Garage, is all ordered here and it's stored here. If the police department's getting down on toilet paper, or somebody can run up and get a case of toilet paper that's sitting in the storeroom that they can just grab and go, and then you replace your stock with what you're doing. That makes the more sense than everybody doing their own little thing, because that delays time also, okay, so one of the things that I have complained about for eight to 12 years being on council is this, you know, we can hopefully start one thing by duplexing. We're paying a maintenance fee for printers, which is a lot for those things they're capable of doing. All that we go through boxes of paper like this place is crazy, just like the fact that knowing what we have to do, just for the time and effort of the city administrator and everybody else to put together the packets to turn around and have all that for what we need to think of a better way of doing that. We don't need to kill a tree for each of us just to have the minutes from the last meeting so anybody can look at them for five seconds say, okay, that's fine, and that's the end of it. I'd like to eliminate that completely. If we're the only ones who see in the minutes, and we only need to have a copy out there for the public unless they request it, then perhaps, as we've been it's been happening a little bit. Is all that is sent to us before a couple days before the meeting. We don't, we don't bug up the stuff that we get at a meeting. It's a third of this, it's a half of this, it's a quarter of this. It's a start. We have this. We have the ability to do that.

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:52
So you're saying you would prefer double sided paper

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:56
If I would, if it saves things for right now. Sure. Why not? Absolutely. I thought we talked about this a couple years ago, and again, the minutes, if they're into a PDF, that's the end of it. There's one copy if somebody wants to read it, it sits over there. I'm sure we'd be able to give anybody a copy that they read it. Needed, but for all of us, especially like unfortunately, Lois isn't here tonight, but we're going to have a stack of papers for that she's not going to probably look at or read. Why are we doing that? That's just a start of things that we can do internally to save money.

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 1:15:42
I think it's a great idea.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:45
Okay.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:15:46
You know, I hope. And I'd ask this summer, you know, give it a try.

Councilman John Nestor 1:15:52
One word, go back to 500

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:59
We can do that.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:16:01
There's other ways we can, really, I think, save some costs. But my point was to change the approval process so I had a better handle on what was being spent between the $250 and $500 because I don't see that now, or I don't know that now, if, unless I would go into Bellwether and actually look under requisitions, not purchase orders, requisitions. And then there's the 22 pages of everything since we started. The other the other question I have about that, and this is the last thing is, I we've never except for this winter, this past winter, when the heat went out and it was an emergency, we get things fixed. Nothing should be an emergency in this place, unless the building's falling down or something else.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:01
I mean, well, but it depends on what we're talking about in the building itself. You're probably right. It needs to be something like the heat, electricity. Something fails in a major way, but we've had several emergencies throughout the city as an example, when the tree hit the power line at the City Garage, and I had to take a generator over there to provide power so they could open, run the run the city garage or the sewer line that breaks on a road that those are all become emergency things, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:30

But I'm just saying we need to better as we wrapped into this better communication than what we have.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:39
I try very hard to keep you informed.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:42
I'm not just saying me.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:46
Okay, well, this will be on the agenda for a vote, okay, on the next meeting we have.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:54
That's my report.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:57
Anybody else? Have anything else you'd like to talk about?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:18:02
I guess nothing mayor, you do?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:05
You have anything you'd like to talk about? John?

Councilman John Nestor 1:18:07
Thank you, Honorable Mayor. Members of Council, administrative staff, citizens of Monessen. I will be giving my report the next council meeting. I also want to touch base on seeing how things were going on, the painting of the line that we mentioned last meeting.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:21
I haven't talked to Rodney about that, but he's aware of it,

Councilman John Nestor 1:18:25
And then if we had any updates on the issues that we'd have at the intersection of school maker and second street with the road lifting where the cones are at the corner.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:40
I'm not. I don't have anything to offer on that at this point. I know that what's going on there. I just don't know what caused it or what the solution is.

Councilman John Nestor 1:18:49
All right, from what I remember, I thought Vitale was trying to work with the water company because they cut that street up my right. Mike, yes, that street was cut up by the water company, right? Yes, I don't know, but I'd like to see if we can get updates. It's okay, it's getting pretty worse. The road is dropping. I'll talk to Tony in the morning. Yeah. Thank you so much. I appreciate it. And then just if you know an update, if we're going to do the lines, if we need to put a vote back on

that again. I mean, that's all I have, Mayor, other than I yield the floor.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:26
Okay? Thank you, Karen. You want to talk a little bit about our music in the park and so forth.

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 1:19:31
Yeah. And once again, I want to remind everybody that we have a flea market coming up on the Saturday, April 19, down the road on the corner. So you're welcome to come and set up a table, and also to set up to buy and again, our cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 9am to 1pm Madison Park. We really need volunteers, and I would love to see some of your young people there helping us, because unfortunately, a lot of these events. It's, like senior events, and I'm talking seniors in high school. So, you know, you said they want to get involved with the community. Would be a prime opportunity for them. They could work in groups. We have enough adults, so I would love to see volunteers then, and also the summer, the court summer concerts in the park. Oh my goodness, music in the park. Music in the parks. We've been working hard. We have the concerts all scheduled. And again, we're going to need a lot of help to make this possible. We've been meeting about every two weeks with Chief Yuhasz and the EMS to try to think how they fit into this. But we also need a lot of community support. We need a lot of help. And if you know people from your churches, wherever you live, but want to volunteer, please ask them to get in touch with us and commit to one or all of these days. And can I mention our grant that came through PNC charities Foundation, we received, we got the check for an $8,000 grant. So we're really excited about that. We still have a ways to go as far as all the money, but that's very encouraging. Thank you. So it was fun. So if you know of any other grants, or any other way that we can raise money to make sure this is a success today, this year, as sustainable, which we would like to do, we're hoping people come to Monessen and they start looking at us differently, as a place that they want to go to. So that's the whole purpose of these concerts is to get people into our town and realize that we do have a lot of things to offer, but we need help. If you think it's a good idea stand up and say, I'm going to help you. Well, you can count on me to be there, even if it's for a couple hours. That's what I'm asking. Thank you. Is there anything else I missed?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:21:59
No, I think that there's any number of jobs that volunteers can do, everything from helping us with parking of cars to making sure that people stay hydrated to picking up trash along the way, to just keep an eye on people identifying us with problems. There's just a whole wealth of opportunities that we need people to help us with

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 1:22:20
And if your students help me, what I'll do is give them a certificate of attendance or appreciation that they can use for their portfolio, as long as I have the names, because I know they need things like this.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:22:36
Yeah, question, yes. The well, really suggest everybody the two new employees we hired for parks, I mean, for streets and that, yes, did they start?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:22:48
No, they have to go through the formal meeting. Not a work session, but a formal meeting. They will be brought on board this next meeting.

Mike Korposh 1:23:01
oh, we No, wait. Wait, they were hired. Tell me what the deal is with those two The only thing is the drug test now, or the FBI related test.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:23:11
Why are they taking an FBI test? They're not.

Mike Korposh 1:23:15
That's, that's we decided. We thought, as council said, that we wanted to do that as a group, to have them take that test in addition to the drug test and a physical,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:23:23
Not an FBI test, that was never brought, I can't remember that ever brought in front of council about that. All there is, is a background check and their drug testing.

Mike Korposh 1:23:36
That's we pass them. We can. The chief had something FBI was saying from Yes, we use them as the vehicle.

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:49
Thank you for the correction.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:23:53
So, so what's so, what's the status?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:59
I guess we'll get that back they're good to go. That lasts to everything else is done, the drug testing and the physical is completed, and they pass those also.

Councilman John Nestor 1:24:11
Can we mention too about Code? What were we talking about, the hours and how the kept the format?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:24:16
I don't want to mention and I don't want to mention the names, but we have one person that applied that has experiences being a Code officer. He also is an EMT officer, and he has other other jobs at the same time, he wants to work part time in the neighborhood about 15 hours. And I think that Karen and Lois and I agree that he would be a person that could step into the role and take off immediately. At the same time, there was two other people. They both have at their heart the they want, the desire to want to be a Code officer. It would give him, he'd be an experience. Would be able to train them, and we'd be have some choices. They're only working maybe. 10 balance of 10 or 15 hours.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:25:02
How many people are doing here?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:04
Wait a minute. We're talking two part time, 15 to 20 hours, and we don't know what that number is yet. Okay. What about is it Lloyd? Lloyd still is there? Lloyd is there all along, but we're trying to replace Marvin, replacing Marvin with an experienced code enforcement officer and a part time person that will learn from him how to be a Code officer. Bear in mind that Lloyd is 80 years old, okay, but is Lloyd still on then too? Yes, absolutely. So we're having three people, right? But there's differences. We never budgeted for one person, let alone three people? You've always budgeted for two people, part time, and this we're not, we're not gonna change the hours, one little bit between the two part time people we had before. But what about the third part time person? There's not gonna be a third.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:25:54
You just said Lloyd. You said Lloyd,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:58
Our Code officer for 15 hours. That's not 29 and a half hours that Marvin was working. That other balance of the 15 hours will be a third person that we've got for the balance of 10 to 15 hours. So we'll have two people on duty 30 hours a month, or 30 hours a week, as we did before. The difference, mean is, it'll be two different people serving that role.

Mike Korposh 1:26:27
Yeah, splitting Marvin's salary. We're splitting Marvin salary into two people. Okay, so you added an additional where does the third person come from? That's Lloyd, yeah, where? How we so we're, it's the same amount of pool of money. It's just you're splitting Marvin's salary, yeah.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:26:44
So you're splitting Marvin salary three ways, not two ways, two ways, two ways.

Councilman John Nestor 1:26:48
So Lloyd's not getting his paycheck split.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:26:52
And then we'll get, we'll get one of the other two people to be the third person. There'll be no change in the budget, no change in the pay. It'll be the same as what we had before. Okay. Anybody have anything else this time? I'd like to make a motion to adjourn. Is there a second? So moved there? Is there any questions? No. Thank you. Meeting is adjourned. I.

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