Mayor Ron Mozer: 0:10
It's now 630 I'd like to call this city council meeting of May 22 to order. Can I have a roll call? Please?

Mike Korposh: Council person Cosner here, Councilman Nestor, do we have him by phone? Supposed to oh, well, let's give him a call.

Mike Korposh: 0:26
We were usually, usually using your phone Councilman Orzechowski for better service.

Mayor Mozer: Yeah, we could try.

Mayor Ron Mozer: 0:35
I got him coming. Okay?

Mayor Mozer: 0:45
Hello, John. You want to participate via phone? Please say you're here. Okay? Council Person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski Here. Mayor Mozer present. Here.

Mike Korposh: 1:00
We have three members present, one by phone, one absent. Councilperson Thomas, and we note a quorum.

Mayor Ron Mozer: 1:05
Alright? Thank you. Pastor Hall is not here. I will go ahead and lead us in a short prayer. Heavenly Father. Bless this group that we have here. Bless the city. Give us all the courage and the fortitude to go on and make this a better city. Name of Jesus. We pray Amen.

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

We were a little bit slow in getting the minutes prepared. Does everybody have a chance to take a read of them and make somebody make a motion to approve them?

Counclperson Karen Cosner 2:02
I make a motion to approve the minutes from the work session of May 8, 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 2:11
Is there a second?

Councilman Nester
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer
Call the roll please. Are there any questions? Call the roll.

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

Mayor Ron Mozer
At this time, I'd like to invite the public for public comment directed to myself on agenda items only.

Earnie Telegraphis 2:35
All on this Telegraphis 29 Rex. Now I had five questions, but I, it's down to one

because the mayor answered the other four before we started the meeting. So the one big issue I have tonight, and I had it two weeks ago, whenever you people were contemplating a SWAT team. Now, this town is very short on to save money, and I know there's problems where the police, the new police recruits, work here for a while, and then they jump ship, they go to a higher paid municipality. But I don't think just having this opportunity to become a SWAT member Elite is going to keep them here. In fact, that might even make them go to another higher elite SWAT team somewhere else. I think the main problem is all the police, except for the chief, don't live in Monessen. So I think they're just using Monessen as a stepping stone. If they lived in Monessen, then they'll have more pride to stay here. Now, this is the issue I got with the SWAT team. To me, it's bureaucracy on top of bureaucracy. And all bureaucracies bloom. They bloom and blow it up, and next year be more expensive. The year after that, be more expensive at the same time, you people just refer to one incident. The police chief here has been here six years, and you only have one incident where you guys were trying to take a suspect out of a barricaded home. Now I don't think we need an army or a brigade of heavily weaponized troops or police so. Now I want to know this, do we have tear gas dispense capability from the Monessen police? Do we have tear gas at all? Chief,

Chief Dave Yuhasz
We have nobody certified.

Okay, is it possible to get somebody in your force or yourself to become certified. That's cheaper than having a brigade of SWAT members, because just watching the old movies Adam 12, two guys without any ornaments. They take out what do you call it? They take out one of these tear gas, and the guy comes out in two seconds. So what there we need, like 12 to 18, people to go bring guy out. It doesn't make sense in my book. So I think you guys should invest the police chief, or whoever he picks, and get tear gas certification. That's my take on it. And on top of that, Tony never answered me last meeting.

Councilman Orzechowski 6:06
Oh, I did, because I looked at the minutes and I did answer you, but you just didn't like the answer. Well, we have money for the answer is No.

Earnie Telegraphis 6:14
Okay, that's good. Well, what we like it. I do like it when you said you don't have it. So anyway, that's my recommendation, and I hope you guys table it. You'll be jumping into something. You know, I could see we live in a big city with ghettos, and we got people that we need to clear the streets. But, oh, I think to get somebody out of a house or a building, have somebody get tear gas certification, and if nobody wants to talk, sponsor me. I'll be able to shoot the tear gas. You're going to pay for the gun that's

Councilman Orzechowski 6:52
Going to dispense, no,

Earnie Telegraphis 6:53
But it'd be a lot cheaper than SWAT teams.

Councilman Orzechowski 6:57
Yeah, really, yeah. What were you going to get?

Earnie Telegraphis 7:00
You gonna get an army? Yeah, Bazooka. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 7:15
Is there any correspondence that has been brought to Council the that needs to be brought before this meeting?

At this time I'd like to invite the City Treasurer for his report. Excuse me, the City Solicitor. I'm sorry.

Joseph Dalfonso 7:46
Thank you, Mayor. If you want to go first, have at it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 7:53
Which one you want to go ahead

The solicitor is first on the agenda.

Joseph Dalfonso 7:57
Okay? on tonight's agenda, you will see the ordinance for the SWAT agreement. Governmental cooperation agreement has to be adopted by ordinance. The agreement itself is fairly straightforward. There is a 5.56% shared cost out of all the communities in that SWAT agreement to the city. And I think your chief gave a ballpark an estimate of what those yearly costs were. What was that Chief

Chief Dave Yuhasz 8:36
range is anywhere from $600 to $800

Joseph Dalfonso 8:40
Per year. Okay, it has to be advertised because it is an ordinance that's what's required to enter these types of agreements. But it is ready to go, and if it does get approved, we'll work with Mr. Korposh to get the appropriate legal ad. Second item is a resolution for Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act that just prevents discrimination on the basis of disabilities under the federal disability statutes, this adopts a grievance process. It was part of the requirements for the USDA sewage project. And finally, an update on the easements regarding the sewage project, all the property owners we have, all of those did talk to Cleveland Cliffs last week. They have a bit of a personnel shake up, but it is in their legal department being reviewed. I know the engineer and myself have talked to the individuals from CSX, and every week they keep saying that our review will be done next week. So one of these weeks, they'll be right. That's all I have this evening.

Mayor Ron Mozer 9:47
Thank you. Now at this time, I'd like to ask the Treasurer for his report,

Gerry Saksun 9:54
Mayor and council and citizens of Monessen, this report for April, 2002 25

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May 22, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Garbage Fees & City RE Taxes collected for month of: April

GARBAGE FEES REVENUE:	April	Year to Date	2025 Budget
Garbage Fee - Current	$ 27,540.00	$ 533,674.78	$400,000.00
Garbage Fee- Delinquent	$ 9,593.40	$ 66,923.40	$75,000.00
Amt collected by Portnoff	$ 3,872.90	$ 14,781.55	(included in the total above)
Penalty and interest-Portnoff	$ 53.38	$ 3,756.67	$2,500.00
Garbage collected for Next Year 2026	$ 248.00	$ 2,033.00	$140,000.00
TOTAL:	$ 37,434.78	$ 606,387.85	$617,500.00

CITY REAL ESTATE TAXES REVENUE:	April	Year to Date	2025 Budget
City Real Estate Taxes - Current	$ 783,726.34	$ 1,007,787.62	$ 1,487,000.00
City Taxes - Prior Year collected by City	$ -	$ 30,779.64	$10,000.00
Sub Total:		$ 1,038,567.26	
DELINQUENT CITY TAXES			
City Taxes - Collected by Westmoreland Tax Claim Bureau (Quarterly)	$ -	$ 48,607.05	$250,000.00
Total Year to Date Taxes:		$ 1,087,174.31	$ 1,747,000.00

	Year to Date		*2025 Budget*
City Real Estate Tax Distribution	$ 722,531.26	General Fund	$1,034,505.90
As of April 30, 2025	$ 196,081.52	Debt Service	$280,745.60
	$ 20,979.08	Library	$30,037.40
	$ 98,975.40	Parks	$141,711.10
	$ 1,038,567.26		$1,487,000.00

Councilman John Nestor 10:05
Motion to accept treasurer report as read.

Mayor Mozer 13:04
Is there a second?

Counclwoman Karen Cosner 13:10
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:10
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 13:52
Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilwoman Cosner, Yes, Councilman Orzechowski, Yes, Mayor Mozer, Yes

Mayor Ron Mozer 15:10
Now at this time, do we have anybody that's got the city controller report that they can read? Okay, please do.

Counclperson Karen Cosner 17:01
Thank you. Controllers report for April 2025,

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Controller's Report, April 2025

General Fund CFS Bank Checking Account

Bank Reconcillation as of April, 2025

Beginning bank balance as of March 31, 2025		$433,691.33
Deposits	$892,948.71	
Expenses	$300,011.06	
Ending balance as of April 30, 2025		$1,026,628.98
Outstanding checks	$19,453.30	
Outstanding deposits	$40,107.56	
Reconcile balance to Bank Statement		$1,047,283.24

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:08
Thank you. I don't believe anybody has any old business to bring forward. This week was kind of preoccupied by other things going on around town, so I don't have much to report for that. I'd like to make a motion for the first reading to motion to advertise for Ordinance of participation of the city of Monessen police force within Westmoreland County SWAT team. Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 18:38
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:41
Any questions, call the roll.

Mike Korposh 18:46
Council person Coster, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:56
Motion approve a resolution of the city of Monessen and Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting and establishing a grievance procedure pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Could I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 19:11
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:12
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 19:14
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes,

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:21
At this time I like turn it over to Councilman Orzechowski

Councilman Orzechowski 19:25
Thank you, Mayor, make a motion to pay the following invoices from the General fund. Amount of $56,214.23

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:32
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 19:35
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:35
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 19:38
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski Yes. Mayor, Mozer Yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 19:45
Motion to pay the following invoices from the refuse account the amount of $55,986.26

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:52
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 19:54
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:55
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 19:57
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman. Nestor Aye, Councilman Orzechowski Yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 20:03
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $6,982.04

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:08
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 20:13
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:14
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 20:16
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 20:23
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund. They accounted $617.51

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:29
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 20:31
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:32
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 20:34
Council person Cosner Yes, Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 20:42
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of 80 $36,582.46

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:50
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 20:51
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:52
Any questions? Call the roll.

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

Councilman Orzechowski 21:02
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreation account in the amount of $623.65

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:08
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 21:10
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:10
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 21:13
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 21:22
Motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund the amount of $188.65

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:28
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 21:29
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:30
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 21:32
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 21:39
Motion to approve the transfer of $68,400.77 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll.

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:48
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 21:50
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:51
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 21:53
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes

Councilman Orzechowski 22:01
Motion to transfer $3,400 from the general account to the health care account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:05
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:07
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:08
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 22:10
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 22:18
Motion to pay the monthly tax allocation for April, 2025 for the Monessen Public Library in the amount of $15,831.28

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:28
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:29
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:30
Any questions? Call the roll

Mike Korposh 22:33
Councilperson Cosner, Yes, Councilman Nestor Aye, Councilman Orzechowski Yes, Mayor Mozer, Yes

Councilman Orzechowski 22:41
Motion to start paying back the TAN note per requirements in the amount of $327,504.56 to CFS bank.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:50
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:51
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:52
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 22:54
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:02
And before I have a question, I here's the balances. American rescue, $45,736.80 debt service fund has $726,454.60 fire escrow has $108,698.88 the grant fund has 159,100 fund has $159,149.77 the Health Care Fund is $5,242.19 Line usage has $833.08 $133,473.86 liquid fuels has $212,843.86 part. Parks has $60,250.82 payroll has $35,236.56 the rec fund has $2,580.98 the refuge account has $365,279.55 the cents. The tan note, currently, until it's transferred, has $327,504.56 their paving Escrow is $45,172.60 and the General Fund has $1,731,273.69 And Mayor, I just have a question on something okay. That is that I happen to notice it late this afternoon. I think before we even got here, there was a comment, what's going on with this street trucks?

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:37
I think you know that as much better as I do right now.

Mike Korposh 24:43
Do you have a just what was said today to you? Yes, from machine overkill. No,

Councilman Orzechowski 24:50
factually, it was from you.

Mike Korposh 24:53
He indicated that the truck eight was repaired for I believe that I don't have it in front of me. But. $165 and the diagnostic was like 175 so that's being returned because there was a fuel pump that was faulty, and we got a new one under warranty, so that truck is okay and back in service. Now they're going to do the same with truck eight to machine overkill. Why are we taking these to machine overkill? And I thought we talked about this, that we would see if BARTs could do it locally first, and then if he couldn't do it, then he recommended Machine Overkill.

Mike Korposh 25:33
Ron indicated that Bart said he didn't want to do these type repairs and wanted to focus on tires with us and to take them to machine overkill if we could. So that was the response that Rodney gave me when I asked that.

Councilman Orzechowski 25:51
Okay, that's not what I'm hearing from Barts.

Mike Korposh 26:01
I'd be sort of stumped on that, because that's what Rodney indicated that he and told him of the reason why to take the trucks to Machine Overkill for these repairs. Alright, I'll find out tomorrow. Yes, if we can talk about it, there's a different answer.

Well, the other one, I'd like to know that the other question is, I'm a little bit disturbed on the fact there is no PO in for this job. There's no POo for machine overkill, for the job that just was done on the truck.

Mike Korposh 26:33
Well there was a, I believe there was a request for one, for the diagnostic charge, and then whatever the cost was a PO would go in for that. I'll check with you on that too, in the morning, but that was the idea that I had, that that's the way that was going to work.

Councilman Orzechowski There's no invoice or anything. If there was something here,

Mike Korposh 26:57
Let me check in the morning. But that was the way that was supposed to work. From that meeting that we had Mayor with Rodney on the two trucks to move ahead,

Councilman Orzechowski 27:11
We need to be very clear about something. What we have worked out an arrangement to do things is a PO gets put in first, and after the PO goes in, they go get an estimate. The estimate would be from Bart's, Machine Overkill. And machine Overkill has done attachments before. That's not changed for years,

Mike Korposh 27:40
And I think that happened here is what I'm saying. If it didn't, then we should address that and talk in the morning, they had to go to get a diagnostic look at it, so there is a charge for that, and then they would tell us what the charges were for the repair. That's why I thought this was working. And there would be a PO for that, if that makes sense.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:04
So where's the PO? There's no Po. Was the work done already?

Mike Korposh 28:08
The work was completed today from his and I thought there was a why was it completed without a PO? Well, let me take that back. There's an amount set for the 165 to do the work. I don't know if it's been completed yet. Probably shouldn't be, until we get that approved, that second part, but there had to be a diagnostic first and then a PO amount for the work.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:40
OK there just seems to be a big disconnect, and it's a continual thing, and this what we put together to maintain the flow so things work has been in place, even with the police cars for years, I'm having a hard time why we're having a difficult time following

Mike Korposh 28:59
I Thought we were, is what I'm saying to you, not if someone took the truck,

Councilman Orzechowski 29:10
We can't be circumventing things, and that's what my concern is. I mean, I just talked to BART last week, and he said, Can you get me down the trucks starting now so he has time to work on instead of waiting till September, when the snow starts to fly.

Mike Korposh 29:30
I saw your comment there, but I heard the other comment that he did not want to perform those duties. He wanted to focus with tires and take the other items through machine overkill, because he has confidence in that. Well, here's why

Councilman Orzechowski 29:45
That doesn't make sense. The chief has a vehicle that was up at C Hapers with an estimate which I didn't approve for over seven or eight. $1,000 that they wanted. Okay, the chief, then we spoke, and he took it down to Bart's after I talked to BART, and he didn't have a problem doing it one part alone that C Harper was charging for the front end of that vehicle, and they, by the way, Chief, it's all a part, and he's fixing it right now?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 30:20
Yeah he followed me earlier today.

Councilman Orzechowski 30:21
Okay, the one part for the front end from C Harper's was $2,700 his cost for the same Ford part was $795 we can't let things like this happen.

Where did this happen?

On between C Harper and between C Harper and the police car? Okay, so my question is, if Bart can rip out a whole front end and do everything else, why wouldn't he want to do the truck and just do tires on the truck. That makes no sense to me at all.

Mayor Mozer: Totally different vehicles. We're talking a car versus a truck. Yeah, that truck's only a 550

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:09
That's a two truck vehicle, pretty big vehicle.

Mike Korposh 31:13
We can clarify this definitely in the morning, but that's why we went with the diagnostic first with machine overkill and then a cost would be provided for the second PO for work to be done. I'm trying to be approved, so I would tell you, I

might have misspoke. I don't think the work's been done yet.

Councilman Orzechowski 31:33
I'm trying to bring up our PO system right now, and maybe there was a diagnostic, we'll see, and that would have been one of the last things that would be out there. I would take it. There's Colson's. There's Frank God law, which we need to talk about. There's another Colson's. There's Joseph's, the last one, graphics, there's the engineers, there's Murphy, there's wood Mar things, there's Sherwin Williams, there's Godla, there's nurses, machine overkill on May 8 for $170 that was than

Mike Korposh 32:23
That's the diagnostic cost. Now the cost for the repair, or this is truck four or four, okay, there's four and eight that are going to be needing work. So four was the truck taken. That's the diagnostic PO, then there's going to be a $165 charge to put the pump in, which is under warranty, so we escape that big cost. I don't believe that work has been done, because the PO has to be put in to get approved for that. So that's where we're at with truck four, truck eight, then would go into a similar situation, a diagnostic charge, and then whatever cost we'd have to get approved.

Councilman Orzechowski 33:09
This is saying, this is for overheating, turbo noise and rear end,

Mike Korposh 33:16
Whatever, whenever they thought the costs were, they delineated those for the PO. The only work that really needed to be done was, I believe this, $165 charge for but I can clarify that in the morning,

Councilman Orzechowski 33:34
I don't have it in front of me front, and there's no there's no invoice or nothing thing accompanying this on here at all, if now it will be.

Mike Korposh 33:43
Because the costs have been made aware to us. So the 165 will have to be a PO and be approved. So is the 171.70 Dignostic fee was approved and send your package of bills.

Councilman Orzechowski 33:58
Well, you still that doesn't whether it's approved or not, it still has to show some type of estimate or something.

Mike Korposh 34:06
We do that for everything, the diagnostic is the estimate.

Councilman Orzechowski 34:09
But there's no attach for estimate on here.

Mike Korposh 34:13
Well, the 165 today will be attached to get approved for the work done on the truck to be done. Well, that's after the horse left. No, I don't I'm saying I'm not sure it's been done. It's the cost of the work. Is

Councilman Orzechowski 34:34
Is this clear to everybody? Because I'm getting the impression that not everybody understands what's

Mike Korposh 34:39
I don't understand what's not clear. 170 is the diagnostic cost for machine overkill to take the truck in and look to see what's wrong. They came up with a cost for truck tour of 165 and now we have to get that approved under a PO to get the work done.

Councilman Orzechowski 34:58
But that originally wasn't even. Approved. It wasn't done. One, there's, there's nothing attached to this. For the 171 70,

Mike Korposh 35:06
it's in the list of bills.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:07
And then it's not on the on the PO, yeah, you have to scan in a purchase when you do the purchase order, you're supposed to scan in an accompanying invoice estimate, or whatever it is. It's no different. Didn't have it yet. The only thing, how did he know how much it was going to be?

Mike Korposh 35:24
He didn't. At that point, he got the truck cost 170 to get into Machine Overkill.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:30
So there should be a machine overkill invoice for 170 for diagnosis attached to this.

Mike Korposh 35:35
Okay, well, that that should, but that's the cost, but it's in your PO system to do that?

I've just read it to me and you said it's 170

Councilman Orzechowski 35:49
It's 170 and that was, it doesn't say what it's for. And it says it's it says Rodney talked to the mayor and Mike and decided to take it to Machine Overkill, overheating, turbo noise and rear end.

Mike Korposh 36:11
That's exactly what this states here and that's what happened. We needed to get a diagnostic look at the truck, and the fee for that is 170 so that we did and move forward with that to find out what was wrong with it. That was all just conjecture on our guys part, and what could be done, but how we improve it? I mean, can you tell me what needs to be improved?

Councilman Orzechowski 36:36
Again, that's my whole point. I don't want to reinvent the wheel. This has been in place for years. It's not like this is a this is something that's just popping up in everybody's head and going, Oh, we're just doing it now.

Mike Korposh 36:48
Yes, what are we doing? What are we doing differently?

Councilman Orzechowski: If you're going to like from the beginning here, you're going to take it to Machine Overkill. You're putting in a PO for diagnostic work, There should be an attached invoice thanks during or estimate to this PO that said, this is for and this is for a 170 diagnostic only to diagnose whatever vehicle it is, and then whenever there is More,

Mike Korposh 37:19
What it says no, it does

Earnie Telegraphis 37:22
not. It doesn't even come close to that.

Councilman Orzechowski 37:26
You guys need to be specific.

Mike Korposh 37:31
For the 170 charge councilman, it's to get into the door to do the diagnostic. We don't know what is the problem with the truck until they do the diagnostic mic. That's the way I see that. So there's a PO for that. And then when they come back and they say, we looked at the truck for the 170 charge, here's what it cost for further repair. And you don't have that yet, correct? Just got that today. I understand, and I forwarded that to you guys that said that sounded pretty good, a lot less than I thought that would be. But we've got to put the PO in to get that done. If we decide

Councilman Orzechowski 38:09
When you said you forward it to, who did you forward that to? I didn't get nothing. There's no email at all. All your email stated was, truck eight is done. Going to send truck for later. That's all your email today for that 530 this afternoon says, and that's so where's the amount that it looks fantastic. Where's the dollar amount that you just said? Looks a good email. I believe 165 No, There's nothing in there.

Mike Korposh 38:37
I have to pull my emails up, and I pull mine up, and I'll be happy to save you the time please, because I thought 165 was noted in there from you.

Councilman Orzechowski 38:52
Mike, at 330 this afternoon, work completed on truck eight of our fleet truck, four will go to machine overkill next week. This seems reasonable. I will keep you posted. Okay,

Mike Korposh 39:04
Well, they haven't been completed the work, but it is 165 I charge, which will put a PO in for we have to get that paid, right? But you just said that you okay? I thought I put the 165 in. I guess I did not Well,

Councilman Orzechowski 39:21
I'm just being clear. I'm not trying to, I'm trying, not trying to nail you to a cross. I'm trying to be specific. I'm trying to be specific to what supposed to have happened, okay,

Mike Korposh 39:30
what? And I'm telling you exactly. So now we have a 165 charge that we have to decide, if we don't pay for it, then we'll go somewhere else, and if Bart is indicating he wants to do this work, not what I heard.

Councilman Orzechowski 39:44
All right, I'll follow up and deal with

Mike Korposh 39:46
I will also in the morning, I'd like to talk to you about it jointly so we can be on the same page.

Councilman Orzechowski 39:53
I appreciate that, but no disrespect to anybody I worked during. The day I don't

have the time allocated to do things like that, to be on a call, so I can't do that.

Mike Korposh 40:06
Well, that's why I try to help out, to get these things moving, to help you do that. It's part of you know, not trying to hurt or Betty nefarious. I understand that.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:15
But the way this is showing to me right now is there's no invoice for the in diagnostic truck eight was done. We have no clue how much it cost and what and were there a PO for it, and someone's already taken truck four up to overkill next week.

Mike Korposh 40:32
Not even in had not been in the shop with Machine Overkill.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:37
It says work completed on truck eight, whatever. If it's eight or four first, well, but you understand I'm sitting here, okay, not understanding which one it is. I'm relying on you and everybody else to make sure they put the right information.

Mike Korposh 40:56
What does it say in the memo which truck
work completed on? I believe Truck eight.

Mike Korposh 41:02
Then that was eight that they looked at. It the diagnostic test, and it's 165 to repair. What needs to be done? So they says it's already been done, though I don't know. I just said the amount is given to us. And what they also indicated was we won't have to pay for the part that was necessary because it was under warranty, so now we have to put a PO in for 165 to get it paid.

Councilman Orzechowski 41:25
Alright, but all that other information was never disclosed to all of us. The part that, no, I'm going to be very clear on this, that I'm going to make sure this happens to the point from now on, if that's the case and we're not having to pay for a part because it's under warranty. That's something I think Council would like to know, so it knows what costs are, but I don't even know. I've never heard anything like that until this last five minutes,

Mike Korposh 41:53
Because it just happened. This all just happened this afternoon, absolutely and so you will never know. Well, yeah, but I thought that was good stuff that was happening, but we have to have a PO now. I appreciate your good

Councilman Orzechowski 42:05
stuff, but when you don't include all the information in the good stuff, it's not good stuff. I'm sorry. It's not good stuff. If you don't give all the information because we care, do you have any I clue? No, I mean, I'm finding Lois didn't have a didn't have a clue. Okay, you got three council people, right?

Mike Korposh 42:28
You have the I the 170 that you know about Tony that's been approved under a PO for a diagnostic test. The second part is the 165 that needs to be approved.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:40
Let me I'm trying to wrap this up here real quick. Let me summarize real quick. There was a requisition put in, and it did not have an attached that said that the cost was going to be $170 that's what you're complaining about. That's the first

part. The second part.

Councilman Orzechowski 42:55
We get an email, which was great this afternoon. It says, truck aids completed. I didn't know truck eight was anywhere. Well, we need to do better communication and completely of what we do and how we do it, even if it's simply to everybody, because we're not like we have 500 people in here, and we can't send a memo out make sure everybody gets it. There's only five of us.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:19
Okay.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:26
Because then I don't get an expense that I didn't know where the heck the thing came from.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:35
Okay, understood

Councilman Orzechowski 43:42
That was my one question. Okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:43
Thank you. Thank you. Lois is not here. Councilman Nestor, do you have anything you'd like to say? Oh, we do have a report. Okay, Karen will read Lois report.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 43:58
All right, this the Streets Department report for April, 2025 picked up garbage downtown, marked pa one calls cold, patched potholes, swept streets, cleaned catch basins, continued. Spring maintenance, put the weldment together, cut grass, worked on signs, helped Park Department is needed, and that's the streets report for April, okay,

Councilman Orzechowski 44:26
John, you still there?

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:29
I'm here. Do you have a report you'd like to give, or anything you'd like to say? John, uh, Honorable

Speaker 3 44:35
Mayor. Members of Council, Ministry of staff. First off, is anybody able to hear me? No. You yours, because I have three months of reports to give, unfortunately, maximum hospital this morning, fever and chills for me, which sucks. But anyway, I apologize I will give my report in person. Uh, next meeting, but this pain is just unbelievable, and I just not able to talk every other four minutes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:11
Okay, thank you.

At this time, Karen, do you have anything you'd like to talk about? I do. Alright.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 45:23
This is the Parks Department report for April 2025 cleaned the civic center when possible, picked up garbage and tree limbs throughout the park, repaired leaky plumbing, mowed the parks and ball fields, turned all the water on in the parks, helped the Street Department as needed. And again, I want to invite everybody to come out on Saturday, May 31 at nine o'clock at Madison Park to help with the cleanup. That's where everything will be given out. And also, I have good news. Can

I say some good news? Please? Do we received this email this morning from Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation. We received a $1,500 grant for our music in the park series, which is really wonderful, and also from McRae Martino from the Westmoreland County, the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, and they also gave us an $8,000 grant for our concert, which I think is wonderful and really good news we need now that we're having the money come in, we need plenty of volunteers. So if you would like to volunteer, please give me a call, and I can put you on the list and give you an assignment, because it's really great to see this coming together. And

Mayor Ron Mozer 46:41
if you'll notice, there's some there's some yard signs in front of here that talk about Billy price to be in the first concert, free concert for everybody. Anything else, that is my report. Thank you. Thank you,

Councilman Orzechowski 47:02
Mayor. I have one more thing. I'm sorry, okay, does anybody know and or I'm not going to make an assumption, so I'm going to ask. There's a check here for our rental, Mea's rentals. I thought that was done, because this check is for June of 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:23
One of those things. I will talk to Bart tomorrow and find out why, why we got the bill again. Because I'm pretty sure that we told him we were done with it, and he even called me and asked me if I wanted to rent that myself in order to move some personal stuff over there.

Mike Korposh 47:35
Well, he wanted the extra key. Did somebody take a key down to him?

Councilman Orzechowski 47:40
He needs the key before he charges us for doing locks.

Mike Korposh 47:44
I believe it was taken back to them. Yes, two keys. I have no key, so Whoever had a key? I believe it was Rodney returned his right Rodney returned a key. But there should have been a second

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:57
There's a key here. I don't know. At least there was, I don't know if there still is that you had mayor, yeah, it's in the key box. But, and one of the things I will make sure that doesn't make sense is, if you look on the list of bills,

Councilman Orzechowski 48:16
This isn't on the list of bills. Yeah, if it's not on the list of bills, how could the check

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:28
Joy, I don't know. I can't ask that council panel.

Mike Korposh 48:31
I'd hold it in wise current, okay, yeah, I would not on the list of bills. If it's not, then it shouldn't be, have been issued. Yeah, right, here is it? Okay? I thought it was. I thought I saw it on there yesterday. I'm sorry if you're telling me it's not.

Councilman Orzechowski 48:48
Nope, I already signed it. That's pending us finding out if that was already closed out.

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:58
We got a bill. Yeah, make sure it is closed out if it hasn't been. But I thought it was, I don't know. I honestly did. At this time, I'd like to open the floor for public comment directed to myself on any item related to businesses, ordinances, statues, resolutions or daily work product and the attention of the city of Monessen.

Earnie Telegraphis 49:29
Hello. Now I appreciated what Tony did today, and things are going to get real bad because everyone's going to be trying to accumulate charges. I've been catching it in my bills at home, and it's going to get bad because the economy is bad, and you guys got to cross your T and dot your. Your I's, because this would get out of hand here. Now, this example is what I'm afraid of when you guys are advocating the SWAT team, and you only talk about 600 some dollars, then it goes up to 800 you have excluded the cost of the person or the officer to get his equipment and his gear, that could be up to $1,500 and if this expands to two people, then you're doubling it. And

Councilman Orzechowski 50:40
There's a different expense.

Earnie Telegraphis 50:43
The thing is, in our bureaucracy, the price keeps going up and up every year. So you can't just sit there say it's only going to cost us this you don't know what else is going to be thrown at you. So you made the point. You got to know exactly what details you're deciding to vote on, you don't just make general statements and say we're good at food good. And I still believe Monessen Police is capable of doing their job. And number two, we got Bell Vernon state cops. And number three, I think it'd be cheaper and more prestige in technology that the police should be able to have a license to shoot a tear gas, and that will solve all the problems. You don't need to wait for 606 hours for 50 people to show up. So that's my take on the whole situation, and again, I'm going to harp on this. We've got to work on getting industry here, because if we don't get industry, there's no comments, there's no people living in Monessen that have jobs in order to pay their taxes and their rents and their mortgages and their school taxes. Now saying that, and I'm going to throw this back on Karen Cosner, she made two attempts to have this Donner Avenue. What do you call booths? And people are supposed to come in, so it'd be like a bazaar, and nobody showed up last time, nobody showed up. And you can't build the future on low class, low employment or no employment people. We need something more sophisticated to bring in people who got money, and if you're not approaching them, it's the same as not having an industry to bring about an economy, and you can't do it from the ground up with people who don't have anything. So that's my take there. And I had it in my paper twice, and it's going to be in the next two times, and it isn't going to do anything, because you're not offering anything. You're just saying you got all these local merchants or local tradesmen. But what does that mean? We don't know what they're selling. They selling what watermelons? They are selling what sandals. So nobody's going to come out of the woodwork to support something that's vague and low class, in my opinion. So that's it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:51
Anybody else have any comments to me? Yeah, Mayor, if I may.

Councilman Orzechowski 53:57
There are two other things that I want to mention. One thing that Ernie said, I think, as we made the forward devotion for the SWAT team, which we all agreed, and yes, but I think everybody also, I would really like to know what the total cost

is. And here's the reason I'm asking for that. I know the lower borough officer that was in here said it was around 630 or $40 okay, to this, this city would pay 5.5%

I believe the other thing, the other point I'd like to make out is that we're cognizant of the fact that, Chief, do you have the answer on this one? I don't remember. I don't want to give the wrong number. How many times where they activated last year? 11 or 13? To make a point that's even, believe it or not, it's part of your favor. The thing that also has to be considered is not. Really is the 600 some dollars, the 5.5% that's fixed cost of equipment, and they're doing it all, I guess one thing that's fine, but if one of our officers is on the SWAT and he or she gets called out 13 times, let's just take last year, right? Chief, 13 calls. Okay, we're paying the officer time and a half from when they get in their car to where they get to the location of the incident happening to how long the incident is until they get back. Now, if you multiply that on an average of 13 times, I'm just bringing this out. I'm not saying it's a bad thing. I'm saying it's a good thing. I'm just stating a figure that this could, at the end of the year, unfortunately, end up to 810, $1,000 that's all I'm saying, well, insurance is covered. The insurance is covered, from what I've already asked our solicitor, he said they're driving their vehicle, which means they're covered by their own personal rider. And whatever their personal riders did not cover, the city would pick up for insurance. So it's that's covered. And we've already looked into that, and Joey did look into that, right. New York City Clerk looked in. Okay, so, but that's not my concern.

Joseph Dalfonso: My concern is, and there's no additional insurance policy, this is already under what happens after this? What if they get injured? It's no different than they would get injured if they're working a shift on a Tuesday afternoon, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 56:40
That's not the thing. The unknown cost could be if, God forbid, there was 15 or 20 incidents over a course of a year, the cost could escalate. And I'm just letting everybody understand that, that if it comes in, thank God nothing major happens, Chief, everything's okay. You don't have to go anywhere, or this person's going here. Life is good in the world. But if something is, things get worse. If this is 1520 calls, this could get very, very, very expensive. That's I'm not saying I'm against it. I'm not saying I'm for it. I'm saying I just think that that should, needs to be brought out and explained to everybody.

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:24
Yeah, I think that it will be a cost. I think that's a worst case cost. There's many times that an officer will be called out he's on duty already. There will be no additional costs. Well, if he's on duty, from what I understand the chief, he doesn't go, he's on duty. He can he is already being paid, but he's not to go, yeah, it

Chief Dave Yuhasz 57:40
Yeah, it would depend on after if this passes, come up with a policy and procedure for that individual officer. If there are two people on shift, obviously, that officer cannot be, this is what I'm thinking right now. That officer cannot go, because I have two officers in town, if there is, happen to be three people on a ship, there may be a possibility that that officer can then take our car and go wherever he needs to go. That's something I need to sit down on. Maybe talk to Joey about, talk to the Mayor about, if this passes, I'm just, you know, I don't want to put more work in good you know, if I don't have to.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:24
And does that also mean, like you said, if there's three officers on duty, one

officer gets a call for it, they leave. They're not taking one of our police cars, correct? Because that's a resource that you've complained about that we don't have enough.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 58:42
an extra Oficer it all depends. Again, that's something we have to sit down talk about. I

Councilman Orzechowski 58:49
I would like to lean more towards them not taking one of our cars, because we don't have exactly the newest fleet in the world, that's for sure. And I wouldn't want something to go down here while they're in a vehicle somewhere on like, say, New Kensington, not accessibly easy to get back here. And now you've got a problem with something here, and you don't have cars, because people are going to say, you protect your own first before you do something else well. And that's

Chief Dave Yuhasz 59:18
why it's just,

Councilman Orzechowski 59:20
I just think I 100% agree with you, but it but bringing it out in the open, it's just there's no different expectations or nothing else.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:28
One good, very good thing about this is, a year from now, we can look back and say this is what it cost us. We make the decision again, whether we continue or not,

Councilman Orzechowski 59:36
Absolutely, because we'll have a baseline to go by

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:38
Exactly right now we don't That's exactly true,

Councilman Orzechowski 59:42
Yes, and real quick, just something I would like to bring out, because I don't want to have emails going that we're doing something that I shouldn't be doing, and that is on the PO on the Bellwether, there's a request in which I have no. Approved. And I'll tell you the reason why for the engineers for the CDBG grant money, the 10% they get, I have, I understand that. I have no problem with it, but what I have a problem is one is like for $2,500 and one is for 888, $1,000 now in my mind, if I look at both of those and say there's two of them for 10% that tells me one of the grants was 20,001 of the grants was 80,000 but that's not the key. And Linda told me that, well, we paid $2,500 a month. And I said, What? Why are we paying we don't pay nothing until we get something. I thought that was agreed and understood by everybody, unless I'm wrong. And what I'd like that to reflect, because I'm not approving it until it does, is that there's two things in there. If one of them says this amount of money, it states that 10% is for this grant, and this grant for this amount of money is 10% that they match. There should be 80,000 for the one grant or 20,000 for the other grant. Whatever the figures are. I don't want that. They're skewed right now. They're all over the place. They don't make sense when you read it. You have no clue of knowing what money is going to what that's all I'm asking is to get cleared up.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:27
That's fine, but you also have to understand that they apply for these grants, and it takes time and money to apply for these grants. And wait, wait, let me finish the once the grants are awarded, they're distributed to different things. As an example, the fire department's going to get $50,000 worth of radios. The there's different roads, there's different projects that are going on. Demolition is an

example. I think that what he's doing is he's charging us based upon the application for getting this money, as opposed to what it's actually spent on. Well,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:59
No, I want to see exactly what it's spent on. And that the grant that we got, whatever they're working on, and we were awarded, matches the thing 10% of what the fee we're paying them. That's what we agreed to. When we agreed to is we had a $300,000

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:14
grant. He is in time, of $30,000 that's fine. It's spelled out three or the $330,000 grant they got us, here's the 10% that they agreed to. 10% is $30,000 that's perfectly fine. That's what matches. That's what they're basing their own. Well, they're not matching what they're building. It hasn't exceeded $30,000.

Councilman Orzechowski: I don't care what it exceeds. It's still not showing 10% to 10% that's what common sense. Well, we got three, we got the full allotment of $300,000.He may not just do but it doesn't show that invoice.

Joseph Dalfonso: They're not applying for the grant, right? This was the city CDBG, correct award. This is the work they're doing. After you have your public hearings and decide what projects you're going to do, they're going to execute that plan. So those totals aren't going to be they're not grants, then they are grants,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:04
But they're not going to match. They're not going to match

Joseph Dalfonso 1:03:07
Until the end of the year. That number, combining all those invoices, should not be more than 10% of $304,000 or whatever it was. So there might be issues for paving. There might be the radios, the demolitions they might be working on, all of those parts of the plan, those invoices are for the work they're doing to carry out. Alright, those projects.

Councilman Orzechowski: And the last thing,if you would, I've seen your request about and we haven't discussed this really talked about it even I know it's an urgency, is the library, we have not talked about this, but we have a request in already for the spend money on it, which we haven't talked about, and I think we need to talk about it, because there's two realms to look at. Are we going to spend money, whatever it takes to do a repair on everything? Or are we going to just do Band Aid repairs right now and see what happens? But either or I'm going to refuse it, because there's no three bids.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:11
There are three bids. No, there's only one Godla left. First three bids. I gave the one of the other bids to to John Nestor. The last time we talked about this. And we did talk about this once before, and you even looked at it. It was $65,000 to replace them all.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:04:31
I didn't, don't think I got a chance to really see, oh, the $64,000.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:37
Yes. And then there's, there's the last one they just got,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:04:43
But there's but the bids aren't apples to apples. You're talking three bids for

$64,000 to replace all three air conditioning units. Then you're turning around another bid that says, well, let's just do the minimal work that we possibly can do. And it's 6100 Dollars. That's not a comparable thing. You needed to have the first ones for $64,000 say, what's it going to cost

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:07
Just to get the item moving forward, we asked them to what is it going to cost to get them repaired running? Their solution was replace them. Godla says we can fix them. So you have one more bid. And we got one more bid that that's over at the library. Where's it? At the library. At the library, well,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:05:22
It's not in your request. It's not, I haven't seen it. I will get it for Karen, did you see it?

Councilperson Cosner: No

Councilman Orzechowski:So all I'm saying is there needs to be three bids. They should all be together.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:51
One of the bid, one of the companies he contacted, wanted to charge us to come out here, to make the to do the evaluation.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:05:57
That was okay. There's, there's at least 30 HVAC people within Donora, Monongahela, Monessen and the surrounding areas, there's a there's a ton of people, that's right. So let's get a couple of bids. We've got three so far.

And the issue that I do have with the one that you presented there was the bid is the date on, it's January 9.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:20
That's how long we've been working with this.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:23
Well we need an updated bid. I don't want somebody coming back and saying, Okay, you're doing the work. But guess what? Parts and everything has gone up in the last four months, which we all know is starting to happen, and all of a sudden, the $6,100 turns out to be seven or $8,000

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:39
It's going to be $6,100 if that's what we give them purchase order for.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:43
But again, I don't want an old purchase order from four months, five months, almost five months ago

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:49
Shame on us. We don't need to do the business. Shame on us for putting it off that long. We have been talking about this for that long.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:56
No, we this the first time we've ever been told that all three units are bad and they need to be replaced. I have I'm sorry. I'll apologize if I'm wrong. But Karen, I don't remember this discussion.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:07:11
I'm not sure that I knew that they needed replaced.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:15
We've been talking about it, three of them that are not working. Whether you fix them or replace them, three of them are not working. One company says, okay, they're old. Let's just replace them. That was $64,000. It says I've been working with this for years. I understand how they work. We can fix it for $6,100 fix two of the three, and there needs to be a third. And there's a third estimate that I don't know what that was, but I was told it's higher.

I'll get it for you. It'll be the way it works. We're lucky that we've not had the summer heat very much this year so far, but it does get miserable there. It gets very, very much, and we've got to that is one of our facilities. We need to take care of it.

Do we get the way we decided we're going to do things? Just like you know that BART can do a better job at a better price for the city, I know Godla can do a better job at a better price on heating and cooling for the city,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:23
That's fine. Just get fitted that we're talking a lot more money. That's going to require three bids, and we're required to do three bits. And all I'm saying is that the three bids are apples to apples. That's all I'm saying. The we need to do that?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:40
You cannot force a company to fix something that they don't know anything about. Their solution is to replace it. That's what their solution is. If somebody else comes in and says, You know what, I've got some used units I can put up there for 200 bucks, and that's a different solution altogether. That's what I'm saying. Oh, there is charges for estimates in a lot of cases, absolutely there is. I'm sorry. I'm done now. Okay, thank you. Well, I'd like to make a motion to adjourn, since we've had our public discussions already,

Councilman John Nestor 1:09:16
Memorial Day, and let's not forget the men and women that that serves the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Ron Mozer 1:09:25
Absolutely Is there a second? Second meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

Attest:

City Clerk Linda Matthews

Mayor Ron Mozer