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SPEAKERS

Councilmand Orzechowski, Speaker 3, Pastor Jim Michaelson, All, Councilman Orzechowski, Speaker 1, Speaker 2, Councilman John Nestor, Mike Korposh, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, Joseph Dalfonso, Mayor Ron Mozer, speaker from the Audience, Chief Dave Yuhasz, Ernie Telegraphis

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:00
Thank you. It's now 6:30 I'd like to call this city council work session, meeting to order. May I have a roll call please. Council person, Cosner here, Councilman Nestor present. Council person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski, here, Mayor Mozer present.

Mike Korposh There are four present, one absent. We note a Quorum.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you. At this time, I'd like to ask pastor Jim to lead us in prayer.

Pastor Jim Michaelson 00:36
Thank you. God bless everyone, father. We thank you for the work that you're doing in Monessen, the healing, the deliverance, but also the Unity, Unity and the unification of community to leadership, to law enforcement, fire, churches, we thank You, Father for the unity that you're bringing even to this council and that wisdom will prevail, peace and hope will be released within this town. We thank You, Father. We give You all the praise. Give you all the glory in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen and Amen Praise the Lord.

All 01:14
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Pastor Jim Michaelson 01:26
Thank you. Thank you so much.

Mayor Ron Mozer 01:36
The minutes of the previous April 24 have been circulated. Can somebody make a motion to accept them?

Councilman John Nestor 01:44
Mayor, motion to approve minutes for the previous session of April, 24, 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 01:49
Is there a second?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 01:54
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 01:55
Any questions? Call the roll please.

Mike Korposh 01:58
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:05
At this time, I'd like to invite people for public comments on agenda items only.

Ernie Telegraphis 02:19
Ernest Telegraphis, 29 Rex, okay, I only see one major discussion that we need to take place. Page 2c now I think we have a very I SWAT TEAM do you call it? Capable police chief, and the organization is intact in Monessen, and I don't think we need a SWAT team. We don't live in a metropolitan area where we have all kind of gangs or hundreds of protesters or major incidents that occur, and when we did, had an incident a month ago about a shooting, The state came in, the Monessen police had everything in stable condition, so I don't see this as a major, let's say, to ask for, because we're on a tight budget and we need funds to take care of what we're not taking care of today, like roads. And we still got other demolitions, we still got all kind of other situations. So, if I was to ask Tony the CFO, do you have money in the budget to keep adding more bureaucracy when we don't need that much bureaucracy to begin with?

Councilman Orzechowski 04:10
No, the budget is what the budget is. There's nothing expended extra. Anything else outside of what the budget was designed for is funding

Ernie Telegraphis 04:21
Determined that we got funding to go add more bureaucracy on top of bureaucracy?

Councilman Orzechowski 04:26
No, I said we have what we have. We don't have anything extra. There's no wiggle room.

Ernie Telegraphis 04:31

Okay. Well, then why should we go under the gun to add another bureaucracy when we don't need it? It's not a life and death situation, that's Council's decision. Yeah, well, you're on council. I'm only one person. Yeah, well, you got one person and something else that, and the mayor brought it up when I was in his office, the main focus we should have is how to maintain the current members of the police force, because they come in and then they leave for higher grounds, and I think that's more of a concern than bringing in Swat. So if we could find a way to boost the permanency of adequate and qualified police officers. That's more important to me than bringing in a SWAT team that is going to add more bureaucratic costs. And then what does it do to your insurance? That's another cost. So I hope you guys don't jump into it today thinking, Oh, wow. You know SWAT team. So we could be on Dragnet, maybe on TV. But anyway, that's my take. Other than that, I got faith in the current police force, so I don't think we need outside help. So that's my thing, bureaucracy. Very, bad, alright, hungry, come on.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:31
Thank you. Anybody else have any comments? Agenda items only? Well let me make a few comments here. You're right. We don't have any money in the budget, and I'm not denying that at all, but we do have numerous problems that are creeping up on us that we need to be cogent of and figure out what we're going to do to address some of them. First off, the library has problems with their air conditioner, and they've gotten quotes from several different people, but the quote from Glenn Godla is really one that's more band aids than it is anything else to get it working again and to give it another season of life, hopefully. But even at that, depending on how many air conditioners we work on, we're talking about several thousand dollars; it's starting at about $2,424. 60 for the first one, for one of them, $3600 for another and $14,000 for another one. If you go to anybody else, they start talking about replacements, and replacements are of the realm. The best price we got so far was $64,365 to replace them all, and that's obviously beyond anything that we can afford to do at this point.

Councilman John Nestor 08:08
Mayor, I apologize. Do we have any of that documentation that you're looking at? I don't see it in our packet.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:13
I will give it all to you.

Councilman John Nestor 08:21
Thank you, sir.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:24
And all I was trying to do was just bring to note that we have issues at the library that we need to start thinking about. And I'm not saying that we're going to do anything with it right now, but they are. Summer is right around the corner. We need to start moving forward with that soon. Another issue that's really coming up with the city is some of the trucks that we have with the Streets Department. We have one that's overheating, has a leak in the turbocharger, has a bent rear end housing, another one has no emergency brake, a steering problem and no hazard or strobe light. One truck had a bad oil leak and has no horn. The vac truck needs to go to be repaired for a cool link in the motor. Truck. eight

has a power steering issue recommended by Machine Overkill that they replaced it. They want to come in inspect it again and potentially replace it with a warranty from that, but where they got the power steering pump? I have a question certainly. Let you do your thing. I'm just kind of going through some of the things that are going on here, and we need to figure out how we're going to start addressing some of these. It's not going to be easy, some of which we can delay somewhat.

Councilman Orzechowski 09:42
But where's all this stuff getting rattled off? We need this, and we need that. We need this. We need that. I don't see anything in front of me. I talked to Lois this morning, and I asked her, was she aware of a bunch of stuff? She said she. had no idea what's going on. There's she's the department director, right? That's where the problem should go to, nobody else, until she decides what to do. She doesn't know what's going on. None of us. I can't speak for Karen and John, but I got the first time I You said this to me when we talked Monday. I know nothing about this stuff. Now, did everybody wake up from the weekend and go to start a truck and this was overheating, the lights weren't working, and this is going on. This is May 5, that this is going that all these truck part problems are happening. Do you do that to your cars at home and wait until they fall apart? Then you say, oops, honey, we got to put $10,000 into them because we don't have a car. This isn't acceptable.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:55
In my opinion, it may not be acceptable, but it's not. It is a problem that's going on. Now we can move this through.

Councilman Orzechowski 11:02
When people don't do what the proper thing they're supposed to do, and that is, if there's a problem, she should be contacting Lois. Then Lois would tell her to get some quotes, and then we would be able to discuss something. We can't discuss anything that's like this. There's no details. There's no nothing this, this is, this is just a total breakdown of what's supposed to happen.

Councilman Orzechowski 11:28
Who? Who is that memo addressed to?

Councilman Orzechowski 11:32
Lois and Mike and you, there you go. Okay, it wasn't fifth. It was Monday. Was it Monday? Okay? He could call her, he is, she is his boss, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:53
And she and he sent an email to her, else as well. Well,

Councilman Orzechowski 11:57
If everything,

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:59
I'm sorry, if everything is nobody's saying that this is something that I'm demanding that we address right now. I'm just saying council needs to be aware that we have some truck issues here. Lois is not here tonight with us to speak for herself. Lois is aware of that email, it was sent to her. The bottom line is, we do have some issues with the trucks. We need to start thinking about them. We can address them through a number of different things, grants or whatever, but we need to start thinking about them. That's all I'm trying to get across with this.

Councilman Orzechowski 12:32
We put over $6,000 last year into each truck to get them ready for the winter.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:38
Yes, it is very expensive. There's no doubt about it. Nobody's sitting down there breaking stuff on purpose. Things just get used and they break.

Councilman Orzechowski 12:55
This is the whole fleet. It's not the whole fleet. We only have five trucks.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:58
There's four of them here. They have problems. I'd say that they're more close to hope, and some of those problems are not completely putting them out of out of use, either. So that's an issue.

Speaker from the audiance 13:16
Indistiquishable

Councilman Orzechowski 13:16
Yes, it takes money you want to spend $120,000 per vehicle to do that. All I'm saying is truck like truck 12 has a bad bed as rotting cab. It doesn't happen overnight to wake up in the morning preventative maintenance. That's preventative maintenance over years.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:46
On the window. Is not on post. No, I'm not going to discuss it. It. Motion b is, is being removed from discussion. I'm not going to talk about that. That's not appropriate. Which one my B, my discussion item report off as not as appropriate. The next thing I want to talk about is, is our SWAT team, and you can look at this many different ways, but I want to make sure that we have thought it through all the, all the, all the different things that have taken place. First off, we've lost either two or three officers last year. Every time we replace an officer. This officer is $5,000 the thing that I'm thinking in the back of my head is that first off, besides the fact that it provides a safety layer for our police officers, it does offer officers a career path. In other words, you come into a police station office, you've got a very determined path forward. This is just something that can go a little bit further. I think that it will be good for officer recruitment. I think it'll be good for officer retention, besides the fact that it provides officer safety for very sensitive things. Addressing Ernie Telegraphis: Now, your little thing that you talked about earlier this last month, just as an example, and Chief can probably say this better than I, but as I understand it, he gets a phone call in the middle of the night. He's already been asleep, gets a phone call. He

understands very quickly that this is a tense situation. He calls the state to see if the state police barracks to see if they could come. They deny it because it hasn't met their criteria. There's not enough things going wrong at this point. So I'm just telling you, it doesn't matter if these That's right. So, so anyway, he goes down there, starts working on the thing. And you correct me, if I speak out of turn, here, he goes down there, and it escalates very quickly. The guy runs in the house. They know that they arrive on site, they they've caught already got additional police departments on board, because they understand that this is a high risk warrant that they're trying to serve, and then when they break in through the door, the guy runs up the attic with now, the warrant is for guns, so you got to assume he's got guns. There is a person in the course of this, it took five hours to render this for the state to respond to it. During that five hours, there was at least one person shot. How many not killed, but injured? How many shots do you figure were fired that day? There was at least on the street on Marion?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 17:19
There were only 12 to 15 rounds from a 223, which is an AR 15.

Mayor Ron Mozer 17:27
The point of this is that the police are serving a very risky role in what they're doing there. And that is an extreme condition. But above and beyond all that, they're working much closer with the attorney, the district attorney, at this point now, on some of their drug busts that they're doing, they need the support of that type of agency to help them with some of these, these things. And last but not least, I think it's economically going to save the city money based upon the lack of people leaving and replacing and Officer recruitment and retention, the cost of the city. I've talked to New Kensington, Jeanette and North Hempfield that are members of this. They typically have more than one officer on their teams, but per officer, they're saying it's something in the neighborhood of $600 to $1,000 a month in in cost for training and participation in the thing. So we're not talking about a tremendous amount of money, but the Chief also can use his people that are on duty and that doesn't necessarily require overtime, he can schedule them in such a way they get their training without overtime. So those costs may be considerably cheaper. Just as an example, four hours, you know, figure 30 bucks an hour for that's only 120 bucks for training for four hours. That's not how to do it.

Councilman John Nestor 19:02
I apologize for interrupting you. We've been talking for several courses of the past few months. I think you know how majority of the council feels. I think we just put on the agenda next week and put on the vote. I mean, you go look at the insurance information, because I'm for this program. I think the program, but I want to get more to the meat, the meat and potatoes of this, instead of the story backgrounds, like, what does the insurance coverage? Were we able to get any information on that? If you know how the insurance will cover when the person leaves their house to go to the scene, you guys have a meeting tomorrow with some of your liability, and we can get that clarify. Yeah, because I just want to, I want to cut the story out. Let's just get to meet your city clerk. May have had an initial discussion, okay with them. One thing, though, it's not a simple motion. You will have to pass, I think a resolution to approve the process, an intergovernmental cooperation agreement. Okay, so that's the only thing I want. I just want some set of facts, for I need the information on the insurance. But other than that, I'm for this program. I think it will help us

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 20:13
Beneficially.

Joseph Dalfonso 20:16
But I mean, we could show also, could probably put this in a trial perspective too. And I think quite Ernie based on this conversation, the officers personal auto insurance would be the primary, the City's would be secondary.

Mayor Ron Mozer All right. Well, anyway, 20:35
We'll move that forward to motion, and we'll get some additional information together.

Councilman John Nestor 20:41
I apologize before we get off the cop subject as well. Do we have anything that we can do to maybe bring a canine into Monessen. We have started looking into that?

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:53
We've had a couple opportunities for that, and they've fallen through for one reason or another, but we've not discarded that. It's just not necessarily. The big problem is you got to have a police car configured for the canine. It gets to be an expensive proposition.

Councilman John Nestor 21:07
I wasn't sure. Chief, have you thought about any solutions for that? Maybe I had.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 21:13
I've actually had a few months back, an individual will come to me who's ordering here elsewhere. So the hold up is the $70,000.

Councilman John Nestor 21:35
Because you'd have to revamp the whole vehicle. Now does the DA 's office for the county offer any programs that we're aware of?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 21:51
Actually I have a letter committed to the district attorney's office now we're collecting $47,000 to purchase hazard to upgrade our tasers, because those are all painted and they were like an eight to the price, as they are now.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:13
Okay,

Councilman John Nestor 22:13
Okay, and I appreciate that. Thank you so much, chief. So I was wondering like, where is like, the nearest dog, if we would have to borrow one or bring one on scene. Like, is there any dog?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 22:13

So there could be type of funding out there. I know we have some. LSA, so wrote in the words, maybe something, but getting a dog would be everyone wants to give a dog? Yeah, I probably Ernie will give me money for a dog. But it's the training that affecting identity. Cause it is, I think the eight week training there, the one training is up north somewhere. They house them. It's all right there at their facilities. So there's a lot of logistical stuff to it. But the dog, getting the actual dog is the easy part. Everything else is the heel. Yeah, we would have to revisit the, maybe the collective bargaining agreement with policies, insurances. We two dogs before there wasn't an innocent party involved in those dogs, and it could have been worse than it was, and it could have been better anymore. So if we're willing to resolve the program, we have to follow what sea act and Joe, you can probably explain a little bit. A little bit more, but it's a lot more intensive than just having a dog.

Councilman John Nestor 23:59
Does Donora still have theirs.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 24:03
No

Councilman John Nestor 24:03
Does Charleroi have one too, right?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 24:07
He got hired in one of the mains.

Councilman John Nestor 24:09
Okay,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 24:12
There is one in Monongahela. You have, I think Washington County, I know Washington County sheriffs have, I think they have a dog but, you know, and then you have blood hounds, and you'll have, you know, there's tracking dogs right north, Charleroi,

Councilman John Nestor 24:31
Yes, north, okay, so at least they're nearby.

Chief Dave Yuhasz Then, in case, if we would ever have to call on assistance.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 24:39
okay, some of those places,are, like, for an example, Rosraver, yeah, if there's something like an emergency, if it's authorized from Chief. So for Rosraver if his guy is off and I'm down here, and that's something, you know what? I mean, yeah, but we could usually find a dog. Sometimes, I. Stuff that you asked for a dog and five show up, and the other times you're waiting on a morning house or something,

Councilman John Nestor 25:05

You know that's okay. I thank you for all the information. I'm glad that we got informed on this, because it sounds like it's just not as easy as Ron would like to wish there's a lot of money. Thank you, Chief. I appreciate, yeah, but thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:27
The next thing, and I'm not sure they were, we need to spend any time with this. But if anybody has any comments, they can bring them up that we need to move forward with the meeting with Monessen police Civil Service Board with his current three, three member board in place to discuss the examination procedures and promotion of applicants and current officers within the department. Anybody has anything to add to that? That's pretty much the extent of that.

Councilman John Nestor 25:56
I know the next one we have to update our Emergency Services, Yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:58
So the Chief and our Emergency Coordinator, Singel, and EMS got together one day, and they finally found a copy of the old

Councilman John Nestor 26:08
I was looking around my house because Greg gave me one a while ago prior to him leaving, and I cannot find

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:15
We finally got a copy of it. It's been circulated, but all it is is a template for what we got to start developing a new one. It needs to be revamped.

Councilman John Nestor 26:24
So, because it's very old, it I don't think it's been updated since 2009.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:30
Okay, 10 years, 11 years old. Mockenhaupt was bought by Accisure, and I really don't know how we ever came up with Mockenhaupt in the first place, when, when we started doing business with them? And I'm not sure that there's any competition to to Acrisure, but Acrisure is a contract that's much different than the contract we had with Mockenhaupt. I do think that it's important that we have somebody, but I'm not, I'm not advocating this. I'm just saying that that this has become an issue. We've got to decide, are we going to allow Acrisure? Are we going to continue with our pension plans? We obviously have to, because we're committed on that path. And is this the best way, best way to move forward? You have anything?

Joseph Dalfonso 27:20
This is your actuarial service. I guess the payment to Acrisure is different than what it would have been for Mockenhaupt, correct you have to have an actuary for your pension. Most importantly, you have to have an actuary during the odd years, because that is when your audit for the state takes place, I believe 2025 they're probably going to be an audit this year. It might be in 2026 looking back at 2025

any change to this is going to have to go through your pension board. Not really much competition out there for these. I mean, you can look but you have to go through a whole fitting process to do that. Now, this is a pension cost. So these costs, when was Mockenhaupt paid out of the pension. That's what I know. I mean, this is absolutely necessary. You can't go without having somebody. Let's move forward to now maybe, and I know this, this looks like a two year contract. Maybe you can talk to them about carrying on to give you some more time and paying what

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:32
We're having the early out clause that works.

Joseph Dalfonso 28:35
Yeah, all the services, I know your city clerk looked and compared to servces, what they're providing is what's necessary under the law, what Mockenhaupt was providing to the City just under a different payment system.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:52
Okay, anybody want to talk any more about that? There'll be something on the agenda for the next session. We got to do something one way or the other. So this is a next one's in reference to what you've been bringing forth. So finally, I met the lady that I think talked to you. Came about the street? Yeah, I talked to her quite a while, and she is very adamant that it is a serious problem. And I have to agree with her, it is a serious problem. But there is no former yellow line. There was no line, there is nothing there. So if we are going to do it, we have to make do by motion, by motion and realistically, there should be some consideration for the guy that lives there. We're basically denying him parking on the street. Now, that may be for the good of the traffic that goes through there, but I would like to think that we're at least considerate of his need to park his truck someplace and be worth the conversation with. I've tried to go up there several different times. He's never home when I go. Up there, okay, but I will continue to do that. But you're right.

Councilman John Nestor 30:04
Sure if there's a reason why he's parked on that side. He lives right there. Well, I know that, but you don't know if maybe someone's disabled, or you never, you never know the consequences of why it's part there. Or maybe, true, true convenience.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:15
Yeah, convenience is probably the cause, but there's not much parking up there. Parking up there, the way it is, is what I'm saying. Anyway, that's something that's the reason why it hasn't been done. Chief and I went up there, talked to him. I got Vitale to go up there to get some different ideas. He had some different ideas. Maybe we put stop signs someplace. Maybe we, we do "no parking" signs. You know, no parking. There's lots of different things you might do up there, but none of which really are easily implemented. I did talk about the trucks already, so I'm not going to go back into that. This next one is kind of an interesting thing that's going on. We've been paying interest on our PNC loan for the last three years, and to date, that number has gotten to be we've paid close to $700,000 in interest on that loan. That interest can be rolled into the USDA loan. Should we desire to well, it's not just an easy decision to make, because first off, that would mean that $700,000 less money you're going to have on

the USDA contract to finish up things. Now, put it all into perspective, I think that we're probably approaching the 70% level of getting our sewer systems in compliance with DEP, according to our engineers, we have made huge strides over the last three years from the consent decree that they placed on us. The point being is, if we're going to pull this $700,000 out of there, what I would suggest we do is we leverage that money for tripling or quadrupling that money is as part of a grant request. If we can in turn add $300,000 from our line usage, and make it a million dollars, and we go and we do something with the investor, or some other clean water activity and turn that into a $4 million project, we would be very close to completely winding up our sewer project for a number of years. We wouldn't have to worry about them for as long as I'm around again. So that's all I'm talking about there. Now whether I can pull off getting the $4 million grant is really what mandates this. I need to be working on that very hard to be able to go back to USDA before the end of the month to make this decision. Anybody want to talk about anymore? Let's move on. Then, copiers. We got two copiers. We got one copier here. We got one copier at the police station. Currently, they're costing us something on the order of about $644 with the number of copies we run, the lease fee, the service fee, and so forth and so on. They went out to three different companies. They asked Xerox, they asked Sharp, and they asked Konica and Minolta for differences in what they would charge to do the same thing. And there are some prices there that you can see, that there are some options that we may want to consider.

Michael Korposh 33:44 Can I just break this down a bit for the members of your day. With that, we received three bids on this, and the basic breakdown is that Xerox came in with a bid of $572.67 that would be for both machines here at City Hall and at the police station. Under their proposal, all the payments currently under the lease agreement that we currently have would be waived.

Speaker from the audience 34:13
Okay? And that total was Thomas from Xerox, representing them, that's what we had. Yes, one of my concerns in the Undistinguishable.

Mike Korposh 34:26
Okay, well, let's, let's talk about that. How that worked. The Konica Minolta bid was for $548.03 the savings on that between the Xerox bid and the Konica bid over the course of 60 months is around $1,500 they also offered a $3,600 rebate, which takes you to around $5,100 to lower both. Of the cost and the removal of the equipment which they said they would provide. Here's where the discussion really and Sharp is really not in the game with pricing, so really not get into that part their proposal offers. And this is why I think it's worth discussing an unlimited amount of color copies per month. The question was, can you do that? We didn't see it in the proposal. We met with the city clerk and the upstairs folks just to go over these. That's the clarification we need, because we saw that as the savings that would put them over. Color copies are more expensive, right? A couple of different state contracts indicate that.

Speaker from the Audience 36:01
Municipalities, I mentioned, so you can really access the color, and you can track this pretty much how to use the users. Color is a great thing to have, just by everybody. Increase your cost. We're not talking about volumes. Great. Okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:59
Well, I don't want to get into a sales pitch, but thank you very much. Anyway, we'd like to move that forward and start discussing some opportunities to hopefully save the city some money here in the very near future.

Mike Korposh 37:18
I think council would permit that. Yeah, well, it's up to council.

Councilman Orzechowski 37:25
So unbeknownst what you were doing, I have gone out and spent the last couple weeks collecting information, what you come up with that's good, and I've gotten everything from Xerox to I have the original agreement here to sharp to what our costs are, what our lease agreement is. I took a different approach. I asked everybody that all the machines that I from Fuller office, and some of them are, I can't say their names, one of those I think it's the Mozer, okay? And there's a bunch of different machines from even Toshiba, all the way across the board. My approach that I would bring to council and get them this information to look over is, don't lease, buy it okay. Don't want to lease it all. None of my proposals, I did both, but I requested them not to strongly just we're going to buy and my proposal was, or will be, to put a machine and replace the machine, put a machine upstairs. This machine and the police department are up January of next year. One of them is 11, yes, yeah, so they're coming due at the very end, we're paying that already. I would just let that lapse and then choose to put something else down here. The police department doesn't need as robust a machine as what they have.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:16
They print more than we do, believe it or not.

Councilman Orzechowski 39:18
Well, that's nice printing, but that contract, over the term of the contract, cost $15,000 and we don't own anything each.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:29
I have no issue with that. If you would share that with Linda, I would appreciate it, and we'd like to incorporate that into the next meeting.

Speaker from the audience 39:39
Very few people buy leases. Very few people buy these exchanges.

Mike Korposh 40:07
The payments, and each Councilman of the vendor said that in their initial proposal that fine, might not be the best way, but we can look at it and factor this all in. Now I'm willing to take your information,

Councilman Orzechowski 40:22
What we paid, what we paid for, what we have now again, is $15,000 we can get brand new printers with multiple trays and that same everybody can have the same technology for around eight, $9,000

and we own it. The only thing we pay is a maintenance contract or anything else like that. Everybody's an extra cost with that. Nobody's been no,

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:54
That's fine. I think he has great idea.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:58
There is no such thing as free color. No, in a proposal with Sir, but I guarantee you the cost of the color is wrapped in with a warranty and the service agreement. I'm not gonna debate this with you. I'm just saying that I went out looked at different things, and let's factor them in. I have different information of a different course to take. Okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:21
Well, let's get that to Linda, and we'll, we'll evaluate it. Thank you

Speaker from the Audience 41:33
For 43 years I never had every fifth all the different venues, all the different types of contracts,

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:56
Okay, thank you. Well, let's, let's move on. Thank you for coming. Yeah, thank you. Thanks. One of the other things that we were notified by the USDA is that our loan requires that we pass an ordinance that is very much like what we passed for several other times before I put that on the agenda, just simply, so that it would be there and reinforce the need to our solicitor to develop such a resolution, but that resolution needs to be passed in our next meeting,

Joseph Dalfonso 42:30
I wrote it down and had a way to do this.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:35
Thank you. When one of the comments I made last time was we had too much money in our PennVest account. Maybe we should move to line usage account. I retract all that I said before. We've not closed out the PennVest interim loan yet is still waiting for conclusion of the Westmoreland County Conservation District and DEP. Once that's done, then we'll get back on this and when it moves to a permanent loan, and they start pulling out of the debt service, instead of the line usage, instead of the PennVest account, we can make that action. Enough of that. Let's turn it over to Tony.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:14
Okay, motion to pay the following invoices from the general funding the amount of $43,634.88

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:20
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 43:21
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:21
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 43:23
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:29
Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund the accountant the amount of $2,492.76.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:37
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 43:37
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:38
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 43:40
Councilperson Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes. Motion passed

Councilman Orzechowski 43:46
Motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund in the amount of $31,330.81

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:52
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 43:53
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:54
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 43:56
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 44:02
Motion to pay the following invoices from liquid fuels from the amount of $1,476.44

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:07
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:08
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:09
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 44:11
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 44:17
Motion to approve the transfer of $67,449.82 from the general fund to the payroll. To the payroll account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:24
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:24
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:25
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 44:27
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nester aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 44:34
Discussion and motion to approve the sewer requisition project phase three depart, payment, resolution and certificate number 31 in the total amount of $408,240.87 for Phase Three work performed. WC. Performed Work through March, 29 2025 and April. 25 2025 in the amount of $38,647.20 and insight contractors LLC, performed the work. From April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 in the amount of $369,593.67

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:11
Some money there, is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 45:13
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:14
Any questions? Call the roll Councilman Cosner yes, Councilman Nester, aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 45:23
Discussion of Motion approved change order number 6 . Project Number 232059, for a change order increase the amount of $1,083,735.38.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:36
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 45:37
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:37
Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 45:39
Someone explain exactly what that is.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:41
Yes. So they completed the 15 million This is assuming they completed the $15 million USDA loan and they're working on the $4 million grant. The problem is they accomplished all the work they were going to do all the way through the full project. So they expanded the project to take care of a lot of the lines that were still in the same DEP order, but were not part of the phase three original, original quote that we did. So they came up with a list of lines that they can do that require very little right away work and so forth. And that's what drove that you want to explain any better.

Joseph Dalfonso 46:32
These that the project focused on the big line, early on, you were able to accomplish the majority of that. These are the smaller lines that they will be lining. Think there will be a phase 3d though it goes across the river. No. Think phase 3d is the excavation project on Sixth Street and 12th Street. Okay, might be B might be there's going to be that portion of the project to fix those two lines. These are the smaller lines through town.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:01
Okay, thank you. Call the roll.

Councilman Orzechowski 47:03
Um, no, sorry, yeah, no, go ahead. You're right.

Mike Korposh 47:07
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nester aye. Council Orzechowski yes. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 47:14
Balances and accounts. **American or he's not here. So you got a train.** You got one more Motion. What makes you think I want to do it? You want to do it, Motion to transfer $2,625 from the general fund to the health care account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:28
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 47:29
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:29
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 47:31
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes., Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 47:39
American Rescue, $45,602.23 $45,602.23 Debt Service Fund, $684,985.82 Fire Escrow, $108,698.88 General Fund, $571,282.75 Grant Fund, $131,318.32 Health Care Fund, $7,076.37 Line Usage is $770,300.70 Liquid Fuels, $243,547.19 Parks Fund, $63,251.99 a Payroll Fund, two, Payroll Fund 212 $13,272.18 Rec Fund has $2,102.50 Refuge has 100 $405,467.81 Tan Note is $327,504.56 and Paving Escrow has $45,172.60 cents. Mayor, that's my report. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:45
Councilwoman Lois Thomas is not here, so I will assume she will give her report at the next meeting. Councilman John Nestor, do you have a report for us?

Councilman John Nestor 48:55
Thank you, Honorable Mayor. Members of Council, Ministry of staff, citizens of Monessen, I'll go ahead and give my report the next meeting, but I also just wanted to relay information. On May 17, 2025 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm at the downtown fire station, the citizens of Monessen and the surrounding communities or were asking if they would like to join us for a fun filled day of education and community spirit, with a fantastic opportunity for families, individuals and groups to learn more about the fire safety meet their local firefighters within the community and explore the facilities. The activities will include the following live demonstration and fire truck tours, Junior firefighter activities, meet and greets with the fire department staff, safety tips and information, membership information, much more. There will be light refreshments of food provided for the community,so stop down and visit. There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn more about how to keep safe within the community. So please mark your calendars and join us. May 17, from 12pm to 4pm

Councilman John Nestor 49:58
Thank you. Oh, and also, right

Councilman John Nestor 50:03
now, where are we standing with our code officer? Did we finally get the background check as needed?

Mike Korposh 50:09
It didn't come in today? John, tomorrow, if it's in and we can get him into get started. Okay?

Councilman John Nestor 50:16
Because we're good, we're getting hit absolutely, yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:19
I'm all for that. Just an interesting point. We had bought Marvin an iPad, yeah, and nobody knew the code that it had. I drove up to South Point and took it to the Apple Store, got it opened up again. So we'll document that as a new City pads for a new City password, so forth.

Councilman John Nestor 50:43
Okay, all right, yep, that, other than that, that's pretty much all I had there. I yield the floor. Thank you. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:50
Council President, Cosner, what do you have?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 50:53
Well, I want to make an announcement about an activity at the Civic Center next Wednesday, May 14, from five to seven, they're having a Back to Family Fundamentals. I guess you can come dressed in any decade that was your favorite. And there's going to be games and prizes and things like that at the Civic Center on Wednesday, May 14, Communities of Care, I know they're looking for additional people to serve on their board, so if any of you have an interest and have lots of spare time you might want to consider that. And another thing is, we had to cancel our cleanup day. We were fearful that it was going to rain. Well, no, we could have done it. It was good to go. Good to go, John, but nonetheless, we rescheduled it for May 24 and I would like to suggest that we wait until the morning of to cancel, because the faith in the forecast, it could be a bust or it could be pouring down rain, and then cancel. I have a list of people that I could contact because I'm just worried that as we get into summer, the kids are gone, people are on vacation.

Councilman John Nestor 52:03
That's Memorial Day. We don't want to cancel, move that somewhere else. That's Memorial Day weekend.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 52:07
Oh,

Councilman Orzechowski 52:08
You might want to have it on a day like that. That's Saturday.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 52:19
Yeah, next week, the next Saturday,

Councilman John Nestor 52:24
That would be the 30th No. 29th is my daughter's birthday. That's a Wednesday. 30 So, 30 Yeah, yeah, be 31st the 29th.

Joseph Dalfonso 52:37
Yeah. 29th of Thursday. Well, see now you make me wrong. 31st Saturday,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 52:43
May. 31 is a Saturday. I know I don't have Yes, so that is still when school is in session. We might get some students, because I'd like to have some young people help. And I know the Reverend Holmes said that he has a group of kids, and so does Reverend Custer. How does the 31st sound?

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:09
It doesn't matter to me. So let's make sure everybody understands we're talking about doing the cleanup day on May 31 this year at nine o'clock in the morning, 9am meeting at Ninth street Park.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 53:24
Yes, meeting at Ninth Street Park, yes. Does that work? Anything else? I'm glad you told me. I didn't even think of that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:36
Okay, okay, thank you. You got anything else?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 53:40
Oh, a reminder that the flea market is on May 17, the lot on Fifth and Donner, if you'd like to come and set up a table.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:53
We're still interested in people that would like to participate with us on doing our Music in the Park. That's a big deal. We still need lots of support, lots and lots of volunteers to help us. Yeah, we have great aspirations for putting together something pretty neat.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 54:08
I think that it is going to be wonderful, but we do need the help. So if you planned to help, just let me know your name so that you can act as a volunteer. Because at this point, this is our first time, and if it's a really good experience. I think that then the other concerts will be well attended too, and we can look forward to next year. There you go.

Mayor Ron Mozer 54:29
Thank you. I'd like a motion to adjourn. Second All in favor say aye. Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

Signed:

City Clerk Linda Matthews

Mayor Ron Mozer