June 12 2025 City Council Work Session

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

City Administrator Mike Korposh 00:09
Council person, Cosner here, Councilman Nestor present. Council person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski here, Mayor Mozer present. Mayor. We have four members present, one absent and a quorum.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:21
Thank you. At this time, I'd like to invite Amy Barfield to lead us in prayer.

Amy Barfield 00:36
Father God, first and foremost, we just welcome you here, Lord God, we love you. We are glad that you have given us the opportunity to come. Lord God. Father, God, I ask that there would be agreement in unity, Lord God, in the whole community of Monessen. Lord God, Father, there's nothing that you can't do. So, Father, we just we thank You, Lord. I'd also like to lift a few people up that have some health issues going on, Father, Lord we know Lois is not feeling well, Lord God, Pastor John's not feeling well, and Joan Strassbaugh is not feeling well. So, Lord God, we ask that you reach down and touch them with your healing hand, Lord God, and you bring them home safely to us and in good health from the inside out, Father, we give you this time. We invite you here, Lord God, we ask that you would be bring peace and unity tonight, Lord God, that we would be in agreement, Lord and that it would spread throughout Monessen and Lord God, and that the people would come, those, those people that we different, definitely need Lord God, the ones that are here living in Monessen and Lord God, let them get up and say, What can I do to help Lord, this is where we live. So, Father God, I ask for your anointing tonight. Thank you for the council. Lord God, I thank You that You sent me here, Lord and Father. I give you all the honor and praise and your most holy name. Amen,

All 02:09
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.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:32
Has everybody had a chance to look at the previous session meeting minutes from May 22, can somebody please make a motion to accept the minutes.

Councilman John Nestor 02:45
Mayor, Mayor, a motion to approve the minutes for work session of May 22 of 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:04

Is there a second?

Councilman Orzechowski 03:06
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:07
Any questions? Call the roll please.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 03:09
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:17
Do we have a report from the Treasurer, or we're going to wait till the next time at the next meeting? Okay, very good. I at this time, I would like to invite comment and directed to agenda items only.

Ernie Telegraphis 03:35
Ernest Telegraphis 29 Rex Avenue. It's been three weeks since we all met here for a council gathering. So there's about nine things here that are confronting with my mind here, number page 2c what's his Ordinance of number eight to authorize joint participation intergovernmental police and mutual aid agreement. Now, is this a precursor for the SWAT requirement, for the SWAT team? I figured that, and when is the SWAT team going to be I debated to go on. It's still a long way off. It's still a long way All right, then, who is this actuary marking contract? What's that about?

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:40
That's our actuary.

Ernie Telegraphis 04:45
Then we're getting the money for paving related contracts.

Mayor Mozer: I will explain that. We're going to explain that, yep.

Ernie Telegraphis How many seconds should I wait until you're done? Okay, yep, that was fun. I'm even early here because Dalfonso Is going to talk first.

Joseph Dalfonso 05:02
Anyway, we're moving that

Ernie Telegraphis 05:08
Tony, where are you? Tony? Let me see.

Ernie Telegraphis 05:18
Okay, this is page four, and it's J motion to prove sewage rehabilitation project phase three. Now, is this more money, or is this like an addition?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:36
Or what part of the USDA?

Ernie Telegraphis 05:40
Yeah, but that's already been agreed upon from before. Then what we're bringing it up.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:45
This is just more progress. Progress payments.

Ernie Telegraphis 05:50
Did this have to do with the tank? You're supposed to have them to do with the tank. So where's that money going to come?

Joseph Dalfonso 05:59
You realize Council has done this 31 other times at this point, right?

Ernie Telegraphis 06:03
Well, this is number 32 okay, but I was also thinking about what happened to the tank.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:09
That's a different project we really don't have any information on yet.

Ernie Telegraphis 06:13
I thought that was part of it, not yet, because I keep seeing all these numbers keep going up and up.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:20
And then, if you take the 31 This is number 32 if you add them all up, we're in excess of $10 million just for your information,

Ernie Telegraphis 06:32
That's good. How many more do we gotta go till we get to 15? So how many we got left?

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:33
Who knows? There's

Ernie Telegraphis 06:38
One more here.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:50
Hold on, Do you realize that everything on the agenda is discussion items, and we will be talking and explaining all these things as we go through sometimes

Ernie Telegraphis 06:59
You're not answering what's in my mind. Okay, so the code enforcement activities upcoming CDBG related hearing. So what's that all about?

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:16
We're looking at using K2 for more resources, especially for CDBG,

Ernie Telegraphis 07:22
They're going to step in and actually do a code enforcement. We don't have to look for anybody else.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:29
No, we still need to look for somebody else. We can't get away with using them, not at the price that they have. This is strictly for CDBG activities we're doing right now.

Ernie Telegraphis 07:39
Okay, and that's what this paving Jay, where's the money come from?

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:47
I will explain that to you

Ernie Telegraphis 07:49
Okay. Make sure you go after him, because I want to leave early.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:57
Thanks. Anyone else?

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:02
Thank you, Ernie.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:09
Does anybody have any old business? They'd like to bring forth to bear.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:16
So, I'd like to have a few comments to make. The first off, as Ernie pointed out, if you drive up Ninth Street, you'll notice there's brand new pavement there that's looking very nice. It's the nicest this has looked in many years. It is now two lanes. They'll finish the painting on the paint, put some stripes on it. It'll be two lanes both directions on Lower Ninth Street. It'll be what it was many years ago, and that's something that's very good, that is a CDBG project, and that was paid by for by CDBG.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:48
The Reed Ave piece was paved as an agreement that we had with the contractor for the phase four project that we did for the sewer project that did all the work around Ninth Street Park, and in the course of that council agreed to supplement the contractor with $7,000 to get that that road paved, and

that's been paved, and we'll have to put a requisition in for that, get that taken care of. But it is also in better shape than this many in many years. It too is really nice.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:24
For those that are interested. This has nothing to do with CDBG. This has to do with the water company and PNG. They're up at Montraver paving the loop, up by the high school or the elementary school. Excuse me, that road should be completed by tomorrow, sometime, if it's not done already, it will be completed by this time tomorrow, for sure.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:55
Anybody that was in town last Friday remembers the storm that we had come through, and it was a pretty ferocious storm. It, came down in sheets of water. It's interesting to me that I cannot find any of the weather services that has a weather station in or around Monessen that can tell me the rate of rainfall that we received here. But it had to have been several inches in the matter of an hour. And we had a river coming down from the City Park that was very broad and just flowing at a stream high rate. The water got to the new culvert that we put at bar grate, and it started trickling over the top of that. Later that night, we went up and removed the grate. Maybe the grate had some restrictions, maybe it wasn't, but the grate is gone. The grade has been replaced by Keep Out signs to keep the kids from playing in there. Hopefully the kids pay attention. It is not a safe place for anybody to play in that culvert.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:55
The vac truck is, is down right now, and that's very unfortunate, because all the storm drains have debris in them. The storm drains need to be cleaned, and our vac truck is used to clean those storm drains is being repaired. We hope to have that back on the road here very, very soon, but it is still being repaired.

Councilman Orzechowski 11:15
Do you have any late update on that?

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:18
Not as of today. Okay, so anyway, that that's going on just for so everybody understands Pacific and Marion will be repaved here very soon too, and that's a done by funds from PNG, and that they tore up that road using doing their gas lines. They've contracted with the city to have that repaved. We've gone out for bids, and we've got the bids. We're waiting to the next meeting so we can actually vote on a motion to move forward with that. So that's been taken care of.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:52
I think that's pretty much the sum of the different things that I wanted to talk about. It's been a very busy week, accented by the storms, and we'll move forward with that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:09
So one of the things I want to talk about real quick before we bring on Dennis Martinak who is one of those people that remember what happened to us when, when I assumed office. The day I assumed

office, some three and a half years ago, almost four years ago, I walked into the City Clerk and I said, How's the things looking we got payroll tomorrow. And she looked at me a straight face and said, Well, you got $7,000 in the bank and you got a payroll to $70,000. It was no fun. We went to DCD, and that triggered a whole bunch of things at that time. They came from Harrisburg to visit with me, not once, but twice. Twice, they offered to allow me to take the City into Act 47. I refused in both cases. Now I fully intend on continuing that whole philosophy. But one of the things that they've done is they have something they call a STMP program. This is not to be confused with what used to be called the Early Intervention. It is not the same thing. The STMP program is a very limited resource that is provided by DCED, and the purpose of the STMP program is to provide opportunity to the city. They will come to us with numerous different possibilities for getting funding and different ways to drive the city forward. One of those opportunities will be Act 47 but that's one of 80 or so that that they'll be given to us. And that's not the direction that we're trying to go. We're trying to bring in industry. We're trying to bring in people. We're trying to build this city back up, and that's the primary goal of that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:36
With that, I'd like to invite Dennis Martinak to come and give us a little presentation. He is the person that was assigned to us by our just as everybody understands this. We, all agreed to do the STMP program year and a half ago. And the problem after that first time that happened when DCED came down here. I worked with the HUD, and we entered into what's called the DCTA Distressed Communities Technical Assistance program. And they assigned two teams to us. One was a development team, one was a financial analysis team. The point being is those teams have done their job and moved on. So now we're working with the STMP program. The STMP program is going to take those programs that were started by the economic group and continue them forth and move forward with them. So yes, I'm going to turn it over to you, come up here.

Dennis Martinak 14:48
Thank you for the introduction again. I'm Dennis Martinak, I'm the proprietor and principal of Dennis Martinak planning and consulting. I live in Allenport. I did. I am pretty familiar with Monessen and one of my relatives grew up in Monessen, My best friend, Yes, Good to see everybody. So picking up on what the mayor was discussing, I have worked on three, completed three projects through the STMP process, two Boroughs, Elizabeth and Charleroi, and about two years ago, finished up one for Greene County. Greene County was looking to do the same thing. Also, we're just started, probably about 25% in with the city of Uniontown, so I am very familiar with the process. And as Mayor alluded to, George Newsome, has a real strong interest in trying to help communities as they move forward, especially with in looking at some of the components of the strategic STMP is the Strategic Management Planning Program. It did morph out of the EIP program, but again, it's now allowed communities to do a lot more, to look at a lot, lot more things related to their community. You can do a lot look at some unique things. One of the things that we that we approach it as is one. There's probably four parts to it. One is the education component, where we want to make sure everybody's on the same page, understanding why we're doing it. What some of our team members are looking at the second part of that is the financial end of things, then the community and economic development portion. I guess they can combine those, so we look at how on those, and the last part ties into the whole thing is because we want to make sure that we're trying to make find ways that community can enhance their tax base either support businesses that are here, or try to find businesses that can come in. And that's part of you know, at a

higher level, but again, working to ensure that we're looking at the finances for the city. One of our team members is Rebecca Vargo. Rebecca is the Wilkinson township manager. Rebecca has a very strong she's very well respected at the state. She also works as a peer consultant in the in that capacity, so she would be on the team, and then also Tammy Stenson, who works with McMillan engineering. She's a planner who also would be working with me as far as the economic development side of things, community development side of things, that process typically runs about nine months. Rebecca would basically would look at a four year prior history of the city's finances, and then project out three years or so. One of the things they ask is that we try to prioritize five projects somewhere in that neighborhood. Could be, you know, plus one, minus one. But the reason they do that is typically, when those projects are listed there, they have a better chance of getting funded. And if I can tell you from the projects that we've worked on, some of those priority projects, a lot of them were being worked on and funded as we were even finishing the project. So they're that important to the community. The STMP program, again, is very beneficial. It does help the communities out, and it does offer them some flexibility to move some things forward, but it does give you also kind of that outside view of your financials, your budgeting, things like that. So again, that's kind of our spiel. Again, like I said, we've worked on these. We have a pretty good relationship with the folks at DCED, especially George Newsome, on this side of things, and also working with George. When we identify these programs and projects for the city, they'll also do some of the kind of the legwork and some of the coordination with some of the other agencies at the state trying to help the city. So that's pretty much, I mean, are there any questions? I guess is, what would be my next thing on the council?

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:55
Have any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 19:00
You. Careful. You mentioned, Elizabeth, yes, what exactly did you do? And where were they when they started it? And where are they now?

Dennis Martinak 19:10
Elizabeth, they were, they were having a little bit of financial I guess it wasn't distressing, but they wanted to make sure they were on the right path. So that's pretty much what the program did. So that was, that's one of the big differences from the EIP. The EIP was pretty much people that were going into the EIP program and preaching to the choir. You know, they were probably in a little more dire strait. Elizabeth wanted to sort out some things, but one of their priority projects was they were looking downtown, but they also needed some guidance. So one of our priority recommendations for them was to get a Borough Manager. And they do Scott Craighead, I think is still down there, but he was brought on board to do that. So that was one of the things that they moved forward on. And the reason that a lot of communities look to that first is because there's a program, program that allows them to bring that person on board, and there's a graduated scale where they'll pay 100% then as they can move forward, that starts to get reduced. But that Borough Manager is also helping find funding for the community as well, so it helps personnel. Actually, the fourth part of what I should have said before was we also look at the organizational structure of employees and folks like that.

Councilman Orzechowski 20:28

But we did that already, and that happened six years ago. Okay? No, 6,7, 8, years, eight years ago. You did everything for the EIN being done in a STMP.

Councilman Orzechowski 20:41
Well, they paid for at the City Administrator level, okay, for the first year, the second year that it was it went down after that. So, I mean, my problem I have with this is we've been there, done that, on a lot of this for the like the comprehensive plan. We went through all that and everything else, and I was going through the STMP program, and it caught my eye at the very end, where we match $6,500 to the rest of we were approved for the grant. I know this may sound harsh, but my question is, what are we getting for $6,500 because we spent $10,000 that we had to spend for the comprehensive plan, and it did squat. I mean, absolutely nothing. And I'm very apprehensive that I'm not looking for, if you could answer me something that was concrete, that came out of what you're working with. This isn't directed at you. I'm just trying to wrap my head around what more of an advantage this is going to do besides being required by DCED, and maybe they're the ones that I need to ask this question to but I would hope that you would that where is this going to go?

Dennis Martinak 22:06
Well, as I said, this is different than the comp plan. The comp plan looks at all the different elements. I mean, you guys know that she went through the process. You look at everything from transportation through housing to recreation to land use. You land use the STMP, which is more financial based and also more focused, it is those five recommendations that come out of that. They're going to come out through this process, in working with Council, Mayor, Staff, everybody's going to be involved in that process. And what you're going to get out of that is recommendations too, and I can't honestly say what they are right now,

Mr. Martinak: Tony, because I don't know. But again, I know you guys went through this, but you are going to get that look for the past four years. You're going to get a three year you're going to look three years into the future, also helping you with your budgeting and finance for the city.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:00
But I'm looking for that magic bullet, and I'm expecting the state to come back and say, well, you're going to have to do this, this, this and this, and it's going to get you to this, this, this and this.

Dennis Martinak 23:11
I don't see that would, that would come through the process, when, as you move through the process of doing this program, those things will be identified in the next six to nine months. What you're going to do specific to this program. There could be some things we could look at that weren't implemented through the comp plan. You may want to incorporate some of that towards this.

Councilman Orzechowski 23:39
One of the things that was absolutely ludicrous during the COMP plan was the recommendation was all the council had a laptop, and we needed businesses like Starbucks. That was the early intervention plan. Okay,

Dennis Martinak 23:55
Again, tell me what we're doing concrete for the city that's going to be able to move it past where it is right now, as I'm badly mistaken. I think that comes from working together with the city to determine what kind of five projects that were that we are looking for, and how those fund, those projects get funded that we've talked about numerous different things here in the city that we can do this is a way to get funding for those different projects.

Dennis Martinak 24:22
Yeah, I said I can't sit here. And if I knew what they were coming into this, and we probably wouldn't have to go through the study, it'd probably be pretty quick to get it finished. But this is more sitting down with everybody here, working through this and then identifying what everybody thinks is the most important projects or recommendations for the city. I Yes. Okay, I know that doesn't quite answer your question, but no, it doesn't.

Councilman Orzechowski 24:48
I mean like, Do you have any examples of like with Elizabeth or where else you're doing it? Where did they and Ernie complained about this all the time. Where did you generate. Did they generate any new businesses to come in? How did they get them to come in? How did they market them? Where did they get the funds to market them? Where did they do I mean, these are all things that at the end of the day, there's a hardcore number that somebody has to pay, and we could be the best thing in the world, but if you don't have it, you don't have it

Dennis Martinak 25:20
Well, I can tell you there were some new businesses that did come in. I don't have that. I could find it out for you and get it if you want. I can get you that. I can tell you that out of all three of those STMP"S that we finished on the financial side, I know changes were made at each of the boroughs in the way they did some of their accounting, the way they spent funds, the way they accounted for them. And I know Greene County also did some of that as well, and they did that at a higher level, you know, at the county level. So, things changes were made, you know, based on the results of the study,

Councilman Orzechowski 25:54
Yeah, but did the tax base increase?

Dennis Martinak 25:58
It probably did only because of some of the things that Rebecca some of the recommendations she made, saved them money, and what they did, okay,

Councilman Orzechowski 26:13
And is there what's the time frame?

Dennis Martinak 26:16
So about a, typically, about a nine-month process to get to sit because this is going to dovetail into your budget season. In the beginning, we'll probably sit down, because I think Rebecca needs another month or two to get caught up, and then she'll come and she'll kind of jump in here, but we're going to

all be working Tammy and myself, be working with you all to talk about some of the economic and community development side of things, for the for the plan,

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:47
And one of the things too, that we were thinking that the recommendation of council was that we've got this state LSA grant for $75,000 for development, economic development of this downtown area here, primarily focused across the street from Fifth to Sixth Street on donner. But it is not limited to that. I thought it was totally different than that. No, it is. And what I'm saying this, let me finish what we're saying is we also went looking for somebody to run this program, and we chose Dennis Martinak to do the job that he had, because it really fits in well with what the STMP program is and allows even further more economic development that we're talking about. And that was it, upon the recommendation of Council.

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:40
You, you refused to allow us to run it on our own. You said, find somebody to run this project. This is a project. This is who we came up with.

Dennis Martinak 27:49
That's the one that Diane had written a grant for you, or helped write the grant for you. Diane Altman, yeah, for 75,000 Yes. And she is part of, she's a big piece of that, because it did at the end of that, there's going to be a conceptual plan for that block, or, you know what, what can be done with it over there. And there's also the planning component. And that's why they asked, you know, talking to Diana, that's why they asked me to just do the planning and land use piece of that.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:16
And it gets and this has nothing, forgive me about with you, yes, but then we went through, and you were in touch of with, and I don't remember the company from Philadelphia, LS, something, excuse me, Who was the company from LS? Or somebody was working with DCED PFM, PFM for finances, yeah. Okay, we went through all that and nothing changed there either. The only difference is it didn't cost us anything, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 28:43
This is going to cost us something. This also has a state behind it, whereas the other one's supposed to have the state, because the state's the one that turned around and told us to use them.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:51
No, it was, it was HUD that turned around and told us to use them.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:54
Oh, that's even worse yet, it was a federal government that told us how to use this. So we've had everybody keep telling us how to do this and what to do, and at the very end of the day, we have nothing.

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:08

The bottom line is that I am banking on this STMP program providing us, and this is a result of my conversation with George Newsome and others at DCED, that they will provide us with opportunities for funding projects that we target. So we target a project. And I don't know what these targets might be. I've got my own ideas, but I think that the council as a whole and the city as a whole needs to be involved with this. We came up with a series of projects, they will help us find funding to get those maybe just as an example, maybe it's something to do with the music in the park. Music in the Park is great, but it's subject to weather. What if we were to use the Landmark building and do something there? There might be funding there to help us get that renovated and turn it into a theater. But that's just one possible thing. There's. It can be anything that the whole concept is, it was explained to me, is not entirely different from what the MPP project is. They want to invest a little bit of money into a project, and it brings along industry beside it to make it, making it a much bigger project. This has been happening in New Kensington,.

Councilman Orzechowski 30:23
Excuse me, so tell me some concrete things that come out of what, what your recommendation for where you were working with the cities or boroughs or wherever that had to do with infrastructure, because the single biggest thing here is the roads, the single biggest thing where would this help in trying to get federal state more different funding, something along that nature that could do with the like the mayor just said, put a start to put a dent in it. Does this fall into that category too? Or is that too broad?

Dennis Martinak 31:06
Typically, that comes out of your comprehensive plan. I know you guys did it, but it seems like it. But if that's something that's of importance that wasn't implemented in the Comp Plan, we could certainly talk to George and ask them how we can structure that into this, because that's typically outside of the scope of the of what we're looking at here. But if you want me to talk to the three communities that we worked on. I mean, there's a number of these plans going on across the state, but I could ask them and try to get you guys a list if you're interested.

Councilman Orzechowski 31:41
And don't get me wrong, I'm not just dead set 100% No, I'm not for this. I don't care. I just, we've been there, done. I've got a t shirt for it. I want to make sure we just don't get another t shirt, that we're actually going to get something tangible out of it, because we have some games in it, being at $6,500 or what we have game in this, right? So I want my $6,500 for the city, would not expect anything less

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:15
This is not a motion. There's no tabling to be done, just here for discussion. This is just a discussion. I do appreciate you coming. Does anybody else have any questions

Councilman Orzechowski 32:25
Just one last question, what is the deadline or time that council has to consider acting upon this for you to effectively be able to do what you need to do?

Dennis Martinak 32:36

I don't know when the grant was actually awarded, so I'm not sure what the DCED. I haven't seen this. But it was through the STMP program. But there are deadlines there, so I don't have that with me time. So I don't, honestly don't know we could, yeah, we can find, find it out, if it's got something good for the city,

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:57
We need to act soon, right? Yes. Well, thank you very much. I do appreciate you coming forward, introducing yourself and so forth. Thank you. Thank you

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:18
The next thing on the agenda is a discussion of ordinance number eight, and this has to do with the SWAT team. But basically, in order to be part of the SWAT team, we have to have a mutual aid agreement with the other governmental agencies that are part of the SWAT team. Is that correct?

Joseph Dalfonso 33:39
Yeah, this is the ordinance that was voted on, like the May voting meeting to be at the time, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:46
We brought it up here because we need to have our reading of it at the next meeting. Is that correct?

Joseph Dalfonso 33:53
The second reading and it's right for approval as well.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:58
So this is the first reading of it that you already did the first reading in motion. Okay, perfect. Thank you. Anybody want to talk anymore about that?

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:10
The next one's kind of neat. This is interesting discussion concerning the railroad encroachments within the city of Monessen. Yay. Hey, we finally got them to respond. You want to explain to him where we're at with that,

Joseph Dalfonso 34:25
it can be quite lengthy. So if we want to move it to the end of the meeting, I wouldn't mind.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:30
We can force everybody stick around a little bit

Joseph Dalfonso 34:35
The railroad finally got back to the city with what they call an Encroachment Agreement. Kind of a good news, bad news situation. Council sent the administrator an email. Think, last week. Last week? Yep, June 2. There's three onetime license fees that need to be paid for the crossing at Third Street in the amount of 13,005 $150 Fifth Street, $6,750 and Parente Boulevard for $18,350 Well, the good news is the one time license fee, and I've seen these that are annual fees. This could, of course, be paid out of

the USDA project fund, as it's directly related to part two of this, there are some insurance requirements that the city is going to have to obtain a policy for your typical workers comp policies, your commercial general liability but the big one is going to be Railroad Protective Liability Insurance. Basically, if somebody's working in and around a railroad, the Project Owner is required to get this insurance in case somebody gets hit by a train, a good policy to have, not really a concern that the city has, because there'll be no excavating within the railroad right of way. Nonetheless, the railroad is requiring it, and we're working with your insurance adjuster to see how much those policies would cost. Those policies will also be able to be paid out of the project funds. This might be ready for the council's approval next meeting. It just depends on whether we get the information about the insurance policies. That was the only negative really.

Joseph Dalfonso 36:30
I would call this all good news. Really was worried that there would be an annual license agreement fee

Ernie Telegraphis 36:40
We put toll booths up for the railroads.

Councilman Orzechowski 36:44
No, before the railroad, before you get there, where does the railroad begin and end? Where the tracks are. Oh, you mean for cars?

Ernie Telegraphis 36:52
Yes, 25 cents

Joseph Dalfonso 36:55
I don't think that many cars cross. It's a nickel. How's that? And the railroad did want to know who and what the address of this Ernie guy at the meeting, always asking about this was so he thinks you're paying the bill. So if you can get with Mr. Korposh, get that information be appreciated.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:19
Thank you. I think that this is really a major step forward, to be real honest with you, that we now finally have something from the railroad we can act upon. We right, and we've had insight to the contractors working on the project, sitting around doing other things, waiting for this to happen. So we can actually turn this loose and make get it going free. Is there anything we can talk about on the cliffs?

Joseph Dalfonso 37:44
Yeah, Cleveland Cliffs, in a similar situation, the easement language is all agreed upon, working through some of those insurance issues as well.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:54
That's behind the railroad. Once you get across the railroad you're on, you're onto the Cleveland Cliffs property,

Joseph Dalfonso 38:00

But it may end up being outside of the railroad liability policy. It just may be the same policy. I mean, Cleveland Cliffs, there's going to be excavation work, because they have to install at least two manholes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:16
Those are being paid for out of the USDA fund. Yes, everything. Absolutely

Joseph Dalfonso 38:23
So we're working through those final issues. And it took the railroad when Councilman Nestor just asked how long this took. The City initially submitted its application, probably early fall last year, and resubmitted the information, I think, in January, and we heard back, I think it was last week on June 2.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:52
It's a good thing. I think we're finally going to see the remainder of the USDA project being able to be wrapped up here very soon. It's still the goal to finish that before the end of the year, and that's what I'm hopeful.

Joseph Dalfonso 39:06
And this was the major hold up for that portion of the project, absolutely, right? It was their engineering team that was reviewing this. Blame it on the engineers, not the city's engineer, the railroad. I understand here.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:24
The other thing that we did was have a meeting with K2 Engineering, and talked to him quite a bit with CDBG. We've gotten some demolition funds associated with the CDBG project that includes property that is not within the ARPA zone that the County is doing that; we need to get moving on. We and because we don't have a current Code Enforcement officer that can do the proper notifications of the paperwork and all that, K2 engineering said that they would do it. It will probably work out on to an average of about $100 per property for him to go in, do all the paperwork, pictures appear before public hearings, all that it requires. We used to enjoy the activities of Marvin to do so with that, we're going to continue moving forward with that project. It could have been, I think that the thing that we need to do is to make sure we get enough time from k2 engineering to get all these things up, because they are very slim on time. The next thing is the copy related issues that we for a city in City Hall and I circulated a stack of paper. Yeah, I

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 40:46
I had a question right before I came here. I saw an ad in the paper for full time position for a code officer, and I didn't know that we had decided full time to hire someone full time.

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Mayor Mozer: That was that was discussed. So, what happened was when, prior to, like, we had our conversation on the phone on council, we all agreed to have the advertisement for full-time code, and then that's when we went through the whole interview process. I talked to Joey, We were able to re advertise that without what was it that we were able to replace bill, but we didn't have to go for a

because you authorized that. We have already authorized to advertise. So that's the RE advertisement from the previous advertisement for when we really didn't get to hire anyone because the person quit on us.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 41:43
So are you still going to have Lloyd?

Mayor Mozer: We'll still have Lloyd. Yes, yeah. So we'll have a full time and a part time.

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:50
We'll see what we can find. Yeah, because

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 41:53
I'm just I'm surprised when I saw

Councilman Orzechowski 41:58
The other question on there is. And I thought we talked about this, if that was in today's paper, yes, okay, my question was on the top, and Karen pointed this out to me. It says salary. What's it say as experience or

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Mayor Mozer: experience?

Councilman Orzechowski 42:18
I thought we have a ceiling limit

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:19
What we can pay we may have and that may be all we can do.

Councilman Orzechowski 42:23
But shouldn't we put tell some of that up front before you? When you advertise,

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:28
Well, we see what kind of response we get, we can address that. I don't want to scare somebody off before we have an opportunity to talk about it. Okay?

Councilman Orzechowski 42:40
I just thought we would take what we pay, what we paid Marvin, and put that salary in there, because that's what we have budgeted to pay that salary.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:54
That's another reason why we need the STMP program. Maybe that's one of our things that we need to draw upon.

Councilman Orzechowski 42:59
I agree with you, but that's certainly not going to happen for at least a year. Well, that's not true at all. Well, by the time the state gets involved and starts doing things, it'll be, we'll be sitting here this time next year.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:10
Hopefully not the case. Hopefully it'll move much quicker than that, and it probably will. I mean, how long did it take them from the time that, uh, I took office, it was here that same week. They got, you got a problem here. Wow, problem, yeah. And they came up with solutions too, that we all acted upon and did, let's don't burn the burn the town down before we find out what, what we got here, which, uh, want to talk about any more before I move on. Let's talk copiers before we talk garbage bills. We've got it. We've got a copier. We've got two Xerox printer, copiers right now, one here and one at the police station. The one here, the contract runs out, I believe, in November or December of this year. The one at the police No,

Councilman Orzechowski 44:11
It was December. It was the end of December, January.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh
Xerox 44:15
This contract originally had a position where you didn't have to make any payments for three months. So you make any payments that we have 60 payments remaining. The contract has nine months here and 11 months

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:35
That's not what I have to read the agreements again, but that's not the way I read it.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 44:40
I have all the information here. My purpose to be here today is to clear the air on all these issues and technology.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:53
Before we get into a sales a sales pitch, and I don't want to go down that path right now. We've had conversations. We made contact with numerous different companies that have different opportunities, whether it's implemented in a couple of months, whether it's implemented in another year, I don't know, but the bottom line is that at some point we needed to talk about what we're doing. We have our current Xerox plan, and we've got a discounted plan that they've come forward with. There's Toshiba Conica, Ford has a kind of a private project, Precision has a proposal and Sharp has a project. And there's different, different numbers that we come back with, prices and so forth. And one thing I want to make sure Council really understands it's like buying an SUV. You can go buy yourself a Hyundai MRSA for $21,000 or you can go buy yourself a Porsche Cayenne for $150,000, they both have four-wheel drive. They both will get you from point A to point B. It's just what kind of features you have along the way to work with. And it's really hard to compare different manufacturers, because different manufacturers

have different things that they can offer, different services, different features and so forth. We tried our best to try to take it to what we're doing now and compare it apples to apples to the best of our ability. And we we in all cases, we think that we're looking at something that's very comparable to what we have now. I will say that if you look at this, the cost of buying versus the cost of leasing. Cost of leasing is far better, and that's because there's must be some value to the machine after you finish leasing it. And I assume that you could buy a machine and sell it too, if you had a storefront, if you had salesmen, if you had all that it takes to sell a specialized piece of equipment. So in my, humble opinion, I think that leasing is by far the smart way to do. It keeps our costs down, minimizes our exposure. And just like these, these copiers this Xerox we have now is becoming more and more problems, and the more we use it. In five years from now, we'll be looking at another one as well, and by that time, they probably be better, cheaper and everything else. Just wait, technology does. I'm not trying to advocate anything other than I did provide some information on all these different ones that we're looking at. You guys are welcome to take this with you, look at it. If you want additional information on any of the products, I'd be more than happy to provide it.

Councilman Orzechowski 47:55
I did this and I put half of this together, when I gave this to Linda, my argument that I told all the companies all when I was contacted, was I was rather leaning towards purchase versus a lease. The lease is ridiculous. Over the six years, you're paying over $40,000 for a machine. That's how many years old and you don't get nothing out of it. I mean, the analogy about the Minivan and the Porsche is great, but if you want to drive a Porsche, you're not going to own that Porsche after three or after three years, 36,000 miles, you're going to turn it in, unless you have a buyout of close to probably 70 or 60,000 but the reason you lease is for only one reason. You can't really afford the car you want, because you can't afford to buy it. So, I'm looking, I looked at the same thing as for these machines. I mean, the price at the current lease of two machines, there's over $40,000 I know I'm not just picking on Xerox; I'm picking on any of them. I mean, some of them versus purchasing them for 12 and $15,000 oh, by

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:12
The time you get the 12 or $15,000 you gotta have a service agreement that goes with it.

Councilman Orzechowski 49:16
That was the thing, though. I asked everybody all the same questions, and I said, Give me a price with just a service contract. Give me a price of the machine. Just so, you know, I'm just making this, and I want a price for the service contract. And some came back and said, Well, okay, well, it's, it's this much, we can give you a service contract, and it's so many, so many pennies per page, okay, or whatever, okay? And I said, Okay, give me that. But no, I don't want that. I want just a service contract, like whenever your dryer or something blows up at home and you have a service contract on it. Right? It's not gauged on how many roll, how many loads of laundry you put into it. It is the service contract. I said, we're paying for the ink already.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:10
You know the incomes as part of the service.

Councilman Orzechowski 50:13

Well, no, that's what I'm saying. They said to me, no, it's part of the service contract. I said, but we could buy the ink anywhere, at a reduced

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:21
I mean, you're going to pay about the same price when it when you finally go.
Councilman Orzechowski 50:24
What's the reason for me to have a have it all wrapped in there was, there's no advantage to it. So, I wanted a price.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:31
No justification behind it either.

Councilman Orzechowski 50:34
There's a better way. I think the units shed light on it.

speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 50:42
And so from my standpoint, I'm going to clear the air on the best way to acquire copies. We didn't talk. We didn't qualify you previously for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a state local government contract because you had time left on release. You have a year left on your lease, and there's no provision to cancel the remainder of the lease is in place. We want to ask the competitor to come in. There were some numbers. We applied for a specialty called SME, a special marketing exception, and now you got that type of contract. You make no money payment. It saves you 100 bucks a month. And currently spending. You have the best state of your equipment that you can dream of. It doesn't even more than what you have right now. Your costs are fixed to the 48 months earn 48 months renting at the end of 48 months.If you want to keep writing it month you can do that as long as you want. Or at that point there's probably new technology so something else but this one, you make one payment. If there's a machine that supplies the service, the parts, everything, there's nothing down. You take up the old machines, put the new ones in, networking, set them up, and train you on, and it's a turnkey package, the best way to acquire a copier, in fact, from the sales standpoint, you don't really like it because we don't, because it's costly. Cost is pressed so low on this, I feel a service absolutely the best. The best that we can do.

Councilman Orzechowski 52:25
For a long time, my problem is and thank you for that information. Well, what my problem is, and I can't attest to this, I would defer this to the Mayor and our City Administrator and anybody else that's here is I've heard nothing but bad things about service. Service has been horrendous. I've heard I've heard the mayor numerous times that the copiers are down or something's not working, and it's like, what's the response? Time is? It four hours? Is it eight hours? Is it what? What are you guaranteeing your response time? I'm an IT. I have to guarantee a response time.

speaker from the audiance 53:10
There's no guaranteed response time, but we try to get there within four hours for the same day, which is a good response time for our industry average.

Councilman Orzechowski 53:19
And I can appreciate that, but that's not good enough for City Hall. There's too many things that can happen here that have to get printed, that could be critical, that I can't I would not think I would want everybody to sit around for eight hours waiting for somebody, for a technician to show up, and what happens if they come and they don't have the part. Now, are you going to overnight a brand-new copier here to make sure we're up and running? I mean, these are things. Nobody does that, but we have everything in stock.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 53:54
Nobody does that we have everything in stock. We cover all of Pennsylvania. We have more technicians than any other company in business. We're a company in business. We're the world leader in this business. If you're unhappy with a service like that, constantly in contact with Joy. We go across some building issues and some service issues, and overall, looking at your service history, which I did, the machines worked fairly well when they got to the four-year form or so, which is where they're at now these where they're at. Now you start to see the technician more often because of the single start from there. That's why this 48 month plan, 48-month rental is best, because you can update the technology in four years to remove the equipment

Councilman Orzechowski 54:41
But I would ask the question to everybody else, but you're here unfortunately, so there's not like everybody else is here to meet that. But my question is, why didn't, or why would not Xerox do that already, prevent, promote or. Switch out, say, after three or four years, and say, Wow, these are battle wagons. We're going to upgrade you to the newer technology, at no cost, because you still have time on your contract. Instead of fighting, you know, continuous service calls or things like that. My question to you is, why wouldn't Xerox already do that?

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 55:16
Well, I've been doing this for about since we were about 16 months left, so I came in and gave my contract, which is the state contract municipality can buy from and contract, but that doesn't provide for the unlimited usage the contract negotiated and for proposing is what the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania it's for all the state offices. It's for any local municipality.

Councilman Orzechowski 55:49
I appreciate that, but I don't care about government.
Speaker from the audiance 55:53
You couldn't cancel the ranking payment. I knew the equipment started getting a little tired, so I was going to not take you into some new product. Your cost would be a little bit less. Likely members now they're going to be a bit less and then today's economy. I mean, when you save money on anything, it's good, but we couldn't cancel those payments using the cardboard contract. We have got a special exception to cancel 11 payments left here. Left there. And the other thing we were doing is we were to take the shaking down here, and it had a technician go over it thoroughly and put that upstairs as a convenience machine. So, if one of the machines is down, you have another one backing it up for how long, for however long you want. And the only thing is that it's 10 bucks a month for the service and

supplies on leisure charge less than a penny per page. And then I'm looking at the real high volume up there. You know, it might be an extra $20

Councilman Orzechowski 56:59
And while you're here, because mayor, I'd ask it, I don't know what this is. There's black and white, 5500 4500 or $5,400 what is that? Is that the one at the police station?

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:12
Yes, the it's interesting, because I asked Linda to give me some estimation. So how much you pay Prince, we're doing here and at the police station, we do 5500 prints here, 4500 prints at the police station. So that's just a typical

Councilman Orzechowski 57:28
average according to this. And you don't have this in front of you, so I'm not quite sure. I'll have to ask the mayor or our city administrator if this is right. There's a current Xerox, and then there's the Xerox Costars, and he's talking about the COSTAR. That's the new plan that he just brought. Yes. So, if that's the case, this is a contract between Xerox and the Commonwealth,

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:55
Which is a COSTAR. That is what COSTAR is. It's states with it, separate contractors. With the separate contract,

speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 58:06
There's no contract.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:08
Is a special contract?

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:10
Xerox negotiating with the state. So it's not on here. That is the last one he gave us, last one when I was

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 58:29
Here, last time he got expired. Thank you. Unfortunately, they told us it was coming at a small price increase coming up about $10 a month, but it's because there's, you know, world economic conditions, so it's gone up a little bit. Yeah, 10 bucks. But if you look at the blue payment, $543 a month with both machines, it saves you $100 a month. $4,800 over four years, there's no money though, training, installation, networking, brand new stuff, state of the arts. And it's, you know, heck of a program. The removal charges. It's a shorter plan. Do

Councilman Orzechowski 59:11
Do we currently have this one set up for facts?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:17

No we have a separate, we have a separate machine sitting right beside it is facts, okay, it's always an issue. I'm going to leave this with you also. This is the actual contract. Give it to our solicitor. I take it, look at it.

59:40

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 59:51
You got so much going on running the city and everything and everything that you're going through. My goal was making this as easy as possible. And you. I can look at all those different proposals you have, and I can pick them all apart and show you what you're not getting and what you are getting, and what the advantage might be and the disadvantage. And you know, I'm willing to do that,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:11
if we're going to do that, I would also invite manufacturers from them to come in and give do the same to you as well.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh 1:00:29
I first saw the other place, they've had like, six machines that release from different locations, they didn't even know what they were paying or when they were paying, and I bought out all of them when they were paying and they bought out all these leases.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:52
I remember, no, this is a work session. This is not a voting session.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:00:59
I have a question. I see that it says coverage excludes paper, okay? Because I thought if, boy, if you include a paper, that would be like the biggest deal ever,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:10
Everything but the paper, basically.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:11
So this is like everybody else's auto refill.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 1:01:24
machines that I work for, it reports the Xerox supply. I try to make it as simple as possible. I have proposed a generator. I can show you some of these short stories. You know, it actually has artificial intelligence.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 1:01:51
Thats an inside inside joke, there's one touch.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:02:14
Oh, that reminds me. Are these capable for doing secure print?

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh 1:02:30
These are full color machines too. Compared to black and white, you're getting the more advanced machines.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:02:41
So you set up the secure print, also secure print in and then you come to the machine. I know that, but you still have to still set it up ahead of time for employees to have their own four-digit code.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 1:03:05
No, that's not what. Okay, you're talking about accountable.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:03:09
No, no, I'm talking secure to print where I'm given 12346, I print my print jobs, they sit in the queue until I go upstairs. Well, Maybe wouldn't be up there, but if it wouldn't be, and we had the one, and we had the one, they could come down at the end of the day, put 12346, and all their print jobs will come out. Yeah, okay. I mean you would be able to set that up.

Speaker from the audience Tom Strassbaugh Xerox 1:03:32
Oh absolutely. And the officers will set up full accounting too. So these machines, however, I guess it doesn't matter, though, because the colors are pretty perfect.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:42
Those other contracts. In Any case, I'd like to try to bring this to an end move on to the Next one, okay, thank you.

Mike Korposh 1:04:32
No, no, everybody else did. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:41
The garbage bills that we want to talk about is pretty simple little thing, and this is really because there was such a debate that occurred when we did the garbage bills last year. I want to make sure that we don't do the same thing again this year, that, as it was, there is a processing cost that it cost the city. To process garbage bills. You can make one payment they entered into the system, and it's a one-time deal. It requires somebody from the Treasury Department, one from one transaction. You do it four times, once every quarter. We put a slight premium on it, of a couple bucks to cover the the the additional processing time, doing it four times a year, as opposed to once a year. Then we did monthly and we dropped it down to no additional cost. And what's really done is this caused all kinds of headaches in the Treasury Department for them just keeping track of the monthly payments. And it's not being very well managed by the people either. It's difficult for them to understand they got to come in and make the payment every month. They forget, blah, blah, blah. It's just a management nightmare doing monthly things. If we're going to offer monthly payments, we need to make sure that we put a little bit of a premium on it so we can cover the notifications additional time that it takes their our Treasury Department to process us. And that's the only thing I really wanted to get across during this,

this work session. We're not at the point that we wanted to find what the garbage bills are going to be next year. We know what the amount is going to be, but when we sit down and start figuring out this all out, we need to look at that and make sure we do it appropriately, fairly and across the board.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:19
So tell me what's the percentage of people that have set up monthly accounts?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:24
I don't know that number.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:25
That'll be a first place. We got to start, because if it's a very low number, I'm looking this and going, sorry, it's not difficult,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:32
But it's taken a lot of time. It truly is simple spreadsheet put their name in. Simple spreadsheets are not simple. When you're trying to do a county like this.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:44
Sorry, can't go there on that one. I don't believe that

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:48
Well, what we have now is not working, is all I can say. The like I say is nothing other than a recommendation that we come up with a plan that's this more workable with the Treasury Department. The actuary Acrisure and Mockenhaupht contract. As everybody's well aware, Mockenhaupt is somebody we'd be used for an actuary for quite some time. How they came to be within the city, I don't really know. Don't really care, but they were bought out by Accusure, and Accusure has taken over the Mockenhaupt contract that they have with us in talking with all the other actuaries that are out there. There are a couple things that come to mind. First off, if we're going to change actuaries, that requires that the Pension Board starts. The Pension Board has to recommend changing the actuaries and go there first, and then it has to have a bidding process where we do request for promotion for proposal. It is a long, drawn-out process. And last but not least, you change in the middle of a year you really just bungle up all your reporting and so forth. It has been the recommendation of everybody that we've talked to that we do all this Prelude, the Pension Board there, the request for proposals and so forth, such that it occurs where we can pick a different company. Should we decide to pick a different company at the end of the physical year when, when it fits the accounting process best? That all the year processing has been done, the numbers have been developed to present it to the auditors and so forth. So that's where we are with the aka sure Mockenhaupt contract. The bottom line is, I don't think we have a choice. We're going to have to use Acrisure until we get through this year. If anybody wants to comment on that, that's fine. That's just my recommendation.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:06
One of the things that we're going to have on the next agenda is the awarding the contract on Marion and Pacific Boulevard. And I think that that's probably going to be the extent of that. We'll talk about the

rest of it, but there, there may be some money. We can do some additional roads, but the Marion and Pacific boulevards are roads that were impacted by PNG. PNG has given the money to get them fixed. This comes from PNG funds. We need to, we need to authorize that during the voting session and move forward with

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:43
Okay, so I have a big question. Okay, that's true. We should have $154,000 in the paving account for that project.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:57
That's something that we need to talk about. We need to. Figure out right now, there's nothing that comes to everything that goes to the Treasury Department. The Treasury Department needs some sort of guidelines that when they receive a check from PNG, they need to be able to determine whether is this a permit fee or is this a paving money for paving and then they deposit it into either the general account for permits, or they deposit it into a paving account for paving money. This is all done at the Treasury Department, and this is the reason why that hasn't happened, clearly, because they haven't got that information yet. We need to figure out a way to make that happen, define a policy, make sure that PNG clearly identifies what this money is intended for, and so forth. And part of this is because permits go through Marlene. Marlene brings over the stuff, then, then, then Amy gets some, some money in from, from, in the mail, and she just doesn't know where it goes, so she puts it in the general account, we can, if we understand what it is, we can move it to the paving account. I don't have an issue with that. It's just that this should really be done by the Treasury Department when they receive the money.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:11:17
But I'm going to have the emotion for next meeting to move the 154,000 out of the general fund to the paving account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:23
Perfect. That's exactly what we did on the first $45,000 Exactly. That's perfect. I got no issue with that at all

Joseph Dalfonso 1:11:30
So it wouldn't be a total of 154,000 it would be $109,090

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:36
$109 the 45,000 Marion was for Marion, we already have that money over there. Yes, there was a was a spreadsheet that that Linda prepared. I don't know that I printed it out and brought it here with me.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:11:53
There was a second agreement for Pacific. Yes, these were just combined to go out the bid together. Right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:12:05

Yeah, I don't think I brought that down here. There's another spreadsheet that she prepared that had all of them there, and she was asking, which of these are our permits, and which of them are paving? Okay? It's not entirely obvious. So anyway, yeah, I agree. We need to make a motion to move the $109,000 over there and get that done at the next meeting. That would be very wise to do.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:12:34
Yeah, and I would think not blame it on anybody. But I mean, it's as simple as somebody gets up and asks a question, Hey, we got this from PNG. Where does it go?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:12:46
From hundreds of different places. Why is PNG any different than the hundreds of others that you get? We're not getting hundreds of checks. We get hundreds of checks by the Treasury Department.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:12:56
Well, somebody's hiding them. If you're talking personal checks, that's totally different.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:05
Well, anyway, we can do that, and I agree with that wholeheartedly. The next is a discussion of a resolution to repair repeal resolution 10 of 2001 relative to the amendment of the city's pension plan. It needs to be discussed this time, and we need to vote on it at the next meeting. Maybe you should really explain what we're doing here.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:13:27
This is, this was from, I think, the 2021 audit, or the audit of 2021 there was a resolution that somehow the auditors found from 2001 where the city passed to try to amend the pension ordinance. Can't amend the ordinance through a resolution, despite the city saying, hey, we're not enforcing this because it's a resolution. We understand that they would like it off the city's books.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:55
Make sense to me. Simplify and add lightness. I like it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:09
Wow. We got through it all. It's time for Tony. Give us your stuff. Tony motion to pay the bills.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:19
Motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund the amount of $61,647.43.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:24
is there a second second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:14:25
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:25

Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:14:27
Council person Cosner? Yes. Councilman Nester aye, Councilor Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:33
Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund account in the amount of $4,027.46

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:40
Is there a second second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:14:42
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:42
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:14:44
Council person, Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Council member Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:50
Motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund an amount of $23,727.18

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:56
Is there a second second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:14:57
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:57
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:14:59
Council Person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:15:05
Motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund in the amount of $10,222.88

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:11
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:15:11

Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:12
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:15:14
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer Yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:15:19
Yes. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreation funded amount of $561.48

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:25
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 1:15:26
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:26
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:15:29
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:15:34
Motion to pay the following invoice from liquid fuels fund the amount of $8,759.77

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:40
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 1:15:41
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:41
Any questions? Call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:15:43
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:15:49
Motion to approve the transfer of $74,665 from the general fund to the payroll account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:55
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 1:15:55
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:15:56
Any questions? Call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:15:58
council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:16:04
Motion to transfer $1,407 from the general fund to the health care account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:08
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:16:09
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:10
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:16:12
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, Yes Mayor Mozer Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:16:17
Motion to approve civil rehabilitation project phase three, the payment resolution and certificate number 32 in the amount of $39,037.30 for the phase three for Work performed from April 26 2025 through May 31 2025 by WEC Engineering.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:34
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:16:34
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:35
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:16:37

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

Councilman Orzechowski 1:16:42
Motion to approve sewer rehabilitation project phase three, payment, resolution and certificate in the amount of $220,098.80 for Phase Three work performed from May 1 2025 through May 31 2025 by inside pipe contracting.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:57
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:16:58
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:58
Any questions? Call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:17:00
Council person. Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:05
Motion to pay CFS bank in the amount of $50,000 from the general fund is payment towards the remaining balance of the Tandon.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:13
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:17:14
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:14
Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:15
By the way, after this, there'll be $184,000 balance.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:19
Perfect. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:21
Call the roll

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:17:22

Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nester aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:29
And like to just quickly don't for discussion on I think we should consider using and some of some do use it, some don't. So we I think we should all be on the same page, out of office and Outlook, so the staff knows when people are off or when they're going to be off ahead of time.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:48
I don't have an issue with that, as long as it's planned out of office. If she gets struck by a car and you're in the hospital, obviously you're not going to be able to do that. But I agree 100% we should probably ask council too, like before, out on vacation or something of that nature.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:05
We should probably, yeah, we can one, one thing that I do, and this is just me, and I'm just different than everybody else. My phone is forwarded to my cellphone, so you call the city hall and ask for the mayor. It doesn't matter if it's 10 o'clock at night, eight o'clock in the morning I'm in Europe or whatever, it rings on my phone, so I get that phone call regardless, and I get my Outlook email on my phone and on my iPad regardless of where I am, because Internet just happens to work worldwide. So I see absolutely no reason why I would ever put it out of the office on there, because I'm always on, available and always considered be available

Councilman Orzechowski 1:18:43
If you're going to be out, maybe for you, yes, but if somebody else is going to be, or anybody else is going to be out, or out and about or half a day and things like that, and you're trying, you don't know that you're saying. You're trying to send somebody a question. It doesn't happen until the person comes back and doesn't know what's going, you don't know what's going on

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:06
Well, and that's possible. We define the criteria. If you have it on your cell phone or whatever, that's one thing. If it's not, then that's something else.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:19:17
I'm not expecting it to be on people's cell phones. I am asking that it is in your Outlook, on your computer.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:25
That's what I as an example. You don't use a computer. You use your cellphone. You always, you're always available. Yes, unless you're in a meeting, I see it. We get you. I see it, right? Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:19:34
But if someone's out of the office here, like, I'll give you the perfect example, Linda, this afternoon, late, around 430 quarter to five, sent out the last she sent me the thing about what would be my totals and everything else. And I responded back to her. I had a question. She's out of the office till Monday. Now,

that's right, I wouldn't have known that, had she done that. Well, that's the reason for having out of office, right? I. So I'm just saying there's no reason I'm

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:20:02
I'm okay saying that's a common curtesy that I think everybody should, should abide by. If you're not available to respond, you need to put a note on your office, you're out of office.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:20:13
Yeah and you're going to be out. Put it on. If you're going to, you're on vacation, we're not going to bug you. Put it on. That's fine. Do that individually. You know, it's on your account, yeah, and you can share your account with other people if you want, but it's as simple as File Options, and it says they're out of office. You click on it, and you just define the dates and the times, and you can put a description if I will not be available and I'm not reachable in such and such a time. You click that and it automatically does the rest.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:20:43
Okay, I'll show you how that works. Thanks. It's not a problem that's easy.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:20:49
Billions of people use it every day. Cool.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:20:56
Louis Thomas is not here today, and just pray for us all. I can say, John, do you have anything you'd like to talk about?

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:05
Thank you, Honorable Mayor. I was going to give my full packet, but I just think about the lack of participants, I will wait till next. Yeah, I'm going to put it in my van and push it back another meeting. Really, there's no one here really fussing, but it didn't matter. So that, and then I just wanted to talk about I've been getting, I'm sure a council person, causer has been getting slammed too, with the parking issues again, down on Schoonmaker.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:21:38
Oh yeah, yeah,

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:40
anytime, sometimes I go there, I like, put a disguise on or something. But I was just looking around. I was thinking we own the lot that's next to Douglas Apartments and it's next to the parking garage. Is there any way to put rocks or something of that nature, where it's drivable, park able, and then have a street opening, since the one that's open for the park or for the parking garage is closed now, so cars can park in front of it, have a new opening, and have people park in that in that area, down on that hill. And we are probably and that would stop. I mean, we cut the grass everything we own the property. I mean, that would give someone space to have nice, clean access across you can ask Rodney or somebody in the Streets Department to give us a number.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:22:30
What did it take to do that? I don't have a problem with that. I mean, Chief, would you have an issue with that?

Councilman John Nestor 1:22:44
Yeah, okay. But, I mean, I just was looking at that line like, we own it, we're cutting it, we're not utilizing it. I mean, I understand there's a mailbox there, but there wouldn't be I don't think that'd be an issue getting around that. I don't know, but I'm just trying to think of

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:22:58
Some, how many spots would that open up?

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:00
Oh, you could probably Park probably 20 cars in there.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:05
That'd be significant.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:23:09
And I know she'd be thrilled, because it cuts down our businesses. They can't replace the park, and a lot of her customers are older, they can't walk as far. They can't

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:18
I noticed, yeah, it's right across the street from our door too.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:23:22
It'd be perfect. Perfect. Should, should be thrilled. So

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:25
The question is, do we need to get engineering involved to?

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:28
I would make this work. I would like to see that happen because implemented

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:32
by the Streets Department, yeah.

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:35
I mean, because, I mean, I don't see why that would be an issue, like coming out of there because we already had a parking garage at one time.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:43

I don't. I can. I can reach out to Tony Vitale and ask him to give us a plan to do this thing, get Rodney to implement it.

Councilman John Nestor 1:23:53
Because, I mean, so what's used to cutting the grass? We're not. We can't do something with that lot. Okay? I mean, I hate to see parking lots downtown. Don't get me wrong, I hate to see that, but this one, actually.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:24:04
I like to see parking lots as long as there's businesses exactly drives it,

Councilman John Nestor 1:24:10
But then that's all I have. Mayor, thank you. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:24:14
Karen, your turn. Well,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:24:16
Update on the Billy price concert. We met one day. Was it this week? I think so. Yeah. At the park? I think things are moving ahead. We've gotten some volunteers, and when all of our donations we grants, and we'll have over $25,000 set aside for the whole series of concerts, and that money is being placed in the park budget, but Linda's earmarking it for these, for the grants and everything. So, I think, I think we're going to have a large turnout. I hope that everybody shows up. If you know people who want to help with directing traffic and things like that, would be thrilled to have them.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:24:58
I think. That one of the things that we need to do over the course of the next two weeks is enter in a bunch of requisitions, yeah, for all the different things that need to be paid. And therefore, at the next meeting, we have the checks available for printing and will be available for us to distribute it upon the completion of the concert, the concert, right? The band, the band, the sound and advertisements, signs,

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:24
Sorry to interrupt. I apologize. Do we have any more yard signs for the Billy price thing? I was going to put one of them in my my yard.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:33
There is one over there, right underneath you.

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:37
Don't mind if I throw it in my yard. I like it. Good idea. Thank You!

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:44
We'll bring you a new one for next time at this concert, We got one for you.

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:48
I don't mind if the city put one in. You know, my property, it's heavy

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:52
This really stands an excellent opportunity of being quite an event for the city of Monessen. It's going to require a lot of work. We don't have as many volunteers we'd like to have, but the volunteers we have are dedicated and willing to go the extra mile. I really have great hopes that this is going to be a big bill, a big deal, and I really expect that the second one. People are going to Google. Wow, that was the first one. It was good. Let's see. I want to see the second one. It'll be more people in the second one. So it's just, it's a challenge. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:26:31
I think we're moving ahead. And the Knights of Columbus was kind enough to let us use their lots of parking if people need that. We wrote a letter, and they said, that's fine. So, we're excited. I think it's going to be great. Thank you very much. Let's just hope that it's a beautiful day like today. Yeah,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:26:45
We will. We have no rain day. If it gets rained out, the count the concerts canceled, there will be no rain date. Rain date, just not something we can do. So, this will either be a big success or not nothing at all. But unless it's a downpour, you can expect, we're going to be out there.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:27:10
Okay, we've gotten five different bids for the HVAC either only one had within their bid to repair the units and the others were strictly replacing. And the last time they were all replaced within 2002 and I think Dave said, and I've read some place, it was through a grant. So when we look at grants.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:27:35
We can look at anything.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:27:38
Anybody know what kind of grant would grant for equipment like that. Instead of programming,

Mike Korposh 1:27:46
We've started it with Dave,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:27:47
Now with a grand opportunity. So have more information at the next meeting. The problem is, is that we're running into by the next meeting, it could be so miserable in the library that it becomes a non-usable thing. The concept that I had, and it's just a concept for whatever it's worth, was, let's make work what we can do work at the least possible cost. And that was, there's one of them that has a bad compressor. Replace the compressor. That's a known price, and we can get that done. The other one has a leak in the system. A leak in the system is one of those things that maybe it's something that's easily found, maybe it's not, but leaks can be fixed. So, one of them was, was to fix a leak in it that

would get two of the air conditioners working again, to some degree. And I think that there's one working now? Is that correct?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:28:42
Oh, I was there the other day, and it was a warm day, and I was surprised. It was cool. How is that possible?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:28:48
I think there's, I think there's one working. One must be working. There's one that's working right now. That would get three of them working, and we would be able to exist. I'm not advocating until we find funding replacing all of them myself. We can't, but I do think we ought to be looking for ways to do that. We've got. The sad part about it is we have got lots of HVAC companies around the area. You call them up and say, we need these air conditioners to work. They look at these air conditioners, they say, oh, that's just old. It's decrepit. It needs to be replaced, and it's going to be $14,000 whatever the price is for replacing the air conditioner only. Godla knows that system well enough to say, I know that I can replace that compressor. I know that this one has a leak in the system, and I can fix that leak. Only He is is willing to do it at that level. Everybody else that we've asked to come over there is looking at it saying, Oh, my goodness, these got to be replaced. Now, Council can do what they want, but that's where it's at, right now, you.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner
Okay, then this for the tree removal. If you remember, we've received a grant for that tree removal and then to plant some additional trees. And we have had two companies come out and look at the trees. . Trees were tagged that tandare coming down. I think one maybe is going to be pruned, but it was Dylan tree removal, and he said he could tell by looking at them. Then in a few years, they're going to need to be taken down. So why even prune them? And he had given us a bid for $7,500 but we're thinking that that he needs to come out and give us another bid that was too low compared to the other company, MCs, who gave us a bid for 17,000. We thought this is too much of a disparity. Somebody wasn't looking at the full job.

Mayor Ron Mozer
You sit down with him, make sure he understands what, understands what he's got, what they are

Mike Korposh
Saturday to do that. So and we'll have a comparable, okay, I thought it was fair to do

Councilwoman Karen Cosner
So, yeah, and some of those trees are in very precarious positions.

Mayor Ron Mozer
How much money did we receive His grant to get this project done?

Mike Korposh
72,000 but over, but over, yeah, two to three year period, but this will be half of it if we come up with these bids and move forward for implementation. So DCNR is going to allocate around.

Mayor Ron Mozer
Sounds like a perfect deal. Let's evaluate his bid. Just make sure that he's very good. And I thought it was fair to Karen. I think you talked before. The same thing happens when we pave roads. We go out for bids; we spec it out. It's going to take this much material, this much distance we're doing. We give it to everybody, and somebody under bids. It by 20 half the price of somebody else, and you have to look at it. Are they really capable of doing that job at that price?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner
You've got to look at it again. This doesn't even make sense. Okay, let's look at it again. And then they said it was a two day job. I like to see that those trees are masses, yeah. And I don't want them to end up on the amphitheater, no.

Mayor Ron Mozer
Nor do I want them in and up in the in the rivers and going down. That's true. One correction, okay.

Councilman Orzechowski
You mean you mentioned about getting the for the library and getting. Just fixed, basically, okay. When I rejected that quote, I told everybody why I rejected it, and it's been crickets since then.

Mayor Ron Mozer
I've got new quotes, and I put them on everybody's table here. There's a quote from Godla for doing the basic repairing the one right, and that needs to be updated. I sat down with Godla. I said that the price was still good? He said, No, I That's why I did not say yes, because I said prices have gone up, tariffs and everything else, and I haven't seen anything. That's because we don't haven't seen it either. I'm just making this very clear, there's not been another requisition put in the system until we get all the numbers together, and when we get all the numbers, get all the numbers together,

Councilman Orzechowski
We'll put them together and we'll provide it here. But I just it's not hanging on us. Be clear. That's what happened.

Mayor Ron Mozer
I'm just saying that we're trying to get these numbers updated, and I do think it'll happen very quickly. Anything else I'd like to make a motion for adjournment.

So moved

Mayor Ron Mozer
at 8:04pm, thank you.
Applause.

ATTEST:

Linda Matthews / City Clerk

SIGNED:

Ron Mozer / Mayor