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SPEAKERS

Councilman John Nestor, Pastor John Custer, Mayor Ron Mozer, George Newsome, Earnie Telegraphis, Speaker 2, Mike Korposh, Joseph Dalfonso, Delmar Hepple, Chief Dave Yuhasz, Speaker 1, Councilman Orzechowski, Councilman Orzechowski, Councilperson Karen Cosner, Linda Lacy, Mon Valley EMS, Dennis Martinak

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:06
It's now 630, I'd like to call this July 10 city council work session to order. Can I have a roll call please?

Mike Korposh Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor present. Council person, Thomas. Councilman Orzechowski, here, Mayor Mozer present. Mayor, we have four members present, one absent and note a quorum for this evening.

Mayor Mozer: Thank you. This time, I'd like to invite Pastor Custer to lead us in prayer.

Pastor John Custer 00:42
Amen. Would you pray with me tonight, Lord, we just want to give thanks to you. Just spend a moment or two to just thank you for the positive, good, wonderful things that are taking place in this life in Monessen. We have so much to give thanks for. We're not at war. There's no plague passing through the population. There's no massive civil unrest. There's peace. So, we're grateful for this. And you've given us a start another week here to work on life here. And so, I pray that You would give tonight wisdom right from your right, from your throne to the good council members who the citizens have selected here to work on in our behalf life here in Monessen, unless you build the house, they that labor in vain. They will just labor in vain because you're not building it. But tonight, put your thoughts in their heads and bless them. I pray so we thank you for all these, these good things, and we ask You for this sort of assistance right tonight. We ask this because of your amazing, continued watch, care and love for the people in this room, the people in this city and all that pertains to it. Amen and Amen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:01
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 the

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:25
There's a minutes have been distributed to everybody in the for June the 12th and June 26 when ready, appreciate a motion to accept it.

Councilman John Nestor 02:37
Mayor, motion to approve the minutes for the previous session of June 12, 2025, and June 26, 2025,

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:43
is there a second?

Councilman Orzechowski 02:44
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:45
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 02:48
Council person, Cosner? Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:56
At this time, I'd like to invite public comment to the mayor on agenda items only limited to three minutes. Thank you.

Earnie Telegraphis 03:07
Ernie Telegraphis, 29 Rex, page three, Councilman Tony. This deed says motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund. Where is his grant fund? Police? The police have 13,000

Councilman Orzechowski Yes, that's not how much it is 03:27
is that gripe police have. I'll report it later, but it's 150/8002 158,000 they get it from drug busts and from the county and everything else.

Earnie Telegraphis 03:41
They're not Compton. Are buying their own inventory.

Mayor Ron Mozer They're all you have a strict requirement on what they can spend the money on and what they can't.

Earnie Telegraphis 03:49
So they can't buy no other vehicles, not out of that money.

Mike Korposh You can not.

Mike Korposh 03:59

Mayor Ron Mozer They buy an open piggy bank that they have money to spend on it. They have to. have criteria where they can spend things on and that's not set by us, that's set by the state, and then the county. Most of the county, I think it's a district attorney,

Earnie Telegraphis 04:16
A little bit higher, a little bit higher than if you could buy, if you could buy tear gas guns can't you? Oh, you put this, you can't.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:29
Okay, so,

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:35
And if you read Attachment D on there, Ernie, I didn't get to be okay, but it tells you that it's for tactical radio equipment that's

Earnie Telegraphis 04:43
I read it. Yeah, this would be a lot more they could do with it,

Mike Korposh 04:48
But that's what they're doing right now with it. Give them a chance.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:51
Alright? Now this goes back to 50,000 2d Single applications, purchase of two new police vehicles so they can't use none of their 158,000

Councilman Orzechowski 05:11
It's on page 2f not for police vehicles. They can't and, no, they can't use that at all. There's a discussion about that, so you want to wait for the discussion on that.

Earnie Telegraphis 05:21
Okay, then number LSA grant application. What's that about? It doesn't say

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:26
That's what we'll talk about when we get to it. We just talked about asking

Earnie Telegraphis 05:29
Now I know, but you guys get too much vague stuff

Mayor Ron Mozer here, explained when they get to that section

Earnie Telegraphis 05:36
Okay, now here's another one for the mayor. Good Mon Valley, EMS, what's wrong with it? Are they still underwater?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:46
I'm not saying there's anything wrong with it. Well, we'll talk about that in a few minutes.

Earnie Telegraphis 05:51
Did you just say general issues? You gotta give us a clue. Yeah, one last one who needs a Kubota tractors for streets? What's that about?

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:06
Those are the tractors they use to mow with, or aren't they worker? The ones we got. We'll talk about that when we get to that too.

Earnie Telegraphis 06:13
You better be all in detail now. Okay, you're OK,

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:26
Anybody else? All

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:31
Right, let's continue on. then.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:38
It's been a rather interesting couple weeks since we met here, before we had a major storm that occurred. And that's probably one of the primary things that happened. That major storm brought something in the order of three inches of rain in a period of four hours. That much rain all at once is just coming down by the bucket loads, and it did cause a lot of water problems, water issues throughout the city. To that end, there's about nine different sites that I've directed the engineer to work on to address some of those issues, and that's been part, a big part of what's taking place. Above and beyond that. I also had some conversations with EMS, which we'll talk more about in a few minutes, and George Newsome and Dennis Martinak with the STMP program, which we'll also talk about in a few minutes. With that, I think that we have been on with it. This has been a tough period for a lot of different people. Our EMS has done an outstanding job in supporting us. When I say EMS, I'm talking about EMS in general, we have not only the Mon Valley EMS that supports us here, but we have Ross River, Tri County, Washington. There's a there's a number of EMS services that come to it, to the aid. There's been some discussion about whether our EMS is, is, is addressing enough of the issue. And I would like to make it very clear to everybody that, if you take them the 911 when you make a call to 911 they basically go through a series of questions, is this serious? What's the problem? You know, you have problem breathing, heart attack, whatever the case may be. And they assign priority to that. And that priority has some suggested time periods that they expect the EMS to arrive in. And I would like to say that in almost every single case in the last month, an EMS has arrived within the time frame that the

911 asks that they be responded to, and that ranges anywhere from 15 minutes to as little as five minutes. There's only one case I think that I saw in all the records that was longer, and that was for a very minor incident. But with that said, if you look at the statistics, and this comes directly from 911, center in Greensburg, when you call 911 they keep very detailed records about what transpires with that, what the problem is, who's dispatched, when they acknowledge the dispatch, when they arrive on site, what when they when they depart from on site, when they go, where they go, and all the way back to when they report back in quarters. It's very detailed, and they're all-time stamped events. That is very is logged with a lot of precision. The point being is it looks to me like there's the EMS as good as they are, and has some room for improvement. And., I don't think that they would deny that. What I would like to suggest is that we, and this is really something that was put together at their request, a Advisory Board, or whatever you want to call it. This advisory board would basically consist of three or four people that would meet periodically and give advice to the Mon Valley EMS on how they might improve or some of the problems that they've run into. To that end, I would suggest that John Nestor, being our public safety person, be on that board. I would also suggest that Delmar Heppel and Chief Yuhasz be on that board. And if he accepts it, I will also suggest that Michael Singel, our, Emergency Coordinator. Emergency Coordinator is also on that board. That would be four people that I think are very well in tune to what's going on, how it functions and what needs to be done to make improvements to that end, I would also suggest that the numbers that we got from Greensburg were 82% that our Mon Valley EMS responded To 82% of the calls that were made by the 82%

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:25
I asked him, "Is that normal for the thing? They couldn't even give me that answer. They just said, all we look at is yours. I would like to suggest that, with the help of the visionary, I'd like to give them a goal that over the course of the next six months, they raise that up to 90% and that would be the goal that I would ask that everybody work with now there this. The problem that we have is not unique to Monessen, not by any stretch of the imagination. The ambulance EMS services nationwide are having the same problem that we're having here. They are having the problem throughout the state. They're having the problem throughout the county. It is a problem. I don't want to see us go like Jeanette did, where all of a sudden you have no EMS at all. That is not an option that I'm willing to comply with. I want to see this work. I want to see them thrive. I want to see them profitable. And that's the goal that I would like to establish. Is there anybody else on council who would like to add anything else to that?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 12:32
I attended a meeting there last night, just as the informational meeting, and I was really grateful that you invited me, and I learned a lot about it, and I think it's important we have their presence here in Monessen, because I think seems like a lot of the people on they are employed there, and volunteers are from Monessen, so they have a commitment to this. And I understand that this has been around since 1969 which is a long time. So, I'm again, grateful you invited me, and I think it's whatever we can do to help and work on a plan would be good.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:05
Let's continue on, then

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:09

The STMP program. I also had the pleasure of having lunch with George Newsome and Dennis Martinak earlier this week, George Newsome being the DCED Coordinator for the STMP program, and Dennis Martinak being the person that we've selected for running our program this year now that will be voted on two weeks from today. So, I'm not I'm talking a little bit in pretense, right? That's what I'm saying. It'll be two weeks, two weeks, we won't do this now. To that end, I also had a very good conversation with people in Sharpsburg. Sharpsburg is a borough. They're about half the size we are, but nonetheless, they've been through the STMP program and talked to them for quite some time, quite a bit of time with on the phone with them. They have nothing but positive things to say about the STMP program. And the one thing that you really got to understand is the STMP program is not the EIP program or whatever it was that early intervention program. It is not that that is not what it is. The STMP Program is a program that has been redesigned by the state, and it's one in which the council and the community as a whole determines what the problems are within the city. And there's a whole process that goes through with economic analysis and so forth. But in the end, there's they will identify, and it's basically a cooperative effort with everybody involved the issues within the city that need to have investment made into them. And the neat thing about the STMP program is for every dollar you put in, they put in $9 so. It's a fantastic opportunity to work with Dennis and George. are here like him, George, you have anything you'd like to add to this?

George Newsome 15:18
Good evening, everybody, and thank you for having me here again. Sorry for the hoarseness is bad. Allergy season for me. So, if you hear a snort, I apologize in advance. But if any of this sounds familiar to you, then that's a good thing, because we presented initially this before a couple of months ago. STMP is the acronym for strategic management, planning programs, local government for the state. I should say, talks in acronyms all the times, and I don't always know what we're talking about, but we have a ton of acronyms that we use this program Council applied to the state for and what it does is it gives you a road map, kind of a foundation for how to achieve more projects for your community. And for instance, you can't just, you know, apply to the state and say, you know, hey, we want a, b, c and d, and get it through. There's a whole process that has to take place. And step is, is that process, what you've done to date is you've received the funding for the stamp grant, which is a great thing. You've already been awarded that. So now you're in the process of choosing a consultant to take you through that process. What the consultant does is, as the mayor said, is they'll take you through six steps of a deep dive into your finances, financial operations, audits, multiyear adoption and five-year information planning and all that good stuff. It takes probably about a four-to-five-month process to get all that completed. When they're done with that, they're going to have a lot of recommendations. And I have one done in the city of La Trobe. When they're done, you get a nice little booklet, you know, kind of like this, and it has all these beautiful recommendations, as in the conclusionary part of the document. And this one done for Latrobe has 90 recommendations in it, and you have to have the recommendations on paper, because recommendations create projects and projects create funding. I have to say that again, because that's important. Recommendations create projects and projects create funding. And so if it's in the recommendations, it can be possible. Possibly fundable. Doesn't mean it's always going to be fundable, but it has more of a chance to get funding if it's in the recommendations. So, what will you guys do with your consultant? You guys are choosing to hire a consultant. You're going to work closely with consultants and say, Hey, we want you to look at this in the city. We want this to be a potential project. We want you to look at this in the city. You want this to be codification of ordinances, updating

it. You know, maybe all the police need new computers in their cars. I don't know. Maybe you need better recordable devices for your council chambers. I don't know. Maybe we need more computers upstairs, now, to run your fight. Maybe you need new software, you know, those kinds of things, you know? So those kinds of things, after in the recommendations, they become projects, and they can be fundable. So, I'm here to take you through that process, you know, I'm here the whole, whole way through. You can, I guess, apply for any number of recommendations, if you've closed out the previous recommendation, you know. So, if you apply for one thing, you close it out. You can apply for another thing, you close out, you apply for another thing. Close out. They all become subsequent phases, and you can do that for up to five years. I'll be with you for at least five years throughout this process that you'll be going through, and I'll be working with the mayor and with Mike to go through that process, or whoever else you guys deem that I'll be working with as a point of contact person. That's fine with me. I'm local. I'm not far away. I live about a mile away from Kennywood Park, so it's about a , 45-to-50-minute drive to get here. That's not a problem. I. Yeah, and that's me, so I want to turn this over to Dennis too, so he can talk about some of the recommendations and some of the projects that some of the consultants have helped communities get funding for that make sense. Any questions about anything I have just said, and you can always call me, the mayor and Mike. Have my contacts. I respond to council and to residents, answer questions as well. Anybody can call me, and that's not a problem. Email is probably best, but you can certainly call me. I'd like to keep an email, so we don't have any miscommunication about your inquiries and how I answered them. I would like to keep a record of that so there's no problems that he said, she said, stuff. Any questions for me at this point, I'll turn it over to Dennis. Thank you, George.

Dennis Martinak 20:58
Thanks, George. I just want to follow up on our meeting the last time I was here in that in that time, I know it's under consideration, I provided a scope of work based on the information, as George had mentioned, it follows the STMP process. And then also, one of the unique items that we looked at there was, there's a there's a component we're going to be looking at is for economic development in a number of different aspects within the city, and how that ties into the stamp process. But Tony, I know you had a question last time on some of the successes, and George had mentioned it. I did have a conversation with Elizabeth Burrow, and one of the recommendations was to hire a borough manager. And I did talk to Scott, who's now the new borough manager. Scott's been down there for quite a while, so he gave me some things that they have done. They've written several grants based on recommendations in the plan, and they've been funded for them because of the plan. And George had mentioned that they sold us now, again, a lot of these are unique to different municipalities. Some will have their own recommendations, but they had a sewage plant that they sold from which they made. Well, they had debts they had to pay, but it was $28 million so they did do that. They did contract police services from Elizabeth Township. They had an area in the town, if I don't know if anybody is familiar with Elizabeth, but there was an area down there they called the hole. But basically, there was a building there, and it was there. It's kind of an eyesore for the longest time, through the recommendations of the STMP they were able to recover $750,000 that was kind of lost in that process. And now they've turned that into one of what used to be an eyesore into one of the jewels downtown. It's a community park right in the middle of town. So that came out of that, he said they became more efficient with the budget. Now they carry a surplus from year to year, which is something that they didn't do. And because of their successes through DCD and George, they received an

additional year of program to codify the boroughs ordinances. So now they're continuing to move on to some of those things. So, I know that you'd ask, but these are just some of the things that he came to mind right off the top of, you know, from some of the things they did with that. Again, the stamp program is, you know, I can't really add too much more to that. I think it's, it is, you know, for the projects we've worked on, we've seen a lot of successes at it, and I think it's, uh, it'll be something that could help the city out. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:38
Thank you so much.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:45
One of the other things that we talked about briefly at the last meeting is the use of a printer here, and our printer is that we have that generates all the paperwork that you have in front of you today is the lease is running out on it, and we started looking at other printers, and it boiled down to coming down to two different vendors, which we'll talk about more in a minute, have really gotten into the point that they've dropped their price significantly over What we're paying for charging. And they're going to allow us to you do color first off and black and white with no charge. In other words, they said we could mail out a color brochure to everybody in town every week, and there would be no charge for toner or anything else. They would cover it. There's no per page print cost. It is a fantastic opportunity. It is better deal than I've ever seen anybody else get. But we have two companies that have come forth and offered that to us, so we're trying to determine between the two, and we'll present that to council before the next meeting that we have for further consideration if anybody. If you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to talk about them

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:12
The next one is animal control. And I'll be real honest, I don't really know that much about this particular process. Chief, would you like to come up and explain a little bit about what we have going on with

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:48
Explain to me what we've got going on and what we need to do,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 25:51
I think we need to, or whatever the contract opens with our current animal patrol. All but forgotten that we possibly look in different avenues. Okay, we're having some difficulties, at times, getting a response. We must go outside the box, for example, the animal cruelty thing we had on a couple Saturdays ago, we had to seek assistance from other entities to assist us. So, I know, I know a little bit enough to get me in trouble. I have signed up for one of my keys, one of my officers is very key to this, and she is very passionate about the dogs and the cats and the animals. And its officer Schrader, which I sort of kind of appointed a deal with joy, to start to see what other options we have. Okay, that's where, that's where I'm at.

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:03
I know we have a contract right now, and I think that contract went to the end of this year, the end of next year, but it has many ways out of this year, in many ways out of it necessary, 2026.

Joseph Dalfonso 27:16
Yeah, there's a 30 day notice to terminate

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:21
Right, so we do have a and there's many promises they made that that perhaps haven't been

Chief Dave Yuhasz 27:29
No, have to sit down. Officer works tomorrow, and I'll give her the copy of the contract I have. It's been very hectic the last few days. Okay, so maybe just give her uses a checklist to see if they are meeting the criteria. If they're not meeting the criteria,

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:51
Well, if she can give us a recommendation of any action we need to take at the next meeting, that would be marvelous. Okay,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 27:57
I'll give her some homework. Okay,

Councilman Orzechowski 28:00
Okay. Thank you very much. I have a question. Yes, this is the first time we're hearing about this, that I'm signing a check every month to the place. If there was a problem, why didn't somebody speak up a long time ago whenever I was writing checks? Well, first off, I think it's been every four months you get a bill from them. No, according to the joy of what I got,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 28:22
We just deal with what we can deal with. You know, at times that we can't get a response, we go on, we carry on. We just have to get the problem solved.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:36
That's fine, but if the problem isn't resolved to us, we can't solve to make sure you don't have a problem anymore.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:42
That' s what we're doing, right at this time. Yeah.

Councilman Orzechowski 28:45
We're going ahead and paying for checks. So, we're going to get, I mean, you give, yeah, I mean, you have a little bit of leverage.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 28:58
Well, now's your time. Now's your chance.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 29:00
Okay, yeah, we'll just, yeah.

Councilman Orzecchowski I'm not blaming 29:02
What you're doing. I'm just saying I just saying,

Speaker 1 29:04
Okay, thank you. Alright.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 29:11
No, direct you to Joe,

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:25
If necessary.

Speaker 1 29:27
Thank you. Now

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:42
We've got our two DCED applications for a total of $50,000 these are somewhat unique. Do you want to try to explain these? Mike,

Mike Korposh 29:51
Basically what what this entails is DCD, under their enterprise grant program, offers two. Uh, grants under the single application process. But they are not competitive. What they are are grants that will be awarded if you submit and they contacted both the chief and me to submit these applications, and we're working on, in fact, tomorrow, to submit it in total, for the $50,000 for the purchase of the two new police vehicles. This would be two

Councilman Orzechowski 30:27
So it won't be tomorrow.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 30:35
I am waiting for the Okay.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:40
Come on here we can use Mike.

Councilman John Nestor 30:45
Get you a lapel.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 30:50
Alright? I'm waiting on a quote from , which rallies was bought out by a company on 51 And they do. They took over the old rallies. And this lady I've been doing what we just got all the cradle points

installed in the cars. Everything's perfect on that aspect. So she is preparing a quote for the maps, the same equipment as in all the cars installation, plus, I've been in talk with Brian up at sea harbor bought a price of he asked what model year? I says, Well, with it being a grant, it's probably going to be a 26 because by the time the paperwork and everything goes through, so I probably won't get that so far early next week, okay,

Mike Korposh 31:52
but the offer has been made to do this. The discussion point to all Council is your approval to move forward on it. So we started the process based on their recommendation. The council will have to tell us that they're okay to do that.

Councilman Orzechowski 32:06
Well, my question is, if two single applications for 50,000 total, right, I think it's great to get money for everybody, but where do you think you're going to come up with for two police cars, the balance of the vehicles?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 32:23
Yeah, it's going to be more a police car. You're looking just a car is 50 to $60,000

Councilman Orzechowski 32:29
spend $56,000 on the new one. We got just one after.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 32:33
I thought it was more. I thought that email from

Councilman Orzechowski 32:38
It might have been 62 after it was completely done, yeah,

Mike Korposh 32:43
State related,

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:44
LSA, one, no, no.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 32:46
One email that I'm sorry Tony, the email I got, and I think I forward to you, was in 100 and some okay, for two vehicles.

Councilman Orzechowski 32:56
So the vehicles are going to leave 60 grand. We paid for the one, new one we got okay after it was totally equipped. Okay, I think that's fantastic. You're submitting grants for 50,000 but where do you plan on coming up with the other $60,000 for the equipment and pay for them?

Mike Korposh 33:15

The question that I had with them was, was this enough of a grant to move ahead with maybe one vehicle. Well, then for one, is what I said. And I think we might be having to look at that, but that's not even enough for one. Well, we're, we're getting close, but, yeah, close

Councilman Orzechowski 33:32
To no cigar if we're, if I said, like I said, we spent 62,000 I know on that new vehicle, after it was detailed and everything. And I think that's fantastic. We're going for more things like that. But again, I'm going to come up and say, where do you think you're going? Where are we coming up with the rest of the money to do this when it's not budgeted?

Mike Korposh 33:50
Well, let me check tomorrow again with the enterprise program to see if it's,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 33:55
I think this is it here. This is a Enterprise E grant system, right? It's $125,000

Mike Korposh 34:04
Okay, I'm sorry. Then, okay, for two or two, that's $70,000

Chief Dave Yuhasz 34:11
We're that's for the grant. I

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:13
think the grant, that's the grant. So the $60,000 is not correct. It's 100 and how much 125 125, first submission that they made, yes,

Mike Korposh 34:22
125 for two vehicles, they came back and talked about that. I think we're going to go with the 125

Chief Dave Yuhasz 34:33
Yeah, and that was early June. Okay, was that email?

Mike Korposh 34:34
So what they needed us to do was to come up with the information on what we would need to purchase and equipment and then come back and talk to them. So, is this number incorrect? I think that it is. Joe, yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:47
Well, no, wait, wait, don't be understand. They're not saying they're going to give us hard $25 we can apply for up to 125,000 we need to come up with the vehicle and the cost and all those different things. Where we're at with it is to determine if we can get

Mike Korposh 35:03
All that together, we'll get an application figure of 50 mayors, basically. So start the process with that, but we feel, and in talking with them, they feel that this is a pretty good thing, that it's not a competitive grant program they're going to award. So if we substantiate it, at least, 50 but yeah, and then we can't move Councilman until you're approved. So that's okay.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:31
So let's, let's take the next step, and say you're only doing one car, and you're, look, you're applying for 50,000

Mike Korposh 35:38
I think we'll go more, is what I'm saying. Will you grab more review this and say we can go for more without any cost on our part, we'll do

Councilman Orzechowski 35:48
that. You said you were submitting this tomorrow.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 35:50
No, we were initially planning to do so. I was waiting to get the estimate back, and I talked to Nina the other day yesterday, actually, she's not going to be able to get the estimate done till early next week.

Mike Korposh 36:04
So I can clarify the parameters of it, and then also get this information so we can get it into the single application from there.

Mike Korposh 36:18
This is confusing

Chief Dave Yuhasz 36:22
Yeah. Ernie wants tear gas

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:33
The bottom line, if we don't have the money to get the car, we don't get the car. Yeah, right. See, they either fund it enough to get the car or they don't. That's pretty easy equation.

Mike Korposh 36:46
They want to see our submission. And yeah, you're right there. So at a base, they would say we could go into the 125, but it's based on what, okay, and do it properly.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:05
Good question. Okay, okay, further discussion on that. The next one talks about the upcoming This is a the local LSA grants, I believe the county, local, local share, which is opens July 1, July 1. So, it's open, open now, and it runs for a period of a month, two months through September, through September.

This is one that we need to get the fire department on board with. We need to get the police department on board with. We need to put together a wish list and put

Councilman John Nestor 37:38
Sorry to interrupt anything from last year already come in yet, like the trucks that we applied for,

Mike Korposh 37:47
white seven, they won't come in till probably October, November, okay, but we've been approved for that local share has been approved,

Councilman John Nestor 37:55
okay, but the state stuff has that been approved. No, no, yeah, yeah. Okay, yeah. The guys wanted to ask absolutely sorry

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:05
In talking with our local representatives, I think we were probably looking at the neighborhood about 35,000 Yes. So that puts a cap on people's wish list.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:21
The next one has to do with people speeding in town. And I've talked about those numerous times. We got to slow down. This is craziness that people are doing around town. We've got a request from our Montraver plan. There's also a problem with people that are coming from the dump and going down, coming up Grand and turning on State Road and getting to the 70,

Councilman John Nestor 38:44
Just as the chief was mentioning before in a previous email. Do we have to make the appropriate motions for Montraver? Since it's technically not considered, we'll have to update. We'll have to update the city's ordinance. Okay? So can we do that by next meeting?

Joseph Dalfonso 39:02
Yeah. I mean the finished reading, it'll be a first reading.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:09
I think that the next meeting, the voting meeting,

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:13
Definitely open, always open. Isn't it just out of curiosity? Or are speed bumps allowed in Monessen, I understand there's an ordinance against it.

Joseph Dalfonso 39:26
There's an ordinance against it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:27
That's what I've been told. Is that true?

Joseph Dalfonso 39:29
Okay, that would be the first time I've seen speed bumps outlawed by local ordinance.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 39:35
The problem with speed bumps is you're going to have wild trucks.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:40
Yeah. Well, if there's plastic speed bumps, it can be moved around too.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 39:43
Just adding on to the Fourth Street department.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:51
I tell you, people got to start slowing down. Though we have semi-trucks that are going 60 miles an hour down grand it's it all over town. On. It's a problem. We've got to get people to slow down. We can, you know, it's just got to slow down. That's those aren't the people are speeding. It's the people who pass your cars doing that. But it's this, the semis that are going to the dump that are causing a lot of the problem looking for a shortcut to the 70 with pro waste is a whole bunch of early school driving

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:48
One of the issues that I think that we need to look at is Ninth Street. Ninth Street is back the way that it originally was, many years ago, but people still don't understand that you don't cross double yellow lines when it says a stop sign, you get to stop. You have got to look, look around, pay attention to what's around you before you go. There may need to be some additional signage up there before people understand it. Is that do you agree with that? I

Chief Dave Yuhasz 41:20
I agree with that, and that's why, you know, I wanted to even just as soon as I say it's simple. But the Montraver one like I emailed everyone regarding getting maybe a speed limit decrease up there. I drove there 15-mile route, you know. I mean, it's not a lot of kids playing up there. And since they paved it, you know, not so much of an estimate. But everywhere you get on a freshly paved road, it turns into a speedway, right? So, you know, that's why, you know, couple of the residents came to me asking about the speed up there, posting speeds, safety signage, and everyone's favorite resident up there called me about the one away street. So, yeah

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:27
We have several roads in town that are that way too.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:36
Okay, I would like to suggest you put together a list of signs that you would suggest and we can talk about that at our next meeting.

Councilman John Nestor 42:50
You might be done. Now, I think I'm done, yeah,

Speaker 1 42:51
Until the next time I call you Sorry.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:02
All right? Next one is a discussion about repair details and logistics for the repair of truck number four, that's not truck number eight. Is that correct? You skipped one? Did I skip one? AED device? Ah, AED that device. Does anybody have a clue of how much AED devices cost, $80 a month. How much? $80 a month? $80 a month.

Councilman John Nestor 43:25
I think I don't know. I just looked at Joey's paper,

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:29
I really don't know.

Councilman John Nestor 43:32
I just looked at there was a I was just reading through it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:38
This is printed out. This is for one to be placed at the City Garage.

Councilman John Nestor 43:44
Here we go. The adult AED runs $87 a month currently at city hall in the civic center.

Mon Valley EMS 43:52
Makes an offer to donate an AED unit for use at the garage.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:12
Wow, that is fantastic. That's fantastic. Thank you. Thank you very much. That's great. That's great news. We will accept that. Thank you. This is not a voting session, so next, okay, anybody want to talk more about the AED device that sounds like that puts an end to that discussion. Good one. Next one is the discussion of details on logistics and repair of truck. Number four. It says eight, but I believe it's number four. It's t8 but it's number four. Does that make any sense to anybody? It doesn't do to me. But. Believe that's this? No, this is, this is one of our 2015 of which we have five of them. It's one that has a significant issue to the tune of just shy of $5,000, $4,500 to fix it. We, I honest, that's a lot of money, and I don't really know what to say about that. We fix it. We've got to have it for the plowing of the roads. That's what it's used for. Primarily. It's used for other we had a running last year to the point being, is that those issues throughout the year, but the primary use is, is in the wintertime, when it's required for plowing. If you go and buy a new truck, we all know that that's quite expensive. You spend $90,000 or more, easy. And if you were to finance that over four or five years, you're looking at payments of about $2,500 a month just to finance it. And the only reason why I say that, and I'm not

suggesting that we finance it, don't get me wrong, that's not at all what I'm saying. If you compare the cost of repairing a vehicle, you got to be careful, because this is $4,500 if you look at that vehicle, historically, we comment about three to $4,000 per year on all of our vehicles. I'm not sure we're really budgeting those appropriately, but that's what they're costing us. Historically, there is about three to $4,000 a year in maintenance cost, if, if you look at nationally, that typically runs about six to 12, so we're significantly less than what the national is. All I'm saying is we can. We cannot do anything. We'll have problems this winter. We can fix this truck one way or the other, or we can start looking at buying a new one. But anyway, you look at it, it's tough, tight economics that we're faced with.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:10
I think we need to start looking into a leased truck

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:17
The reason that may be an option. Well, I can find out what the cost is, but I bet you it's, it's going to be about $2,500 a month. It's a lease. It's going to be about same price as financing.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:40
We're just talking right now. We're not talking about buying or anything. If you bought a vehicle, it would cost you about $2,500 a month to buy it, to finance over five years if you were to lease that vehicle. I haven't got a number on that, but I suspect it's going to be very similar to that same price. So, they're all there's not a cheap way to solve this problem. We spend, since we started our requisition system, which is now two, two and a half years old, we spent $145,000 on repairing vehicles in this city, that's police cars, that's dump trucks, that's all the vehicles that we've got in the city. That's a lot of money, but that's also two and a half years.

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:29
Anyway, if you want to talk about any more you would just keep on moving.

Councilman Orzechowski 48:40
Well, is there the ability to put in for coming up here, for an LSA grant, for one new truck?

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:49
We've been told that the LSA grant will be in the neighborhood, about $35,000 in the county.

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:06
Okay? ARP money.

Councilman Orzechowski 49:08
I saved ARP money for two and a half years. Yeah, I wouldn't let anybody spend it, so just in case, we had it and it paid for a truck,

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:18
It paid fora police car, and it paid for the dump truck.

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:27
This may become, I don't know for a fact that this can happen, but it may become one of the projects that we recommend, that we seek with the STMP program, too, and we may become, becomes a project.

Councilman John Nestor 49:43
I rather not use that resources on a truck.

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:46
I don't know if you can or not. I rather not. Okay. The bottom line is, we're going to have an issue with truck. It's limited. Limited choices. We have down the four trucks. That's correct?

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:10
Nope, it's used vehicle. You go fix your car, and there's no guarantee. You may get a guarantee on it. It's not the same. Things won't break, but something else will break. There is a very high maintenance cost for these trucks. There's no doubt about that. It's expensive to maintain a big, two-ton dump truck. It just is. We run into this issue a couple of times a year, every year, and will for a long time. The big thing is that we have for the vehicles that were bought at the same time back in 2015 brand new. They were paid through for line, you or liquid fuels, I do believe. But they hamstrung the city for many, many years just paying for it. But the problem is, you have got four of them that are getting used all the time, and when one breaks, you're down to three. It's not like we buy one every three or four years and we replace one in every three or four years. What's wrong with this truck? Again? It's got a rear end. This bad transmission has got problems. I don't remember the complete list, 2015 circle track four,

Councilman John Nestor 51:31
Does it have anything going on for preventative maintenance?

Mayor Ron Mozer 51:36
We do. That's what we have a mechanic for. And he keeps logs of all the oil changes and all the normal maintenance system. But that doesn't, that doesn't help. When you have a broken axle, there's no doubt we cannot use that vehicle in the shape that it's in.

Earnie Telegraphis 51:59
You got a bank account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:02
Then give me your checkbook.

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:10
Well, anyway, that's a tough one. It's one that we're going to have to work our way through. We can kick the can down the road as long as you want, but it doesn't fix the truck. We have to do it soon. So let's move on. The next one is the Kubota tractors. These are all our departments. This one is another unique issue. This one is one that the bed on the truck has completely busted on it they want to

replace. Can you explain that a little bit better about what's going on? Who's here? Do you know more about that? Del Mar, yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:01
Come to use this microphone because it doesn't get doesn't become part of

Mike Korposh 53:06
Come on.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:09
I'm just take it to him.

Delmar Hepple 53:25
Oh, okay. Kubota's, I think the two newest ones were bought about four years ago, something like that. But the problem with the tractors is, with the parks that we have, we have so many. I mean, does anyone in this room really realize how many parks we have? They're nonstop used. So, they're nonstop. Use them nonstop, beat them up, and eventually you're only going to get five or six years out of them, unless you have continuous maintenance on them. And I don't know if that's been

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:52
Do you understand what Delmar said?

Delmar Hepple 53:54
Dustin was talking about doing this by getting a new bed in one, getting a new deck on it. You could either spend on the right deck or keep dumping hundreds and hundreds of dollars every couple week into the deck and pulley systems and or just replace the deck. Versus the machines, probably worth about 22 grand, I think, in a new deck is, did he tell you 3500 I believe, on it? So, you know, I think if you get the new deck, you're going to get more years out of it, versus dropping 22 grand on two of them that we have the zero turn and the other parks tractor. To be honest, I wouldn't put a penny in them. They're shot. They're completely shot. It's everyday maintenance, or I shouldn't even say maintenance, it's repaired every day just to keep them on the road. But I think we need to somehow or some way to keep to keep us cutting grass.

Councilman Orzechowski 54:47
Okay, so that brings me to a question. We talked about the nine parks and places that are getting cut. Ernie, believe. With Del Mar for a second, because he might have to answer, okay, is there any of the ground flat? None in a park? Meaning not having a four wheel drive tractor? Is that what you're saying?

Delmar Hepple 55:14
Yeah, you have zero turning radius. That aren't four-wheel drives, there are zero turning

Delmar Hepple 55:19
Radius, yeah, but there's only certain spots they can be used in, okay? Ball, ball fields, stuff like that.

Councilman Orzechowski 55:29
Correct with the zero turning radius. I'm sorry you're cutting those with the zero turning rate. Yes. Now, why can't we, for 12 or $13,000 get you a zero turning radius John Deere or something that you could use just in low areas that will replace some of those. Instead of putting $5,000 into a deck, I'm more apt to say I can authorize $11,000 and get a new John Deere or something like that. It's a zero turning radius that you just use on flat areas.

Delmar Hepple 56:05
As long as it's a commercial grade tractor. Are you saying it's a commercial grade because if you do not have a commercial grade tractor, like I just paid 3500 for a new Cub Cadet Tractor Supply, I would use that one day in the city of Monessen, and they'd be shot, because it's just not built to sustain what we what we do with them.

Councilman Orzechowski 56:22
But I would push back and say, yeah, it should work if you're doing ball fields or something like that, because those are supposed to be flat and pristine areas. You can't, I'm not saying you are, but you can't run over rocks, bricks and everything else with them, of course. But again, if two tractors for 10 or 11 grand survive and pull two old ones that are no good out of the service. We're down the road better off that way. But I was told one-time, long time ago, that under no circumstances can we use zero turning radius tractors in the city of Monessen. And I'm going to push back hard on all of you and say, why?

Speaker 2 56:59
In most cases you cannot, even if you went just along Schoonmaker Avenue here in Second Street, above John Nestor'ss with four-wheel drive cutting those lots above Schoonmaker I've slid backwards down across traffic with a four wheel drive truck.

Councilman Orzechowski 57:15
Okay, but I'm saying is perhaps we need to have one or two specific tractors for those purposes that only cut the grass in those areas where a four-wheel drive is needed.

Delmar Hepple 57:27
I don't have a problem with zero-turn tractors whatsoever, if you had one or two of them, but you still need the two four wheel drive ones, which we have right now.

Councilman Orzechowski 57:36
That's what I'm saying. But it's a lot easier to turn around and say you use the four-wheel drive in the areas you need to know, make sure you don't slide until we can maybe replace one next year, and where it's going to replace a complete one. I don't want, nor can we afford 20, and I'm not saying this specifically is a number 22 to 25 grand for a Kubota all-wheel drive, or whoever it is, okay, and it's cut in a flat area in a in a ballpark, we need to be smarter than that, right?

Delmar Hepple 58:05
Well, the one zero turn strictly does parks. It doesn't do the street side. And that's the one that's where you shot on. That's the one that's shot.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:12
Well, again, I have no problem going up to the Lowes for $12,000 and getting a zero-turn commercial. And have it for you tomorrow morning, and you use it just for ballparks and things like that. That makes more sense for money we spend on something as an overkill. Everywhere else, we're going to have to systematically decide this area gets this. This area gets this. I know it's a pain, but would you prefer having newer equipment than stuff that you must duct tape together.

Delmar Hepple 58:42
Again, I understand what you're saying, but again, this is above my pay scale. I'm just giving my opinion here, but you know, that's what you want to buy. A zero turn. That's fine with me, long as we get a new tractor, the one we have now is probably days away from finishing completely.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:58
Well, again, that's my point. Yeah. My point is, looking at something like that is a lot more feasible.

Delmar Hepple 59:09
Yeah, but still, even if you ordered the new zero turn, you're still going to need a new deck on the other tractor to keep it on the road.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:16
That's doable, but at least we're replacing one year and trying to get you something

Delmar Hepple 59:20
right? Yeah, that sounds, sounds like a good policy.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:30
Any further discussion about that?

Councilman John Nestor 59:33
No mayor. I just have a quick question about some of the properties that, like chief Hepple was talking about that, four by four the redevelopment properties. So, we need to sit down with the Redevelopment Authority and figure out how they're going to start liquidating these properties, because it's starting to become a strenuous economic burden on the city. Yeah, they do. So. Much person I get many people. But I mean, it's starting to become, it's starting to be where it's very thin. It's seeing our it's beating our vehicles up and we probably need to sit down and look at what do we get in return.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:57
We probably need to sit down and look at what, who owns all the property, and do exactly that

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:16
So for the properties that Delmar was mentioning, they're all redeveloped. And a lot of the properties that we're cutting are redeveloping it. And I have nothing against redevelopment.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:24
Many of them are land bank properties, though, is what I'm saying, that some of them are, yeah, too. But I mean, well, land bank we're responsible for

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:31
Like the ones downtown that he's having issues with, these flipping that's all redeveloped. We need to see maybe what they're planning on doing with

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:39
I thought the Redevelopment Authority was cutting their own lots.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:44
I don't know if they are not. We can talk to we are. Why

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:46
Are we cutting the lots?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:53
Well last time, and that was a couple of years ago, Lou said that this they had the money that they were getting people to do the lots.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:01
We ought to talk to them again and see if they can resume that operation

Councilman John Nestor 1:01:04
Or see if maybe they're willing to sign, trying to find the hires or something for these properties, or the or at least some of the neighbors, a little bit maybe want to buy, like

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:13
one is trying to do that.

Councilman John Nestor 1:01:15
Well, you got one property that's downtown. It's behind the ravens, that's used for parking lots. Or I would not economically growth for us.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:27
I would ask you to turn around and approach, approach the Redevelopment Authority and ask them, okay, if you can't cut the amount and they've sold property and done a little bit better than they used to

do before, they have some money. Are they open to donating for maybe a partial half of the new tractor of what it's going to cost to replace one of the four-wheel drives, if you know, $10,000 from them may be able to be doable. And we put the other 15 in, and now you have got a brand-new tractor. We solved everything perfectly. They got more than 10,000 Yeah, they do. I think they've been smart, and they've been selling some property, and they've been managing it very well. And I think it's time that we asked them to step up and say, look, can you make us half a donation, and we'll pay the other 60% of her new tractor and get them on the road and get them doing what they need to do

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:34
I think Bishop bass would be very receptive to that.

Councilman John Nestor 1:02:34
You got concrete blocks.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:02:35
I'll be honest with you, and I don't come from well, I'll be honest with you, and I know everybody in this room is not going to like this answer, but I'm going to give it to you anyways. Don't cut it. Do not cut lots that have rocks, stones, bricks and anything. I don't give a damn if they grow four feet high. That's a safety hazard for you on the tractor, and it's a safety hazard for the equipment. We're getting beat to hell. You know what? I'm sorry. There's no way anymore. No, you shouldn't be doing anything.

Councilman John Nestor 1:03:06
I would say, let that grow. Let it grow.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:03:09
Do not and start doing that stuff. And if anything, we can make some arrangements. I know many, many years ago, and it got shot down for some reason. But the county, the city investigated. I wasn't on council, but the city investigated contacting the state prisons, and they had a program where their inmates came up. They don't have it. We got a local guy who used to run that program, Dina from the North. He didn't pass away, and ever since he passed away, the program.
Delmar Hepple 1:03:43
That's why they allowed him to bring him down here. He's familiar with the area, and it went well for us for

Councilman Orzechowski 1:03:53
But I'll be honest with you right now, I would say you go into those lots that have bricks and fill No, you don't take our stuff in. I don't care. You don't take your stuff filling especially since if someone's cutting, they're cutting the grass, they get knocked over and they get this blade that hits a brick and someone's walking past and gets killed on it again. Do not cut the grass.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:14
Yeah. The only downside to that, I see, is that we're going to start getting complaints from people with rodents and whatnot.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:04:20
You know what we do? Let's look in. Let's investigate spraying the lots completely and killing everything.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:27
That's probably a good idea.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:04:39
So, let me ask you, it's very would you? Yeah, I've seen him slip a few times when it's dangerous.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:04:45
If you had a pair of high boots, you know, waiters, okay, and you had a commercial sprayer on your back, and you had a mouth protection, and you spray with a spray with the non-chemical, the new. Stuff that's out there that's beating roundup ass all over the place. We can knock it down and just kill the grass once a year.

Linda Lacy 1:05:07
But then when you do that, because I'm getting ready to get on the Authority for my hillside, not my hillside yet, but the hillside, because if you do not cut the grass here, and I am a witness to that

Councilman Orzechowski 1:05:24
We would be covered. We would not be able to get on the sidewalk. If you spray it, you can spray it that you have no you can kill the grass. I mean, there's nothing round up, but there's the new vinegar works. You could still, you still just kill the grass. If it's something they did once a year, they don't do the exact same thing. And tell me if I'm wrong, they did the exact same thing on the interstates and the highways. When PennDOT goes through the places where they can't cut, they spray it. They never do anything with it.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:08
State roads,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:09
Because their roads are perfectly fine that they pay for it, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:13
But there's options out there, I think we should look at that may solve some of our problems.

Linda Lacy 1:06:17
To drive around there is not a flat space. And a deal and you cannot go down

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:30
We got to start somewhere.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:34
Okay, let's move on. It's time to pay some bills. Tony, would you please pay some bills for the city.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:43
Make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $45,187.05

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:53
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:06:54
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:54
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 1:06:55
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:06:58
Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund account, amount of $2,050.10

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:03
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:04
second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:04
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 1:07:06
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman to Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:13
Motion to pay the following invoices from line usage in amount of $19,037.76

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:19
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:20
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:21
Any questions, call the roll

Mike Korposh 1:07:28
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski Yes, Mayor Mozer yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:28
Motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund at $13,199.60

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:29
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:31
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:36
Any questions, call the roll

Mike Korposh 1:07:39
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:07:45
Motion to pay the falling invoices for Liquid Fuels fund an amount of $6,980.43

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:51
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:52
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:52
Any questions? Call the roll?

Mike Korposh 1:07:54
Council person? Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechoski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:00
Motion to pay and falling invoices from the rec funded amount of $1,120.78

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:06
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:16
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:16
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 1:08:16
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:16
Motion approve the transfer of $74,941.18 from the general fund the payroll account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:21
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:22
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:23
Any questions? Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 1:08:25
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman to Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:30
Motion to transfer from the general account, $67,280.70 to CFS bank for the TAN note balance, balance of the year, 67,000 after the remaining transfer.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:43
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:43
second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:44
Any questions, call the roll

Mike Korposh 1:08:47
Councilperson, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Mike Korposh 1:08:47
Motion to transfer $2,600 from the general fund to the Health Care Fund.
Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:1

Mayor Ron Mozer Is there a second,

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:55
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:57
Any questions, call the roll

Mike Korposh 1:09:00
Council person, Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, Mayor Mozer Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:06
Motion to approve sewage rehabilitation project phase three, payment requisition and a certificate number 33 in the amount of $331,120.38 for phase three, work performed by WEC engineers Inc, from June 1, 2025, through June 27, 2025, in the amount of $50,680 as an invoice from insight, pipe contracting LLC, for work performed from June 1, 2025 to June 30. 2025 for $280,440.38

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:32
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:09:32
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:32
Any questions? I just like to point out that there's a lot of money in one month. In one motion.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:44
I've spent more

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:45
Call the roll please.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:46
Councilperson Cosner? Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:09:52
Motion to pay the PNC account in the amount of $51,063.08 for reimbursement from the debt service account to begin June 3. Gets 2025 and will continue quarterly in the amount of $51,063.08

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:06
Is there a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:07
Second? Any questions? Call the roll?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:07
Council person Cosner me Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman to Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:10:16
And Ernie is not here. That service has $781,374.16 fire escrow has $108,698.88 general fund has $1,459,113.52 grant fund has $158,216.85 Health Care Fund is $5,329.93 line usage has $830,942.62 Liquid fuels has $191,697.68 Parks has $118,642.83 payroll has $9,345.87 recreation has $2,396.90 refuse has $330,428.54 as noted before the balance of the tan note. After this transfer will be around $67,000 and it'll be paid off. And the paving count is $154,636.60 Mayor That's my report.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:27
Thank you. This time I'd like to call upon, do we have Lois Thomas's report? I would do Lois report, but I don't see it. I didn't see it either.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:45
That's okay, perfect.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:48
At that point this time, I'd like to ask John Nestor for his report.

Councilman John Nestor 1:11:49
Thank you, Honorable Mayor. Members of Council, Ministry of staff, citizens of an asset. I will be rescinding my report by the next council meeting. I have nothing else to discuss, as was discussed previously. I will yield the floor. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:12:05
Karen. Do you have anything for the council?

Councilperson Karen Cosner 1:12:07
I don't. I don't have a report, but I do have some announcements to make. Okay, I wanted to make everybody aware that Monessen Night Out is scheduled for August 12, five to eight to high school. If you would like one of these beautiful flyers that the chief gave me to hang in your facility. I have some there. I also want to let you know that I think that our first concert went well. We're speculating maybe there are about 350 to 400 people there. The next concert will be on Sunday, July 20, and that is a big band concert. So, if you would like to volunteer to help, please let me know if we need some help. We have a whole list of things that maybe we could do better this time again, I have some flyers if you would like to hang them up and then as a reminder, next Wednesday, July 16, from 230 to 530, West, there's going to be a mobile farmer's market down at one Wendell Ramey Lane in Vanessa, the other end of town. So the cars will go by. Every car will be eligible for 20-pound boxes of food. We're hoping, I think it's fresh fruits and vegetables. Is that what we were told? So, we're looking forward to that. That's next Wednesday.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:21
Everybody's eligible. There are no restrictions.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:25
230, to 530,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:27
Till we run out of food.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:28
We have 500 boxes of food. So, if you're there first, so that's coming up. And then I Wednesday. Wednesday. This Wednesday is coming up, yeah, 16th. I mean, we've been talking about this before, but it seems like all of a sudden thing are here next week. Yeah, we're not going to have another one in the fall. So, I think this will go really well.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:57
It has in the past. It's a lot of fun, too. If anybody, the council wants to be there.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:01
Yeah, I think it'll be nice. And I wanted to discuss boat launch cleanup at the last meeting, Jordan pop was here, and he was commenting on what it looked like down there. So I talked to Rodney and for the most part, and I sent everybody photos of it, they cleared up most of the logs and everything that were, if you're walking down the boat launch to the left, it was just a huge log jam that was caused by our river runs north, so when that one starts flowing, it deposits all the wood. But I contacted a group called Three Rivers water keepers, and their goal was to work with the Monongahela, the Ohio and the Allegheny asking for advice. How can we keep this clean? And I know Rodney Ron even suggested building a structure of boom that can act as a deflector so that debris doesn't get caught in the blocks and everything. But then you must think you need expert advice to do that. You might think it's a good idea, and you build it, and it exactly. Rates the problem, so I asked if they knew of anybody who's done this before to come here and look at our situation, maybe give us some advice, but it does look a lot better, and the guys are continuing to work on it, so I hope Jordan goes down there and looks at it and thinks that they did a great job for that little thing. Well,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:15:29
I think that's a natural thing when you have the parts that go out, there's two other docks That's right. Time again, we have to have advice from somebody who's done this before, just to make sure we do the right thing. Well, this group, that's what they do, so at least that's the start. I hope that maybe what somebody can come down and visit us and give me some advice on how to fix and a few weeks ago, I got the call and an invitation to I'm waiting.

Speaker 1 1:16:22
Waiting. Come on, guys, pay attention

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:16:27

I made a visit to Hilltop Fire Department. And I met with a couple of young firefighters. I think they're here today, Mike and Mason and me. They sent me photos, and I sent them to everybody to look at them. And, although you probably couldn't see it, it was tiny. Was a whole list of issues. Which, every building we have in this town, we have in this list of issues. So, I said, what if you had to prioritize? What would you want to do first? And they would really like to have their shower fixed so that the guys could take a shower before they go home to their families. You figure they're out fighting fires, and who knows what kind of chemicals there are in those buildings. And they have to get in their car, and they go home to their families, if they have little kids and everything, and then they decontaminate at home. And they had told me before that they had gone an estimate for someone, and they could fix that, get that shower fixed for less than $1,000 and I told somebody, like, we don't really have a lot of money, yes. And they said, well, we'd be willing to maybe have a boot drive if you permitted us to get it fixed. And that's what I bring to you. Do we have any problem with them having a fundraiser and getting this shower fixed so they can get a shower before they go home.

Councilman John Nestor 1:17:45
I don't see an issue, but my thing is, I'd like that list to be forward. So, when we're applying for these grants, we can maybe use these grants to fix the facility, since this is our property,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:59
Mike, can you send me another copy of this, like a Word document, so I can send it to everybody, because what you sent me was really tiny, and then when I sent it on, you really couldn't read it. So, say, send it to me. I'll forward it to you, and maybe we can look at this, because these are major issues, and these guys, every time they go out and fight a fire. They take their lives in their hands. So, I think we owe it to them to try to try to take some of these things off the list. But they said, If witness, they can get that shower fixed for less than $1,000 and they have a boot drive to do it. Do we have a problem with that

Councilman Orzechowski 1:18:37
Financial financially, no, no logistically, yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:18:49
Somebody that would do it for $1,000 and do it on our property, that they're not insured and everything else we can't that's going to be the issue.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:19:03
Well, if it is an insured person,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:19:09
Quote, okay, I need a quote.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:13
Well, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, if they do it, can they? Can they affect the changes on their own and sidestep that they it's their money, it's our building, it's our building, it's our business. But I'm saying, do they need to give the money to our Treasury Department and then we do a requisition?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:19:27
No, I would think, if there was,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:33
We gotta make this easy, and we need to promote that as a city. We need to promote their fundraising.

Councilman John Nestor 1:19:39
I get that, but I kind of feel embarrassed that they're doing a fundraising for a property. We own.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:19:44
That's true, so it's my embarrassing, right? So, my point is, let's take the shower situation off the table and we get it fixed. They don't do any bootstrapping for the things that they have, anything they do what they do. Do what they need to do. That's our facility. We can do the shower, even if it's $2,500 but the point is, we can't just have somebody that knows somebody to do

Councilman Orzechowski 1:20:15
it. I don't care if it's I care if it's a safety hazard. But again, if somebody goes in there that can do the work, and they're not licensed and insured and everything, and something happens, it'll cost us 10 times the amount of what it cost to fix it. One of the

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:20:32
Can, can we facilitate that? Though, we need to

Councilman Orzechowski 1:20:35
Facilitate that. We need to, I wouldn't need a bid. I mean,

Councilman John Nestor 1:20:41
That's Tony wants to fix it. We need to go out and find someone

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:20:45
Okay. So whatever we have to do to get those bids we can take care of. Well, if

Councilman John Nestor 1:20:49
that means sure amount of money,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:20:53
Oe don't need a bid. Go get the quotes, let them go in there and find out what it is. And by next council meetings, you could have it approved. And they started.

Councilperson Karen Cosner 1:21:01
Okay, all right, that was the number one thing. Then another issue. If you drive by their house, you've noticed their truck has been in the driveway. Have you wondered? Anybody wondered why? Well, maybe they did, but that's not the reason. When you walk in there, that portion of the floor has sunk. It

sank about this much. And what they're afraid of, if they pull that heavy truck in again, it could take it down even further. And you don't want that, because they don't even really know.

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:34
I would now suggest on that not to cut you off, but we need to get Tony up there, then our engineer to look at the stability of the building. I And look, look at the infrastructure of the building. Because if it's laid down like that, they're not afraid to put a vehicle in there. What to say? What's the entire structure? We have a structure.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:21:56
Well, that the building has several of them. You'll see when you get

Councilman John Nestor 1:22:00
This maybe suggest that Tony and k2 engineering go up and take a look at the property.

Linda Lacy 1:22:05
Water is in there that's underground and connected to the garage. I think they use the dirt man; I think it had a drain.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:22:30
Another issue after the last rains that we had water and sewage came up through the drains, and I was there in the aftermath of it, after they had cleaned it up, and I sent pictures, and y'all can see the water all over the floor. Now, they also have a leak in the roof. I mean, as with all our buildings, but we have to start someplace. So, I think if we can start knocking some of these things off that, I mean, we have to do it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:23:01
Well, we can get, we can get the engineer to go in, itemize these problems and look at it and come back with this best solution for it.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:23:10
Well, it is, and again, its a safety issue, but I wanted to bring that to everybody's attention, because it is a major issue that building is old, but it's historic building. It would be nice to be able, if we have extra money, if we can get grants and find ways to get this building repaired, that would be nice to be able to start crossing this list box. So that's that. And then we have, with the other concert coming up, we have, there's going to be a payment so equipment connection for $175 for the golf cart, which was really needed. My son drove it. He said, we need to, but we have one, and we get a $50 rebate back if we take it filled with gas. And then CJ Ren music will provide the sound at a cost of $500 instead of the $1,500 that the other company charged us, because with this big band, you don't need quite the same sound.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:24:09
One thing that needs to change. I requested it to be changed, and it hasn't happened yet, is the donations and the grant money you've got for all that stuff is not in a separate line account where I requested it to be.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:24:23
It's in the parks account, but,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:24:25
Well, it shouldn't be in the parks account. Where should it be? It should be an account that says donations, because I don't want to pull one out of when you can't see it and it's out of sight, out of mind, it can easily get moved and used somewhere. So, if it's no it's not their money. It's a donation to the city, and it's being used specifically for stuff in the parks. Parks have its own budget to use tractors and do things. I'm sorry. That's the way it goes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:24:57
That's when to do that.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:25:00
I'm sorry, yes, okay, yes, that is correct, because we won't be able to track

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:06
Mike, you wouldn't mind being able to do that for us? Would you please

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:10
Making that change here?

Mike Korposh 1:25:11
Absolutely.

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:12
Thank you, sure. Thank you. Mike,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:25:16
I think that's all I have. So thank you for listening. I got

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:19
One thing I want to point out that I completely forgot about I did get an email just today from the US Army Corps of Engineers. Yay. Is right. They say they will fix the boat ramp. They say they will fix it. Say there's some property ownership issues that they need to get resolved and make sure that we actually own it and so forth. But I don't see that as a problem. They have their own solicitor that has to be convinced, right? But anyway, they did agree that they did agree to fix the boat launch. That does

not mean they're talking about the barges, though, that's right, the boat launch. So anyway, that's it. One

Councilman Orzechowski 1:26:15
In addition, I just want to point out, because I know it was brought up, and that is about the dog catcher. And if you look at the contract on the one page, says the borough, which means city, agrees to pay them the sum of $475 per month. Okay, it's not quarterly, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:26:36
But we've been getting bills of $1,500 a quarterly.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:26:39
Well, that's even worse yet. It should be every month. I understand, but what I'm saying is, if we're paying 475 advice, neither was a leverage to say, what are you doing? Right? And they also have in their itemized what they're doing for that 470 $5 so they're not doing it.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:26:56
Is that something, Mike, is that something you could look into?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:26:59
Please. Thank you. So anybody else have anything? No mayor. Would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn?

Councilman John Nestor 1:27:07
Mayor, motion to adjourn. Adjourn tonight's meeting, Thursday, July 10, at 7:57pm

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:27:14
is there a second?

Councilman Orzechowski 1:27:16
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:27:17
All in favor say, Aye. Aye. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

ATTEST:

Linda Matthews / City Clerk

SIGNED:

Ron Mozer / Mayor