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SPEAKERS

Earnie Telegraphis, Chief Dave Yuhasz, Speaker 1, Mike Korposh, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, Councilman John Nestor, All, Speaker 2, Joseph Dalfonso, Mayor Ron Mozer, City Administrator Mike Korposh, Kara Martin

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:05
It's now 630 September, the 11th of 2025, this is the City of Monessen. Council work session that is taken place. Could I have a roll call please?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 00:15
Council person Cosner, here, Councilman Nestor present. Council person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski, Mayor Mozer, present, three present, and two absent. But note a quorum.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:28
Thank you. At this time, I'd like to invite Kara Martin to lead us in prayer. She's with the Salvation Army. Thank you for coming.

Kara Martin 00:43
Hi. Thank you so much. What an ironic day for me to be asked to come today because it's September 11, 24 years ago, something sinister happened in America, right? It doesn't get any easier, right? And I love that we have it as we'll never forget. But before I pray, I'm just going to ask if we have just a couple moments of silence for the families as and then I'll just pray into it.

Kara Martin 01:24
Holy Father, we just thank You, Lord God, for this space that you have created. Lord for the city of manes and in the area of with all the leaders and our panel here, Lord God, we just ask your blessing here. Make this space holy ground. Lord, God, we know that it's really hard to agree with everybody all the time, but Lord, I ask that Your Peace Be here, Lord, and as they are doing their planning and their discussing of the affairs of Monessen, Lord, I just ask that you, you be with them. Be with their hearts. Lord, let everything stand on your foundation, because that's where the strength is we thank you so much for the city, Lord God, and the strength that we have here. Lord, I ask Heavenly Father that your power be here, may your blessing and your protection be over this place, even with the craziness of the

world coming, Lord God, we just ask your protection and your blessing as we move forward from today onward, Lord, we thank You, Holy Father for all who have come here in in regards to the affairs. Lord, bless us and bless this meeting today. We pray this in Jesus Christ's name, Amen, Amen

All 02:36
I pledge allegiance to the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible and justice for all.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:50
I believe the minutes have been circulated to council. Could somebody make a motion to accept the minutes from the previous August, 28 meeting?

Councilman John Nestor 03:05
Mayor motion to approve minutes of previous session of August, 28 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:11
Is there a second?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 03:12
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:12
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Administrator Mike Korposh 03:15
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:22
At this time I'd like to invite public comment on agenda items only directed to myself.

Earnie Telegraphis 03:36
Ernest telegraph, Where are we with this visionary committee for the Mon Valley, EMS,

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:50
I'll talk about that.

Earnie Telegraphis 03:51
You're going to tell us progress. You're going to just tell us what you are trying to the progress that we've seen thus far.

Mayor Ron Mozer 03:57
Yes,

Earnie Telegraphis 03:58

Okay, but I the supernova Services Director of Employment

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:07
and we'll also discuss that as well.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:11
But can you define what behavior issues are there?

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:15
We will talk about that.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:18
You're going to define that.

Mayor Ron Mozer
That's what this whole purpose is to discuss these items

Earnie Telegraphis
I know, but it doesn't give details.

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:24
But anyway, that's why we have a discussion process.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:27
Well, you go either way. What? It's very like that the city of mine, on behalf of the County five demolitions. Can you tell us?

Earnie Telegraphis 04:42
Where is the money coming from? Land Bank?

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:45
I believe those are. CDBG,

Earnie Telegraphis 04:48
Now, if that's the case, did that cut into 19?

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:54
This is 21 CDBG, money 2021. CDBG,

Earnie Telegraphis 04:58
oh, long ago. Long ago.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:00

Yes, again,

Earnie Telegraphis 05:02
It doesn't tell you anything. Okay, so, I guess Karen, I don't know D and E to sound contract once for $1,500 and the other $1,500, two different companies with two different sound and lights. And when Billy Price was playing, we didn't pay no $1,500 for his lights and sound.

Mayor Ron Mozer Yes, we did 1500 yes the Woods Company, it's the same shows.

Ernie Telegraphis. Now, why is it two here?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:44
One's for the sound, and one is for the performer.

Earnie Telegraphis 05:49
What do you mean performer?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:52
If you read it, one for BigShu, which is the sound contractor, the other is for Sky pilot, which is the entertainment.

Earnie Telegraphis 06:01
So what do we bring sound for just to pick up the birds and the bees outside, or what outside entertainment is the stop?

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:07
No, you have to have amplifiers and sound system for the people to play with.

Earnie Telegraphis 06:14
Okay, I don't know what we're getting involved here, but I appreciate your answers there, Mayor,

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:19
Thank you. Anybody else? Applause?

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:21
It for the agenda. It's my turn to talk about some of the things that's been going on here, a couple of things that are not on the agenda that we're going to discuss tonight. And I'm just primarily just bringing these up because they will be on the agenda for voting next time. And then the only reason we're doing this just so that everybody understands that they get a chance to research it, or whatever.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:05
One is a these are all USDA projects. One is Change Order Four, which is a no cost change order, and that's really for the contractor that has not been able to do anything because we've had delays in getting our CSX and our right of ways have cleared up. So they're asking just to reset the clock for one

year. For that period cost us nothing, and it's very appropriate. The other one is a change order three A which is for $563,850.24 this is interesting, because this is the change order, which will affect smaller pipe throughout the city, all the way up through the park plan, through throughout the city, all over the place, wherever they have the smaller pipe that's needed, needing repair.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:57
There's another one, a change order number four, which will soon become Change Order five, probably by the time that that this reaches the end of the month, when we actually vote on it. But it's a reduction from $491,750 to something closer to $75,000 and this is because they had some pipes that they found that didn't need repair. They were in good shape, or they were too. They were all beyond anything that they had the ability to work with. So that'll save quite a bit of money.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:31
Amendment nine is for our WEC Engineering to prepare the engineering specifications for change order eight, which is for and the amendment nine is $421,627 change order eight is $1,286,759 that's going to be what takes care Of all the other lines across from Fifth Street, Third Street, and so forth, even printing going across the all the way to the river.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:12
Change Order 8 is going to, and needs to start in about January of 26th 2026 so it's really interesting, if you think about what this has got going on. MCSP is expected to arrive in town and begin lining the printing line from Donner across the tracks and down through the easement obtained from Westmoreland Realty Company to the river. What’s the name?

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:37
Yeah. Going to start happening pretty much within a few weeks this year, when they arrive, they're going to send a person down through the pipe from Third Street, from Fifth Street and underneath the mill and mark exactly where the manhole is that they know exist down there, but they don't know where it is on the surface. They're going to go through there. When they get there, they're going to carry a locator with them. They're going to take a tape measure, push it up, and they'll figure out how deep it is from the bottom. They know how deep the pipe is. They'll figure out how deep they got to dig to find it. This is a job I do not envy. You can never catch me going down a 36-inch line, crawling on my hands and knees for a half mile to get to this location. But there are people in this world to do that, and they will be doing that, was one of the first tasks that they do. So, the purpose of that is to identify where that comes up.

Joseph Dalfonso 09:37
Gigliotti.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:43
Now, Cliffs is pretty significant. As far as they have good maps of their own, they're pretty convinced that this is going to turn out to be in a particular parking lot space, in the parking lot over across the across the tracks. They have a parking lot over there for their office building, and they think it's going to

turn out to be in that parking lot. So, we got a market double check that that's exactly where it is and how deep they got to go.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:11
I also met with Randy Sheldon of Cleveland Cliffs, and he indicated, as long as we're working closely together, this is going to go very smoothly. When I say working closely together, it means that all the contractors that are working over there have to go through a safety program. They're going to it's about a one-hour program. They're going to be instructed on what they got to do, what kind of equipment they got to wear, where they can go, how they check in, and so forth.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:38
When they're doing their job. They're going to be given particular boundaries. This is where you can be. You can be between this line and this line, this line and this line a box. And this is where you park your trucks. This is where you're working from. You don't go outside that boundary. Go outside that boundary. Your life is at risk because they have heavy equipment that's moving around all the time there, they don't have good visibility for some of this equipment, you'll get run over. It's just you gotta be safe. You gotta do this, right? You gotta do it according to their rules and I feel confident that that we can do those types of things.

Earnie Telegraphis 12:13
What do you mean?

Joseph Dalfonso 12:19
I'm not doing the work. I not doing the work. I'm working with their attorneys to get the agreement.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:31
All this is a team effort. This is nothing that one person's doing. We're watching the dollars very carefully, making sure that everything's done very, very economically as best as possible. So it's going to take about two to three months to do the print a line that's the first line that goes down, that crosses Gigliotti's property, the we have down there that we have the right of way already lined out to do. When that time is up, we have to have all the easements in place with Cleveland Cliffs. I don't see any reason why this won't work, but we need to have those in process, and we need to have them accomplished. We got about a three-month window at most to get all this accomplished. If we fail to do this, if they fail to reach an agreement, then we're going to be forced to send these, these people that are working for this project somewhere else, to do some other project. And it's going to be detrimental to both us and Cliffs. They understand this. They're working diligently to get it done. There is about a one-to-two-week period that they're going to use to move some coal around, where we know some of the other manholes exist. So, there's a lot of very tight timing that takes place. We're going to have to work very closely with Cleveland Cliffs, working very closely with Randy Sheldon. It will happen. We're both committed to making sure this does happen accordingly. Finally, we did receive a message, a letter from the RDA requesting clarification in exchange for a donation that they would like to make in return for mowing and taking care of their insurance plans. That will be something that we'll discuss, that will be on the agenda for a motion at the end of the month, is there anything else anybody knows of that I need a free fourth,

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:31
Okay, so next thing on, the thing is what Ernie talked about, discussion of recent meetings With the visionary committee is relatively Mon Valley, EMS, first off, they've made a lot of improvements. I don't have any numbers from 911, about how many more, what their percentage of coverage is, but I think that it's clear that they're they provide us some documentation that looks like they're doing much better than they had done in the past. And Delmar is able to jump in and correct me if I say anything that's correct. He was at that meeting. The bottom line is they've invested in some some very important equipment, such as a a what do you call that Gurney that they got, the self loading strategy that when you have these people very overweight or whatever, and they try to lift them into an ambulance, and now they just pull it just pull it up the ambulance. Little hook grabs on it, lifts the wheels up and pulls it in the ambulance. It's,imuch, much improved. And that little stretcher is a $50,000 piece of equipment too. It's not the top of the line, but it is something that we need in Monessen, I think they said it got up to about 800 pounds. Is that right? Yeah, it's a very significant stretcher, and it's very significant improvement to the service that they can offer to Monessen. They are continuing to work forward. There are some things that that they asked that we do, such as look at possible things for from possibly LSA, or whatever that we might be able to do to help them move along. Those are things that we'll work through as as we move down that that train.

Mayor Ron Mozer 16:18
so the next one is discussion about recent meetings with Dennis Martin and some of the activities he's beginning to work with. And I'm going to ask Mike to kind of explain this one a little bit, if you would.

Mike Korposh 16:37
We have scheduled meetings for next week on both the Downtown Development Project and the stamp program, and those will be in place. We also have developed our database to go and reach out to businesses within a 10-mile radius of Monessen and to begin the process of discussing how they might participate in the beginning efforts of coming to the city for development. He'll let me know tomorrow to confirm that, but that'll be happening next week to get that started and kicked off, and that is utilizing, you know, the funds that we have from the downtown development grant of 75,000 and the STEM program. So we're looking forward to starting that and getting it kicked off and reporting to you at the meeting on the 25th also along the same lines, we also did meet with West Moreland County Community Action, and that was something that they're working For, presenting a or managing a NPP, a network was the MPP in network, neighborhood, neighborhood partnership program. There you go. Neighborhood Partnership Program. This is, this has nothing to do with the trailers. This is what this is, is they have the ability to work with the state on people that owe $50,000 or more to the state and take that $50,000 invested in the community and receive a 95% tax credit from the state. So that only ends up costing a large company 5% to donate money to the city to projects. So what we the purpose of the meeting was to determine what those projects would be. And we wanted very much work with Dennis Martin, because he's our staff coordinator, and he's doing a project for developing what we have across the way here. The point being is it all fits together quite well and it needs to play together quite well.

Mayor Ron Mozer 18:46
One of the things that's come up is our animal control and protective services within the City of Monessen. Chief, would you like to talk about that at all? Take this to him.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 19:13
Alright, we're going to have to reach out. Either I don't know if this is going to have to be an RFP, or if this has to be a meet with, call up XYZ, come down here, see what they have to offer, and then go from there. That's where we're at. We're at a stagnant point right now to what we have now is not working. It is not working. Okay? So I would recommend the city, if it is an RFP, to put out there for, you know, for this service, or, if it's just, we call people up and they come down here, and we interview them and go from there.

Joseph Dalfonso Nope, you can do both, Right, put out the RFP and reach out to people. Yeah, hey, we're looking for these services.

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:55
Yeah, we can't do an RFP. Can't authorize one until we have counseling. Is that right? Or can we do that with requisition?

Joseph Dalfonso 20:03
They got to talk about it with a requisition. It would just be a legal anatomy paper. You could use the requisition system, okay?,

Speaker 1 20:09
Okay, so we can perhaps, yeah, I would invite your officers that are particularly invested in this Yes, to get together with us and help us develop a plan to move forward with that pin. Sounds good to me. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 20:26
Yeah, good. Ernest, One of the things that we did prior to this meeting was hold a a public hearing related to the demolition of properties. And there were, I had it six properties. Yeah, there you go. Six properties. We didn't have a lot of participation, but we went through all the proper procedures for clearing up these, for demolition, they will be on them the agenda for, for approval by council. They include 509, South 14th Street, 622, Summit Avenue 630, Summit Avenue 632, Summit Avenue 916, and 918, Summit Avenue 920, Summit Ave and 920, Summit Avenue those are the six properties. Two of those properties are burned, properties to and the rest are, are very blighted properties. They need to be gone. Let's talk about the application Supernova services. Why don't you explain this?

Mike Korposh 21:53
Supernova is a company that offers behavioral clientele to different entities, both in the public and private sector, to perform services such as light maintenance and cleaning at locations based upon a schedule determined by the municipality or the nonprofit or the profit company to use their services. They're a federally funded group that receive their funding in that manner and offer that to the municipality for free if the municipality offers them the ability to utilize a place in the building where

they're working, whether it be City Hall, the City Garage, Civic Center, Police Station, Library, A place for their life coach to be centered, and a lunch area for the workers. Under that cooperative agreement, they would do whatever we by contract ask them to do to supplement these services for free in our area, it's a great program. It offers great service to these folks. It gives them the ability with their, you know, behavioral issues, to work and develop skills that they may take into the workforce further and do that on a day-to-day basis determined by us. So, yes, yes. So, what they would like to do is have a session, possibly at the next meeting, to come in and make a presentation and talk about this, and then they supplied Solicitor a draft contract to begin the process to look at and work from there. So, I think it sounds like something that would really work be beneficial to the community and these folks with these issues, but it's supervised by them and paid for by them, and all we have to do is provide that anything else. No, that sounds good. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:55
This is one of the things that we tried to put on several weeks ago where we had a public hearing on CDBG projects, and we got absolutely zero input from the public. Well, it's getting down to crunch time, and I want to ask council to put together their list of things that they want to do, and we will hold yet another public hearing for everybody, but I'd like to have Council present their list to me prior to the next meeting. When's the next meeting the 25th so if you can get your list to me of all the things that you think you would like to do with the CDBG money will hold a public hearing probably the day of the next meeting, prior to the meeting, probably at five o'clock on the on the same day, but at 630 when we have our meeting, we need to be in a position to compile all those and put together our suggestions to go to the for final presentation to. They don't they're not required to CDBG for another 30 days, but you got to have all the numbers, all the estimates, all the descriptions. It takes time to get all that together. The so Council just needs to be very aware of got two weeks to get your ideas together and get them to me.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 25:22
Are we going to be given a list of those examples? Because there's no point putting things down if they're not even qualified projects

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:29
There's $300,000 at stake here. So, it can't exceed $300,000

Councilman John Nestor 25:35
My opinion, I'd like to see most of that go to streets.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:38
We can do up to 70% to streets, and that's fine. I have nothing against that,

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:45
But there's other things that we need. We have fire department, as example that has a generator that needs to be hooked up to fire station number two on everybody's desk is an emergency operations plan when EMS closed down all their operations, they shut down the control center that they had at the EMS station. The only other EMS or other location that might work would be hilltop fire station.

Councilman John Nestor 26:14
My question is, if you have a bad snow storm, like an 09 when you had to implement some type of center event, Matt, that center you had to it's going to be possible to go so that is to travel downtown well.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:30
But by the same token, assume that they cause the airplane hit this tank over here, this downtown wouldn't exist. That's true too. So we have 911, in Greensburg, that is the primary Emergency Operation Center. We in the event that there's a major issue, we need to have a secondary one. And the suggestion is that fire hilltop fire station has most of the equipment already in place. Need the generator hooked up. And there's some other building issues that we need to take care of. We need to make sure that we have internet separate from standard internet and backup telephone communication

Councilman John Nestor 27:13
Plumbing has been fixed there, correct?

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:15
I believe. So, yes, that was due to some brilliant work that Delmar did.

Earnie Telegraphis 27:26
Well, we got salt trucks, and we got, I mean, yeah, well,

Councilman John Nestor 27:32
Therefore we're driving the equipment when they just need a generator, and she went off them. I mean, as long as the building doesn't need any more repairs,

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:42
There are some building repairs that need to be done on that building, the host tower is separating from the building. It needs some repair. There's some money that we need to look at spending there, and that may be a CDBG project. It might be a future LSA project, but we're going to have to address that at some point.

Councilman John Nestor 28:02
Alright, I just don't want to throw money at something that sounds to me that Building might be condemned one day. We're already struggling to pay for streets. I don't know how we're going to pay for the building that we own.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:13
Well, this is the way things go. Okay? Well, we can talk about that more too. The bottom line is, think about your CDBG projects. Clearly, you want roads in there. But above and beyond the roads, there's still 30% $100,000 it can be spent on something else. It has to be LMI related, but there you be.

Mayor Ron Mozer 28:44
Okay. Next thing is the restoration work. PNG has come into town and done a lot of work on their gas lines. And this thing's true with the water lines with ABC, but right now I'm talking about the gas line. What they do is they come in, and they do the restoration. They dig up the lines, they do it. And we have curb to curb ordinances that must be redone. We can hold their feet to the fire and say, you do this. But what they said is, our restoration crew is very, very expensive, and the city seems to be able to do better. So, they ask us if they will give us the money and allow us to contract out the restoration work. And so far, we've actually done it cheaper than what the money that they gave us is, which gives us more money for repairing roads, other places. We sat down with PNG, and we said, you know, we have this surplus. What do you want us to do with what do you want us to do with that surplus? And they said, “Well. Use it on other roads that they got a fair deal when we gave them the estimate, and we got a super deal, we got the bids. So, we have, as a result of that, a fund to set aside for other roads that currently have something approaching $100,000 in it. So, there's so many roads you want to do, we need to start thinking about, Oh, yeah, I got quite a few me too.

Mayor Mozer: 30:32
Okay, on the tables. Here are the emergency operations plans. I already talked about that a little bit. That plan is pretty much a rewrite of what took place years ago but is better. It has all the current phone numbers in it and so forth. We need to be a little bit careful with it in that I will add some stuff to it related to Cleveland Cliffs. Cleveland Cliffs, being the largest industrial customer we have in in in Monessen, has an emergency operations plan of their own, and I want to make sure that we have information in our plan that covers theirs, and they have information in their plan that covers ours. So that's about the only thing that's likely to change with that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:29
I wish we had somebody from our Treasury Department here, and we need to get together with them. I'll be very blank, blunt with everybody, our garbage Bill has been high. You can pay, you can pay, prepay that. Pay it annually, and you get a little bit of a discount. You can pay it quarterly, and you pay a very minor addition to it to cover the additional four billings that you got to take place due but at the last of the minute, we did a monthly plan, and it was basically at face value, which became a disaster. To be honest with you, getting 12 people come in 12 times a year to make their garbage payments has not been a success. That people first off, don't do it, and it's been a nightmare for the Treasury Department to keep track of it. And unless there's some amazing thing that people come up with, I think that we need to think of a better plan the monthly that just doesn't work, either charge a premium for it or something to cover our cost of it. Does anybody have any suggestions or thoughts on that subject?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 32:52
I just have one question, how did we ever get to the point where we pay the garbage bill? Because I have friends who live in other cities, they pay it directly to the garbage company. Recall, anybody's been around here long enough to know how we got into the business of before my time,

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:12
I couldn't tell you

Councilman John Nestor 33:13
Ever since the refuse before he was ever created, that's how we ended up becoming the payment system. But like you have municipalities like Monongahela that just they pay directly.

Councilman John Nestor 33:27
You pay directly. Clarksville, you pay directly. And I just wondered how we decided whose idea was to create an authority to take over the payments. It seems like it's a lot of work. I think at one time they thought it was cheaper to have two municipalities come together and have an authority to do it

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:42
I think they were trying to do more than two at the time.

Councilman John Nestor 33:48
Yeah, so.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:56
I believe that they were collecting more money than they was costing them. They were using it to offset some of their budget problems. As of recently, we're barely scraping by the end of the year and covering the fee. In fact, last year, we had a chip in some $20,000

Councilman John Nestor 34:20
My suggestion is we drop the monthly, or we raise the monthly. I say, just wipe it off,

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:29
Or add five or $10 per month to cover the overhead that we have with the billing process. It's a problem.

Councilman John Nestor 34:36
I'd say, get rid of the monthly. We don't have anyone that's coming in and paying for it,

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:40
We do. We have a few,

Councilman John Nestor 34:41
But as in a small amount, is that really offsetting the amount that's not coming in?

Councilman John Nestor 34:51
I would like for Treasury Department to be here and tell us that, because they're the only we have really, we have a quarterly payment, right? We pay monthly the state. Pays monthly, I don't know.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:14
Well, think about that, because we need to have a plan put together the next meeting that we all can work on, such that we can get started with the 2026 Yeah, garbage bills. We're getting that time of the year that we need to start thinking about that, taking care of that, right?

Councilman John Nestor 35:35
So the payment options are yearly, monthly, and that's it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:39
And quarterly and quarterly. I like yearly and quarterly myself.

Councilman John Nestor 35:44
That's why I was thinking, just get rid of the monthly. I mean, those folks are coming in monthly, they're going to have to just set up the side of a little kitty on their own. Be responsible.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:58
I think that's the way to do it. And the quarterly can be the quarterly plus about $5 for each bill to take care of the billing for that. Okay. Anybody else want to talk more about that? The next thing is, it's been requested that we put a stop sign on Spring Drive and Lee drive to enhance the safety of the residents in the area. I don't know who your thought there?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 36:48
All right, my thought is, for some reason, people are using Spring Drive as a quote, unquote shortcut. It makes no sense to me. I don't know. Ever since they did construction up there, am I correct, like it's just been, you know, people using that stop sign will eliminate that thought that it's a shortcut that or it will slow people down, which is both a good thing, yes. So, if we could get an ordinance enacted are going here for a stop sign to be facing on both sides of spring at Lee, which will cover what is like a north, south, whatever direction is on both sides. We did go up air paint lines for speed, but it's, you know, we're sitting at, it's not, you know, there's a lot of people walking in that area. There are kids that play on the yards, you know, stereotypical stuff to for safety and this is just an idea. The other, the other idea that was brought to my attention is putting in speed bumps, but that's another discussion, and I don't even know we could, you know, but, yeah, so that's wherever.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:17
When you're plowing roads for one for two, there are plastic speed bumps you can apply, you can solve and remove.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 38:24
But yeah, what that's going to be is that's going to be more of a burden on the street departments area, exactly. So, I think maybe this may be putting stop signs up there.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:38
Great ideas. Anybody have any?

Councilman John Nestor 38:41
No. I mean, I think this is probably a way to start slowing down traffic, because we're getting, I'm getting phone calls from Grand Boulevard where folks are flying down the hill going past the fireman's club. I don't know about maybe implementing stop signs over there too.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 38:57
Yeah, that's, that's, oh, whenever I was on the road, I remember sitting, I used to sit up on Third Street. Yeah, the people argue I wasn't going to, yeah, you, you know were, because if you're coming downhill, and especially when they hit that bend, yeah, that's another and then that's what I would like to see if we can get the, obviously, grant funding. More grant funding. Those radar speed signs, because sometimes people are driving down and, you know, I've done this going down the hill in West Newton. Oh, I'm doing X amount, yeah, you know, you know, sometimes you're just cruising along, you that you might be able to like it flashes at usually, you've been through communities that have these, like, yeah, and have them where they're solar powered, and also you can, you can move them so you have a problem, problem area, say, Grand Boulevard. It slows down traffic. No, you have a few that are trying to see how big a number they can make.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 40:00
Yeah, and, there's ones that do a traffic help to see what kind of our traffic's like, right? Depending on how in depth you want to go, it's going to go. Also depends on how much money is going to be too.

Councilman John Nestor 40:13
My question is, I felt like Grand Boulevard, would that be a safety issue? We would, let's say, implement stop signs over there, too. I don't know you, like, where that is your street, where you're talking about, where you're Yeah, you're coming down around the bin. You put a stop sign on Grand there.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 40:26
That's probably going to be more of a but, like, it's going to be like, the stop sign on Third Street, yeah, you know, I mean, at one time, that didn't make sense, but it's, you know, the one on Third Street is one residence, yeah, you know, a stop sign in the middle of the roadway with no intersect can move even, Yeah, funny. So, I in, I don't know if we're grand.

Councilman John Nestor 40:51
There is a intersection there that takes you up behind, like in the cemetery,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 40:54
Or another option, maybe. And this is something that I don't know if Joey can answer this, but if we do, like, a safety corridor type thing, like they do in other municipalities, which increases the fines, would you increase the five from a, you know, a $25 fine to a $50 fine?

Councilman John Nestor 41:12
If we do that, though, with your officers, be willing to sit around there and, yeah, yeah, I think that'd be a good idea. Do it, enforcing the fine,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 41:20
Yeah, I don't know if they can't. You can do it, because

Councilman John Nestor 41:23
That's when you have to ask,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 41:26
Because Grand Boulevard is a mess.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 41:30
Yeah, I think that's about that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:40
Sure. Go for it. Go for it, sure.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 41:43
Okay, good thing. I brought this up here, that corridor is a good idea.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 42:00
This past Tuesday. This past Tuesday, I went to a Chief of Police meeting out in Greensburg, where all West Morgan County chiefs sit around and they talk about things going on in the world and what involves us. There was a gentleman there who was a retired New Kensington officer, who was a coordinator for IUP, the Police Academy for a few years. He is now spearheading an officer and first responder wellness program And that's for mental health, for long and short mental health for police and first responders. I expressed my interest in it to him to help. It could go from anything from being, you know, a peer, to someone, or being on their committee to even also what this is, what, where I need Council's viewpoint or blessing to do. An email I received today after my interest, he wanted to know if the Monessen Police Department would like to sponsor, meaning apply for grants, which he will write.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 43:20
The grants. We'll just have to do it, it's our name, but it has to come through us for the grants. So, this is where it leads me to you guys, for the officer and first responder wellness program to be a host agency for 2026 for the cops, Law enforcement mental and mental health and wellness Act program. I don't know how much it is. The grant isn't open till next year, but we want to get ahead of it. And it's going to be no cost to the city, no cost to our taxpayers, no cost to anything. The only thing, if there is grants that or there's going to be people in charge of the finances, the whole thing, it's, it may have to be filtered through us, but if it is, I think that's something where we might have to set up a another bank account or another account, because the problems that I'm not really seeing, but I am seeing with the PCCD grant that I received, it went into our grant fund. What's with our grant fund is where all our drug seizure money went. So that drug seizure money now I'm getting a little bit off topic here, but I'm trying to touch on base here, that drug seizure money that is audited yearly by the feds, when we have the other money coming in there, it makes sense in the long run, but it's just more of a headache. That's where, if it gets to that point, if we are awarded this grant, we would probably. We have to just set up a sub account for it. But that's it.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 45:08
I have some documentation here about the it's a resource guide for the community policing advancement program for this. Yeah, the long and short of it is, there is more police officers killed by their own hands than they are in the line of duty lately. Knock on wood. We don't have that problem here. I don't want that problem here. This is how I want to solve that problem, not only for police, for EMS, for fire, and appear to go to whenever you're going through something where you're a big burly policeman, big burly fireman, and you don't want to come and show weakness. Well, if you talk to a peer from someone outside the county who doesn't really know you, but knows what you've been through, might be a little bit different than you know, sitting at home and drinking and sipping on a bottle all day. That's where I want to go, and I want to if we can be a staple in this. This may be, you know, give it shine more light onto it using and how we're evolving with the times.

Mayor Ron Mozer 46:32
Let me just make sure I fully understand some of this thing. First off, it doesn't cost us anything to make the application. We'll have people that administer that, yes, that application, and the way that goes. And yet we reap the benefit. We're going to have a center someplace, maybe it's the school system at this right time of year, or some, some big venue where people from all over the county, or over, over the county far, I know it's a county wide well, people from Washington and Allegheny are being allowed to come in as a strictly related to the county.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 47:07
I don't know that that's a good thing, but that's a good question asked. But we are, we can, as I understand it, we could tailor to how we want to do it, in a sense, like if we are going to have a day of a seminar or a conference. You know, summertime you are prime for the school system. Maybe we can invite other people. Don't say, Hey, this is what we do. This is service we offer. And if you want to do this, you could do here you go.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:39
So during this presentation, you're going to have people that that address these kinds of issues, make presentations on it and so forth. Offers resources for mental health and within the first responders, first responder,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 47:52
Because first responders deal with mental health, a one out of two calls that we deal with our mental health, right? We deal with mental health of the public, right? First Responders don't know how to handle mental health themselves, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:06
So, this is where we are on the upside of this gives us a lot of recognition. Is it being a progressive oral Police Department organization? Yes. Is that helping the other way?

Chief Dave Yuhasz 48:22
That's all. It may show that, hey, this is a department of cares, and that may help with hiring, I don't know. And so, so what are the downsides to this? I don't see any downsides. That's remarkable. Yeah. So again, I've talked to, you know, I've talked to you this morning about it. I talked to my secretary, I talked to my officers, talked to my better half. I talked, you know, to a few other people about this, just trying to, because it's a shiny object, and I want to see if there is anything that I'm missing.

Councilman John Nestor 49:00
So, from a council perspective, will we have to put together a resolution or something along those lines to to back such a program? Or what would you be your suggestion? He's looking at your information like you're the you're our Solicitor.

Joseph Dalfonso 49:15
I'm assuming there's something,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 49:17
Yeah, oh, I could probably dig something up. But I just want to bring it to Council's attention, because I obviously hope you can't vote on it today. You're anything along those lines, and it's still not a long way down the road. But I just want to before I waste time or go any further, I want the blessing of everyone here. Grant application will have to be some form of resolution.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 49:44
Speaking of grant grants, while I have the floor the Westmoreland drug and alcohol Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol commission. They have a micro grant out for $3,000 for the opioid. It's not opioid abatement, it's the like an opioid micro grant that they offer anyone dealing with, I had to deal with opioids or alcohol or anything like that. I don't know what I'm going to apply for, but it's a $3,000 grant, and it's for equipment. I don't even know yet, but I can probably let us know. I could probably let you know in two weeks. Thank you. So, I just want to tell you about that too

Speaker 2 50:38
Perfect up here, Chief Yuhasz, the SWAT program.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 50:42
The SWAT program is going decent. An officer applied. Officer Naylor applied for it. He was the only one that applied for it from our department. He had his physical agility test today. And his qualifications, he passed, he has the interview process to go, and I don't see any snags on that end. Wish him the best of luck. That's good. Yeah, that one's taking advantage of it, yeah, and he's a young kid. He wants to get what he wants to get involved. Thank you. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 51:24
The next thing on my list is, once again, the same properties we talked about earlier. So I'm going to skip that. We've already talked about that. So with that, let's pay some bills and see if we can wrap the day up here. Like to make a motion to pay the following invoice from the general fund in the amount of $80,069.90 all invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment A Do I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 51:57
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 51:58
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 52:00
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:04
Motion to pay the following invoice from the Parks Fund in the amount of $5,049.29 All invoices are attached to this agenda. Is attachment B, do I have a second,

City Administrator Mike Korposh 52:09
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Mayor Mozer, aye,

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:09
Motion to pay the following invoice on the Line, Usage fund in the amount of $25,347.46 All invoices are attached to this agenda. Is attachment C, do I have a second,

Councilman John Nestor 52:09
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:09
Any questions. Call the roll.

Councilman John Nestor 52:14
second

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:15
Any questions, call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 52:17
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Mayor Mozer, Aye,

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:21
Motion to pay the invoice from the grant fund in the amount of $529.45 All invoices are attached to this agenda is attached by D Can I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 52:52
Second

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

City Administrator Mike Korposh 52:52
Council person Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Mayor Mozer, yes

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:54
Motion to pay the following invoice from liquid fuels fund in the amount of $21,673.13 all invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment. E Do I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 52:57
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:57
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 52:58
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Mayor Mozer. Aye.

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:59
Motion to pay the following invoices from the recreation fund the recreation fund the amount of $931.13 all invoices are attached to this agenda is attachment F can I have a second, please?

Councilman John Nestor 53:28
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:29
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 53:31
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor Aye Mayor Mozer aye

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:35
Motion to the transfer of $77,282.86 from the general fund to the payroll fund for payroll expenses for September 11 payroll. Could I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 53:47
Second,

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:47
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 53:50
Council person, Cosner yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Mayor Mozer aye,

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:56
Motion to pay to approve payment requisition number 35 and certificate and certificate in the total amount of $171,708.74 for phase three, work performed by WEC entered engineers in the amount of $35,111.80 from August 2, 2025, through August 31 2025, and the work performed by insight pipe contracting LLC, for work performed from July 24 2025, through August 31 2025, and the amount of $136,596.94

Mayor Ron Mozer 54:38
For clarification, this comes out of the USDA loan. Could I have a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 54:41
Any questions. I would like to make a suggestion, and I would like to talk to WEC before I do this. Insight has done some work around town several weeks ago. An example of this work is on the corner of fourth and Knox. Another. On McKee. Oh, Mickey, yeah, they fixed the problem, but they haven't done restoration. They have, there's some there's just rough gravel on it. They hired another company to come in and do the restoration. I don't even have a date when they're going to do this. I would like to hold their feet to the fire and hold this check until I have at least a date in which they're going to come and fix the problem.

Councilman John Nestor 54:41
Second

Councilman John Nestor 54:42
I agree, because I've been getting phone calls for folks that live up in that area of McKee that their ground will cause problems with, with USDA, or anything else, but this, this really disturbs me,

Mayor Ron Mozer 55:36
I'm getting calls that the gravel today laid down there in packs. It's starting to come off. It is and it's affecting the vehicles that area, broken windows and, yep, dented cars and everything else. It's a problem. I would suggest we; we go ahead and process this through the USDA, and then we, we force, we see, to get some answers for us before we actually write the check. Can we do that? Okay, thank you. Could I have, we had a second, call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 56:07
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman, Nestor aye, Mayor Mozer. Aye

Mayor Ron Mozer 56:17
Motion to pay WEC engineering the amount of $16,615 from Line Usage fund, and $29,260 from the general fund.

Mayor Ron Mozer 56:24
These are for various projects they've been working on that from the general fund. Well, could I have a second? I'll discuss it

Councilman John Nestor 56:30
second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 56:31
So, the reason why this coming from different funds is that we've had lots of projects that that, were not Line usage. Any other questions? Call the call. Call the roll. We have a second. Yeah, we have a second.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 56:52
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman master aye. Mayor Mozer, yes. That includes the bill pay, so I'm going to turn it over to Karen for discussion of Lois, streets and parks. If you have anything for that. Okay, then John, do you have anything that you'd like to discuss?

Councilman John Nestor 57:11
Thank you, Honorable Mayor, Members of Council, Ministry of staff, systems in Monessen. Just a few things that came out to my attention. One, I've been getting messages about asking what our plans were for the tennis courts up at City Park, if we plan on restoring them, demolishing them. I just didn't have the answers to it, because it's been sitting there for a while. I think the clean soil is still there too, right for some of our demos. So, I wasn't sure what we are plans were for the tennis courts that we had any to be realized with you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:45
I would really appreciate it if we could get a hold of those people that are interested in doing something and getting them involved in deciding what we need to do with it.

Councilman John Nestor 57:56
Okay? Because as long as I don't see anybody any interest in it, I don't have any interest in it,

Councilman John Nestor 57:59
I'll forward their information and see.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 58:03
I don't know who you talk to, but I'd say, over a year ago, somebody gave me a whole list of people in that area. You were interested, and I just asked Mike earlier this week that I'm looking down about this.

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:15
Yeah, why don't we get Ryan call a meeting together with all these people and get some input from them. Okay.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 58:22
Well, I think we need an idea of whether it's worth repairing only way you know that is going to be used, only, it’s worth repairing, only if we have users, if they have user groups that are going to use it, then it becomes something. You have those names. Yeah, okay. We can add John,

Councilman John Nestor 58:43
Okay, yeah, thank you

Mike Korposh 58:44
I think that would be a very positive meeting. And do that, yeah, okay, and we can talk about the USDA aspects and other grant related things that we've looked at. It's just the interest, as the mayor said,

Councilman John Nestor 58:56
And yeah, there's no interest. But I mean the longer that it sits there, the less interest we're going to be getting.

Councilman John Nestor 59:05
The next thing that came to mind is, there is a property on Pennsylvania, that is, it's pretty much past the borderline of disheveled. It's pretty bad. And this person has not been responding to any mail citations. And I'm sure you know what I'm talking about, the property, Pennsylvania, yes, I mean, it's moving forward in a big way today. So okay, because other than that, I suggest that we could get the police to do a welfare check too.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:47
We did that. We've had the discussion with her. We're moving forward. I will be talking to Rodney first thing in the morning to get him up there, and he will clean that lot up and make it good. And I have her permission to do that, okay?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:58
But then going forward. Forward, then

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:01
She's going to have to maintain it one for year.

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:04
I feel that's going to be the now it's going to be our obligation.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:07
We made it very clear this be a one time thing.

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:12
But how has she been avoiding our citations still? I mean, I just feel that she's just an air elect to the area. I feel. I mean, it's good that we're you. I don't want to get into a lot of the details. We could do that. No, I completely agree. But, I mean, I'll talk to you after the meeting. But thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:31
That does need to be done absolutely. And I think we did a lot today.

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:34
What else? It's like a doctor's office. I'm going to forget later. I it, and then Jordan probably got a hold of you. Karen, right about this, that's all I can think of. Oh boy, Jordan, that's it. Other than that, I yield to the floor, Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:57
Thank you. Karen, would you like to talk about some of the things you've got going,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:01:00
Sure, and I want to refer back to what I had last meeting when I street crew, Parks crew had installed one of the Doggy way stations, and Rodney sent me a really delightful photo that shows that some people, I guess, don't understand what those little bags are really for. So, I don't know where we move forward with this, if we just shut that whole area down or maybe give them a few weeks. I don't know what. I don't know. I feel.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:29
What about some some discrete trail cams to see who's doing it.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:01:34
And one area of real concern is people let their dogs in the baseball field. Yeah, that is totally unacceptable. And you would think they would understand that, because there's children playing in there. I don't know how to address that, unless we have trail cams, we catch them, and they could be cited.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:50
They can definitely be confronted. I don't know how much you can sign them on a camera.

Councilman John Nestor 1:01:56
Well if they're caught on a camera right and we know their information right now, be able to fine them.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:02:02
We and we do have fines for letting your dog go?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:07
I'm all for what it can be done.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:02:11
I don't know. It's just very disheartening that it's blatant.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:15
But let's get together and do a little bit of research on some trail cams and see if we find a camera that we like and place that we can put them, do a requisition on them and see what we

Councilman John Nestor 1:02:25
Don't have to have any signage. Do we? We do the trail cam.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:02:28
Don't have audio. Okay?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:02:32
We have signs I made a special sign. No,

Councilman John Nestor 1:02:34
I'm talking about the signs for video or public places. So, I think they should know there's no sign. There's no expectation of privacy.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:02:42
The sign could be a deterrent, in and of itself. If there's

Councilman John Nestor 1:02:46
signs and you're being recorded,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:02:49
I like that, okay, and I had been contacted there as a resident interested in the tax forgiveness program, and I think I'd ask you, Mayor, and you said there was something on our website that you could go in and see the list of properties and whether or not these people had fulfilled their end of the bargain, whether, within a year, they had made any strides forward with fixing the properties up. I couldn't find it. I looked for it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:17
Well, that's something that's done in the code enforcement. Lloyd would have that information.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:03:21
There's a whole application packet.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:03:24
I saw that, but I didn't see a list of properties that. Okay, so that we can,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:28
We're not a realtor, we're not going to go find properties for people. It's up to them to find a piece of property.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:03:33
The ones that are already in the program.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:37
There's only a very few of them that are in the program currently, and they should be scheduled by Lloyd for for inspections and so forth, period, okay?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:03:46
Because I guess there's real concern that they're getting these, these properties, and then they're not not dealing with them, which means what the whole purpose is, they wouldn't,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:56
and there's some, there's some teeth in the contract that they signed in order to to get that

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:04:02
Have we ever pushed it and make sure that they do it or, I mean,

Joseph Dalfonso 1:04:06
Nobody brought the issue up whether or not people are complying with the program.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:10
If you have some that you think are not complying with, talk to Lloyd and see what he says that's the case, then we get some addresses and take a drive by. I don't know.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:04:11
I don't know if, like Lloyd could drive by and tell whether or not they've made any progress or not. And again, Jordan had emailed me, he said that the lighting at the boat launch is not adequate. Some of the lights work. Some of them don't. Can we have somebody check that out and, I guess, go up the pole or turn it on, or whatever they need to do to find out whether this,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:44
I believe those are West Penn lights. They're all streetlights.

Councilman John Nestor They're not a lot. 1:04:49
I haven't been down there for a little while, but I couldn't remember if they're on a pole or if they're just a metal rod with a light going up there. But if we knew that, if we knew the pole. Numbers, and if those pool numbers were then given to like Deneen, Deneen still doing the numbers right? Yeah. She emails. We email.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 1:05:08
Yeah. She emails because there is an online portal where she enters in all of these light options, because I get down CC in the emails that once they receive it.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 1:05:31
Emails that, once they receive it, could go anywhere from, I guess,10 emails to 30 emails at a time. So, they're being submitted. Okay, so I

Speaker 1 1:05:38
need to go down there. With a flashlight and look at the polls. Yeah, Chief, can you ask the officers to take a look at the boat launch and on the night crew and see if there how many which poles need lights repaired?

Councilman John Nestor 1:05:53
Thank you. Sorry, Chief, thank you. It's a, I think it's still money down there too. So, tell them to be careful.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:01
As long as we're talking about boat launch. I forgot to say something. My things too. We received information from the US Army Corps of Engineers that they're going to be moving forward with repairing the boat launch, and they asked us to put together a estimate.

Councilman John Nestor 1:06:19
This is the i when you're saying the boat launch, you're talking about the barges, right? They're stacked up.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:28
No, I'm talking about the boat launch itself. So you launched a boat, yeah, okay, this estimate is something that we provide for them, and I don't know what their guidelines are for the maximum amount of money that they have available to us. But to me, it also includes the fishing dock that too suffered when they dropped. The drop the river level, the fishing dock became beached. It needs to be relocated. I think all they really asked for was for WEC to put together an estimate, and they will move forward with this.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:06
I think it's going to be a city project statement.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:08
It could be, and that would even be better. But even still, yeah, if we put together an estimate, they approve it, they give us the money.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:15
That's fine. So, they cleared all the title issues. That was pretty clean. It's up to your engineers, design the project, put the estimates together and build contract documents. Okay?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:26
So, we need to make sure that we get that on the agenda so that that takes place. And they ask in emails who the engineering firm would be.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:36
WEC, yeah, I saw an email today that they were in contact with WEC, I think so. Yeah. Okay. Okay, perfect. That's a good thing. That's a long thing. We've been talking about it in council for a long time, and I'm glad to see it finally moving forward.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:52
Thank you, Mayor. Have you seen any agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:57
You know you should be other than the letters, okay? I it Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:06
Like to have a motion to pay $1,500 to Big Schur as the sound contractor for the music in the park concert series. Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:14
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:15
Any questions? Just to make sure everybody is aware, this comes from the donation fund that we collected for this park. It has no tax dollars in social call the roll.

City Administrator Mike Korposh 1:08:24
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye, Mayor Mozer aye.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:29
Like to make motion to pay $1,500 for Sky pilot to Sky pilot as entertainment for the concert in the park series. Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:38
Second

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:39
Again? This is the donation fund. This is what, September 26 that's the last concert of the season. This is the last one, and they we've had some excellent concerts. Just for everybody's information, this is your last chance to see a good concert for free.

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:57
That's next weekend.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:58
Alright, okay, call the roll

Mike Korposh 1:09:02
council person, Cosner Yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Mayor Mozer aye.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:09:06
And if you would like to take one of these flyers, if you belong to an organization or a club, and post it, I have, I have copies right here. I'll take a few,

Speaker 1 1:09:16
Just as a reminder, too, as long as we're talking about entertainment type things and so forth. Uh, Friday or Saturday, we're having the March for Jesus through downtown, and I provide anybody that's interested to join us. It'll be a good time, whoever it's worth. I've invited the CMA to join us, Christian Motorcycle Association. What is that again? March for Jesus? Yeah, on that. But I can't remember the date. It's Saturday. This Saturday, it starts at 10 o'clock, 930 the people gather 1030 right? And it was really remarkable. Last year we had people closing their shops and joining us in the march along the way. It's really a good thing. I. It was very, very encouraging. Okay, go ahead. I'm sorry,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:06
The dates for the trunk, trunk or treat event that's going to be held at City Park is two to four on Saturday, October 25 and followed by the City of Monessen Trick or treat, which will be held on six to eight on the same day, October 25 then the Monessen and Halloween holiday parade will be held in conjunction with the city of Monessen, Number one fire company and Ricky Dick of Castle blood on Thursday October 30, beginning at 6pm anybody have any questions?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:41
I think that's wonderful. Now we have some dates cast in concrete. Does anybody have any problem with those?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:10:55
And we have another clean up day scheduled for September 27 nine to one

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:03
September. What? 27th.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:11:05
That's what we discussed at, I think, the last meeting, Nine to One at Sixth Street Park. And it's really important we have that it's well attended, because we weren't able to do the cleanup in spring, because every day we picked it rained some for hoping that we have a big turnout of people to help clean up, and people can again, we can meet at the park, and you could clean up an area that you think really needs to be cleaned up. And I have all the supplies we need.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:33
I'd like to also remind all the citizens of Monessen that as summer winds down, we're into fall. September is still a good month. It's now time to clean up your yard. Clean up clean up things. If you

can't come down and help us clean up your own stuff, it's a good time to clean up around the around your place.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:11:53
Oh, and another thing I remember decades ago, we would have a City-Wide cleanup, and it wasn't just picking up litter. You could put a couch out there, or whatever you had. I had occasion to walk to work one day this week, and I was kind of surprised as I walked down pretty Boulevard, and I came across up there on Schoonmaker and Donner between the houses, there was all kind of like stuff and stuff on people's porches and everything that's I don't know, probably not designed to be on porches. Is that a possibility? Or if there are grants available to have one of those, again, in the in the spring?

Speaker 1 1:12:35
There's two ways that that could go. One would be that we get our Streets Department to run their trucks around and pick up stuff from places. The other would be to get pro waste. And pro waste would be a fee that we'd have to, we'd have to contract them for that.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:12:52
Yeah, I don't know, but I wondered, would people participate? Would they take the time to pull all that stuff off their porches, between the houses, off of vacant lots, put it off of the car to be picked up, because I think we need to clean up this town. We walked. When I walk through it, it should be clean. I shouldn't see stuff like that. I don't know. What does anybody have a thought on whether people would think it's valuable?

Speaker 1 1:13:18
I think it would be very valuable. But I would like to think that we need to promote that concept, add that to your flyer or whatever, and that we get together with the Streets Department and see if they can go around after the day and pick up all the stuff that evening.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:38
Do we have to pay to have that dump?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:41
We have dumpsters around. I don't know if we have enough dumpsters. We may have to get some dumpsters.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:45
So, we'd have to check a cost.
I don’t know how many people would participate, and that's the reason why I would say that it might be worthwhile to run a test and see how much we got and let our Streets Department pick it up. We can arrange for a way to dispose of it, depending on how much we get. Okay, that makes sense to talk about that. Yeah, we need to talk it through. What? Yeah, oh, I have Thank you.

Mayor Mozer: Which case it's now 7:44 pm, I'd like to make a motion to adjourn Second. Any questions. Call the roll. Aye, everybody. Thank you.