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SPEAKERS

Councilman John Nestor, Speaker 3, Speaker 2, Earnie Telegraphis, Councilman Orzechowski, Pastor Pipp, City Adminstrator Mike Korposh, All, Gerry Saksun, Delmar Hepple, Speaker 1, Councilmand Orzechowski, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, Dave Yuhasz, Christie Harr, Jewel Crawley, Mayor Ron Mozer, Mike Korposh, Joseph Dalfonso

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:04
It's now 6:30. I'd like to call this September 25, 2025 meeting of Monessen City Council to order. Could I have a roll call please?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 00:12
Council person Cosner, here, Councilman Nestor, present. Council person Thomas, Councilman Orzechowski, here, Mayor Mozer, present.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:24
Thank you. I'd also like to make sure everybody's aware that we will hold an executive session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:34
At this time, I'd like to ask Pastor Pipp, John, to come up and lead us in prayer.

Pastor Pipp 00:43
I want to thank you for your attention, and I want to thank the people of Monessen for standing, for time, such as this, for prayer, for what it means, sometimes in spite of us, but what it means in the heavens and on the earth. And with that, let's pray. Sovereign Lord, God of heaven and earth. We are reminded that you build those who labor in vain. Therefore, we acknowledge our dependence upon your mercy and your guidance for our elected officials in dealing with the needed provisions, guidance, protections, watchfulness in the affairs of the people of Monessen, with reverent humbleness, we recall that you have taken little places like Bethlehem and turned them into celebrate memorials. We ask not for greatness, but for the necessity and the provisions for this season of the history, the making, the sustaining of the city of Monessen, its leadership and its people. We are thankful that we are part of a nation wherein from its highest political elected officials nationally down to the cities and towns like Monessen have acknowledged our dependency of needing your guidance, for our laws, our actions and for our people, each having necessity to preserve this nation's divine purpose and godly leadership, sovereign, omniscient and merciful God, we respectfully ask that the decisions tonight lead us forward to the

progress of tomorrow. Be they challenges to the elected officials, the incidence to our citizens and or the needs of our city, grant us wisdom and counsel with understanding in our discussions and knowledge for application that transforms and conforms us in our city, for all of us and others, even as an example of the righteousness that exalts a nation, bring revival, morally and restoration for our churches, safety to and for our homes, our schools and our streets, stir our hearts beyond a slogan that declares In God We Trust, let it be for us a way of living according to the many great things you have done here in Monessen, according to your good pleasure and divine purpose, all for your glory, our well being and that of this city. Amen.

All 03:55
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:03
We're still in the process of resolving the minutes from the last work session, so those will be postponed until the next session that we have. At this time, I'd like to invite the public for questions directly related to the agenda for agenda items only.

Ernie Telegraphis 04:24
Ernie Telegraphis, 29 Rex.

Ernie Telegraphis 04:33
Can you explain the tax disbursement? You get the police MMO for $500,00 and then he got the firemen for only $7,000 and so it's why, just like that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:49
I will explain that when we get to that, but it has to do with the fact that we got a number of police officers. We have one person on the fire department that was paid and has a pension plan.

Ernie Telegraphis 04:59
Oh, no. Kind of lopsided, very much so. And then I just want to ask the council, if it isn't on the agenda, could they still talk?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:19
No, not at this time.

Ernie Telegraphis 05:20
That includes the police or the fireman. So, they can't say nothing, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:21
There's a separate public comment section towards the end.

Ernie Telegraphis 05:21
Yes, but they can't talk if they are not on the agenda. When are you going to put it on the agenda? The ninth of next month, next month is going to be on the agenda? Okay, so I wanted to know.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:53
Anybody else have any correspondence they'd like to bring forth?

Councilman John Nestor 06:03

No, Mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:05
Solicitor, would you have like to give your report?

Joseph Dalfonso 06:10
Thank you, Mayor. Good evening. Everybody, I sent out letters and notification for the demo hearings at the last meeting. Nobody showed up for those hearings. I did participate in a meeting with the DEP concerning the EQ tank, or the proposed EQ tank. The Mayor will get into more details with this, but the DEP has okayed a separation project along the Marion sewer shed instead of the EQ tank, which should be less expensive, there is a first reading and a motion advertised for an ordinance to add a stop sign. It'll be a three way stop sign on Spring and Lee drive. The Chief brought that up at the work session. I think there is a stop sign on Lee Drive already, but it was not in the ordinance. So that's in there as well. Participated in the police negotiations. There's a tentative agreement in front of Council this evening. Well, that's all I have.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:10
Thank you. I'll call upon our city Treasurer for his report,

Gerry Saksun 07:18
Mayor, Council and citizens of Monessen, this is my report for the month of August, 2025. Under garbage fees, revenues, we have current income in August of $3,175.25, year to date, $561,241.28 budget amount, $400,000, Delinquent garbage, August will receive $2,877.15, this includes amount collected by Portnoff of $798.20, penalty and interest by Portnoff, $1,353.25, year to date, delinquent garbage $84,746.88, collected by Portnoff, year to date was $18,286.49 and also the interest and penalties, which was $5,109.92, the delinquent garbage fees budget was $75,000 and the penalty and interest from Portnoff, $2,500 that's a budget amount. Garbage fees collected for 2026 August received $14.50 today, $2,125.50. Budget Amount, $140,000 total. August income from garbage with $7,420.15, year to date, $653,223.58, budget amount with $617,500. City Real Estate Taxes Revenue. Current in August, we received $19,364.42, year to date, $1,926,383.99, budget amount for 2025 was $1,487,000. City taxes prior collected, we received nothing in August. Year to date, $30,779.64, budget amount for 2025 was $10,000. Sub Total collection year to date is $1,957,163.63.63. Delinquent city taxes, we received nothing from Westmoreland County tax for this quarter. August, year to date is $1,957,163.63, the budget amount was $10,000. Delinquent city taxes collected by Westmoreland County is also nothing this quarter. August year to date, $138,357.80, budget amount, $250,000 total. Year to date, taxes collated was $2,095,521.43, budget amount was $1,747,000. Distribution is as follows, as of August 31 2025, the general fund received $1,361,598.78.

Gerry Saksun 10:38
The budget amount was $1,034,505.90, Debt Service received year to date, $369,512.51, Budget amount, $280,745.60, Library received year to date, $39,534.74, Budget amount, $30,037.40, Parks received year to date $186,517.60, Budget Amount, $141,711.10. Total year to date was 1,957,163.63, the budget amount for 2025 was $1,487,000.

Gerry Saksun 11:24
Miscellaneous income, real estate, transfer tax. August will receive $2,378.54, year to date, $56,135.48, budget amount, $60,000, Earned income tax August received $89,335.10, year to date, $510,896.59, budget amount for 2025, $651,046. Mercantile tax, August received $55.14, year to date, $21,401.58, Budget Amount, $20,000. Local service tax, August will receive $13,654.71, year to date, $55,701.29 budget amount, $72,000. Tax certifications, August will receive $1,810.00, year to date,

$14,900, budget amount, $20,000. Municipal lien letters, August will receive $1,125, year to date, $10,725, budget amount, budget amount, $12,000. Line usage accounts, unsecured payments, August will receive $972.00, year to date, $8,524. Line usage fees, August received $66,910, year to date, $588,012.30. Total year to date, income online usage fees was $596,536.30. Mayor, that concludes my month Report for the month of August.

Councilman John Nestor 13:28
Mayor, motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for garbage fees and city real estate taxes collected for the month of August, 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:36
Is there a second?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 13:37
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:39
Any questions, please call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 13:42
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:47
We don't have our City Controller here to read her report. Okay, Karen, would you read the Controller's report?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 13:59
Sure, this is for August 2025 General fund, CFS, bank, checking account, bank reconciliation as of August 31, 2025, Beginning bank balance as of July 31, 2025, is $1,300,423.45.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 14:21
Deposit, $193,790,41, Expenses, $367,762.47. Ending balance as of August 31, 2025, $1,126,451.39. Outstanding checks, $59,252.41.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 15:03
Outstanding deposits. $658.35. Reconcile balance to bank statement is $1,067,857.33 cents. And that's Rosalie's report. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer
Does anybody have any old business?

Councilman John Nestor 15:24
No, Mayo.,

Mayor Ron Mozer 15:25
Now I get my chance to talk about some of the things that we have going on the City. And first off, I'm quite pleased to announce to everybody that we received permission from the PA DEP to pursue a separation project in lieu of the EQ tank, it was a long pursuit along Parente Boulevard. And just so everybody understands that EQ tank, when I first came to Monessen, some 16 or17, years ago, that was

talked about as being basically a 500 a 400 at the time, was 400,000 gallons at $1 a gallon, $400,000 project that escalated in 2021 to became a $4 million project up by a factor of 10 here. About a month ago, they came to the City and said, it's going to be an $8 million project. And at that point, we said, wait a second, let's back up and rethink this. Back in early 2012 - 2013 time frame, we had a study done, a flow study done that showed that if we did the separation, it would cost the city about $1.3 million to do separation. And what I mean by separation is we separate the sanitary water from the sewage water along everything on the downhill side, towards the Park, from the Hilltop Fire Station the Marion Avenue area. If we separate that water, it would have cost us $1.3 million back in 2014. At the time they were saying it was going to be $400,000 for a tank. So, it only made sense to go with the tank. When the price started going up in the tank, we finally reached a threshold where we said, wait a second, let's back up. Separation has not gone up that much. We went back and did an update on our economics, and that had gone up to $4 million for separation. So, we've already committed $4 million in 2021 for addressing this problem. We can use the money that was going to build a set EQ tank in 2021 to build a separation project in 2025- 26 time frame that will solve the problem. What does that mean to everybody? It means that this is not an alarm that we're going to raise the line usage fee to everybody. It will continue to remain at the stage it is right now. So that's a very positive thing they're offering. It offers many advantages too, because when just a normal use a half million gallon tank, we had offset by half million gallons of water. This will offset, on average, about point 6 million gallons. So, 600,000 gallon is offset by more water than the tank would hold, on average. And in these severe rain storms that we've been having, it offsets in excess of a million gallons. So, it offers a whole lot of advantages, doing this separation project, as opposed to the EQ tank. And you have to understand, we did not have a choice of just forgetting the whole project. This is part of the DEP corrective action plan that they have for the City of Monessen and that is something that we've been investing all this money that we've been doing thus far in order to address. So that's a very positive thing that we got done this this past week. Another thing that's very positive, we've reached agreement with the police on our police contract so we can get that language finalized, and that will be approved very, very shortly, just because the firemen are here, I want to talk about something else. We have great respect for what they're doing over there, but part of the problem is their garage door that they have. This garage door was damaged for some reason. It came down on top of a fire truck as it was leaving the building. Did damage to the fire truck, and it did damage to the fire door itself. We've been in constant communication with the insurance company over the last couple weeks trying to get this resolved. It is not one claim, but two claims, and I don't understand why they're doing this to us, but they have forced it into be two claims with the insurance company. The fact that the garage door came down damaged a fire truck doesn't mean that it's all a facility contract claim, the fact it was done to the fire truck becomes a vehicle claim, but it doesn't have any help to the building.

Mayor Ron Mozer 19:56
The company that installed the door came back with some ridiculous terms for the City. They were holding the City hostage, and we said, we're not going to play that game. So, the insurance company started contacting other garage door companies. Joy started contacting them. We've had a concerted effort to try to find another company to do this. It turns out that not just any old garage door company can do a garage door as big as what exists in that fire department. It's a big garage door. Most of them said they were not interested, but we did come across a couple. One in particular said that we will come down and we will do a cost estimate on it for no cost whatsoever. They came down on the 18th they met with somebody at the fire department, and they did an inspection; they determine what they need to do, but they never did come back with a quote. I've been on the phone with him all day long, and I'm convinced that the problem was that they sent two people down to do the inspection, one from Monongahela, one from Pittsburgh, and when they went back, that one thought the other was doing the quote, and neither ended up doing it. So, the manager got involved and is now in the process of having that quote, and it should be in in our hands by tomorrow. I thought it was going to be here before this evening, but they didn't make it. That will be resolved as quickly as it possibly can. As soon as we get

that resolved, the insurance company will get it going with the fire department. Karen, would you like to read my motions for me? Please.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 21:32
Sure.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 21:40
Motion for second reading and motion to adopt ordinance number 1276, for the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending chapter 365, Vehicles and Traffic section 365 -7, speed limits. 365 - 12, one way streets, by adding additional speed restrictions and additional one way streets, section, 365 – 15 stop intersections. 365 -21 parking prohibited at all times and 356 - 24 special parking zones.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:16
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 22:17
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:18
I'd like to spend a couple minutes just talking about what that really means, and the Solicitor can constrain me out if I make any mistakes here. First off, the speed limits that we're talking about reducing the speed limit from 25 to 15 in some streets that are very narrow, where we don't have a lot of room for cars parked on both sides of street and people zooming through there very quickly is a problem. An example is Montraver and there any other examples, that whole plan up there. So that's the primary reason for the one- way streets, same area, same thing, Montraver, identifying all of the one way streets that are up there. And it's actually not one big loop, but it's a number of streets that form a loop that are out there, that are all identified in that Ordinance. The one -way parking, additional one- way parking on the streets that has to do with some in Montraver.

Joseph Dalfonso 23:24
No, Braddock in Summit Avenue.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:27
Okay, it's Braddock Avenue from Sixth Street to Ninth Street. No parking on the north side and Summit Avenue on the south side, from Grand Avenue to Leeds Avenue. Very good.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:43
With that said, call the roll please.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 23:45
Council person Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 23:52
Motion to approve Resolution number 10 of 2025, by the City of Monessen, certifying the provision of local match for state operating financial assistance for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority.

Councilman Orzechowski 24:04
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 24:08
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer24:09
Does anybody want a description of what that is? Yes, we made that. We made the payment, but we never passed the Resolution. This is the Resolution that goes along with the payment that we made a month or two ago. Alright, that's all. We paid the bill before we passed the Resolution.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 24:33
Call the roll. Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 24:40
Motion to accept the resignation of the City Clerk of the City of Monessen to become effective as of the date of her notice of resignation as September 15, 2025

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:51
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 24:52
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:54
This pains me to say, but I. Aye, call the roll.

Mike Korposh 25:02
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, I'd like to say no, but I have to say yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 25:12
Motion to approve a handicapped parking place at 105 Linden Avenue in the City of Manassas.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:17
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 25:18
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:19
Any questions?

Councilmand Orzechowski 25:20
Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:22
Okay

Councilmand Orzechowski 25:23

We talked about this a year ago. Why is it up again? We didn't pass it a year ago. Is there something changed to make sure, make the things we're going to pass it now, I think that they actually follow the the handicapped application with the police, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 25:42
Oh, I'm the one motion ahead. I'm sorry. I apologize,

Mike Korposh 25:46
But there was some discussion on this a while back. Councilman, but what's been rectified is the handicapped placard that allows it to go forward with the space.

Councilman Orzechowski
No, no, I don't have a problem with D. I was, I was talking about, okay.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:06
Okay, call the roll.

Mike Korposh 26:06
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 26:09
Motion to place a painted crosswalk and Yield to Pedestrian signage at the intersection of the library and His Place Community and More Coffee Shop on Third Street in the City of Monessen. Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 26:22
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:22
Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 26:23
Yeah. Now my question, okay, we talked about this a year ago, and we didn't pass it. What changed now?

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:32
They sent us another request, and there's been several near accidents there. It's really become a safety issue

Mike Korposh 26:38
And it was encompassed in other Third Street issues. So this takes it out of that. And, okay, what are the other Third Street issues? The maker on Third we were talking about putting lines there and some yield signs, but we talked about, maybe that's a little too much, and wanted to continue the discussion. This one really had no opposition, other than it was included with the others.

Councilman John Nestor 27:08
So, this is going to go from the library steps to the City parking lot across the way.

Councilman John Nestor 27:17

There's like, there's steps, not the library,

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 27:20
John, from the curb area where the parking lot is in the library to His Place, just that small square, but it's catching the folks who are coming around the corner.

Councilman John Nestor 27:34
Is that going to be too close to the corner? We talked about that, that that was one of the problems and that's one of the reasons we nicked it when we were going to put some lines on the road.

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:42
It's going to take some enforcement by our police, there's no doubt about it, but we're going to have also some yield to pedestrians signs placed in such a way that slows traffic down there as well.

Councilman John Nestor 27:54
Alright, give it a try.

Mike Korposh 27:58
Okay, call the roll. Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 28:08
Motion to approve the proposed demolition of properties and structures in the city of Monessen approved at a public hearing on September 11, as follows, 509 14th Street, parcel number 20 -06-0-090, 622 Summit Avenue, parcel number 20 -02-06-0-741, 630 Summit Avenue, parcel number 20-02-06-0-739, 632 Summit Avenue parcel number 20-02-06-0-738, 916 - 918, Summit Avenue, parcel number 20 -02-06-0-734, 720 Summit Avenue, parcel number 20-02-08-0-733. All properties were subject to a public hearing held on September 11, 2025,

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:12
Are there any questions?

Councilman John Nestor 29:13
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:14
Second, first? I'm sorry, any questions?

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:19
Call the roll.

Mike Korposh 29:19
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, Aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 29:26
Motion to pass Resolution 11 of 2025, of the City of Monessen Council, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to apply to Westmoreland County for the demolition of blighted structures located at 1435 Rostraver Street, 917 Grant Avenue, 640 Third Street, 920 Summit Avenue and 310 Riverview Drive.

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:50
Do I have a second?

Councilman John Nestor 29:51
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:51
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 29:54
Council person Cosner, yes, Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer , yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 30:02
Motion to approve a permanent restoration work agreement between the city of Monessen and the People's Natural Gas Company LLC regarding permanent restoration of designated areas of Overhill Drive, Washington Drive and Jackson Drive.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:17
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 30:18
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:19
Any questions?

Councilman John Nestor 30:20
Yes, no, you go water, permanent restoration?

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:27
So, PNG has a internal company. They're first off when they come and replace gas lines. They're responsible for doing curb to curb replacement of the road. The problem is their internal restoration group has gotten so expensive, they've asked the city to give them a quote for doing it ourselves. So, our engineer get, prepares a quote and gives it to them, and then they come back with an agreement that says we will do it and that they will pay us that money and it will be our responsibility to pave those roads.

Joseph Dalfonso 31:03
And this is the third or fourth section we did, I think the first time was Marion. I remember Marion,Pacific and Scenery Drive.

Councilman John Nestor 31:15
But my question too is like kind of adding onto this, who did Scenery? Was it our folks? Our folks that did Scenery?

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:23
It was a city contract. It was a city contract. We could manage the project.

Councilman John Nestor 31:26
Yes, because there's already issues going on now with Scenery. If you're going off Monessen Boulevard and you make a left on Scenery, going towards 906, there's already some of the asphalt that hasn't been properly sealed and is chipping out.

Joseph Dalfonso 31:41
Yes, I'll bring it up after the meeting. They all had maintenance costs.

Councilman John Nestor 31:45
Okay, but yeah, it's already chipping up and concrete or whatever. Yeah, because Scenery doesn't look like it's been done. It just looks like it's temporary from how bad it looks.

Councilman Orzechowski 31:59
Okay? My problem I'm starting to have with this is the City is not in the business to be doing paving.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:07
It is not our job. But we've been doing paving for years and years and years. It has been our job. Historically, all the CDBG roads we've paved.

Councilman Orzechowski 32:14
But this is somebody else coming back and giving us money and say, here, it's yours.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:14
That's right,

Councilman Orzechowski 32:14
The same issue.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:16
No, it's the same project management.

Councilman John Nestor 32:28
I mean, what I kind of like about the idea is it helps us move things around, if need be.

Mayor Ron Mozer:33
Thus far, we have paved roads in less money than what we've received money for. We got together with PNG, and we asked them, we said, do you want us to return this money to you? And they said, well, we gave that money to you in good faith and we thought it was a fair price. And we got what we want, and you got what you want. We ended up getting the roads paved, and we got some extra money on site that we'd start forming a kitty for this and that. There's a special payment account, and that was okay, alright.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 33:14
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 33:16
Well, okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:17
Call the roll.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 33:20
Motion for first reading and motion to advertise Ordinance number 1277, amending Chapter 365, section 365 -15, adding for a stop sign at the intersection of at Spring Drive and Lee Drive in the City of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:36
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 33:36
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:37
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 33:39
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 33:45
Motion to award W.A. Petrakis Contracting, LLC, the contract for Phase 3d to include concrete lining of the Parente storm water line from the tracks to the river and the amount of $615,669.50 as the lowest qualified bid, as per the recommendation of the city engineer, this is financed as a part of the USDA loan and required by the PA DEP as part of the city of Monessen Corrective Action Plan.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:19
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 34:19
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:19
Any questions? I'm just glad to see this finally happening. Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 34:19
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 34:29
Motion to approve Change Order 4 MCSP as part of Phase 3 C, to allow one year to complete the project due to delays of rights of way and easements. There is no cost associated with this change order.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:48
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 34:49
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:49
Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 34:51
Yeah. What was change order? One, two and three?

Mayor Ron Mozer 34:54
They were passed a long time ago.

Councilman Orzechowski 34:56
Is it for the sewage project?

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:00
Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:04
Change Order 4 is because we took so long to get permission across the track, so long for us to get permission to do all that work. Yeah.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:16
Oh, that would have made things easier.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:18
Yeah, that's the whole reason why we're resetting the clock and allowing them some additional time, otherwise they would rather be out of time to do the things according to contract.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:26
Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 35:26
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 35:33
Motion to approve the tentative agreement between the City of Monessen and Teamsters Local Union 205 representing the police department employees effective January 2026, through December 21, 2029 contingent upon the final agreement.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:50
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 35:51
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:51
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 35:54
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 36:00
Motion to approve the health care changes for the 2026 police employment contract relative to recent negotiations and approval where the 2025 costs will take effect on 12.01.2025 and will be held at those rates until January 1, 2027 contingent upon final agreement.

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:20
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 36:21
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:22
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 36:28
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 36:32
Motion to award Tresco Paving Corporation as the lowest qualified vendor to contract to pave Columbus, Scenery and parts of Monessen Boulevard in the amount of $90,888 and to WEC Engineering for design and the coordination of the bidding process in the amount of $9,088.80 and for $3,635.52 to perform construction oversight, paid for through the paving account of the City of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:03
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 37:04
Second.

Councilman John Nestor 37:06
Yeah, that's kind of, oh, boy. This is a result of this. That's my question. Is this a part of the payment, is this going to what is already done on Scenery?

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:18
This will fix the road that's on Scenery.

Councilman John Nestor 37:20
Because a temporary selection, urban temporary thing. Okay, this ready.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:26
This will be curb to curb, new pavement. Okay?

Councilman John Nestor 37:28

Okay. Because I was gonna say, if that was the solution, that was a permanent fix, and we're paying him after it. No, okay.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:35
No, this temporary solution was done by PNG, and now we're going to go back and mill that down and do a permanent layer.

Councilman John Nestor 37:44
Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:45
Any other questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 37:48
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 37:54
Motion to approve Phase 3 A change order 7 for Insight Pipe Contracting. This includes 212.89 LF, manhole Lining 4,163 LF, eight inch CIPP lining, 1,189 LF, 15 inch CIPP lining 63 LF, 18 inch CIPP lining and as directed spot repairs required in the amounts of $563,850.24.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:29
Is there a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:31
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:32
Any questions?

Councilman Orzechowski 38:34
I have no idea what any of this means.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:35
Well, first off, what this is, when we went out on the USDA phase three, we were allocated some $15 million to accomplish that. We basically accomplished that. Now we're working on what's left of the grant that really is just that, just a grant. And what engineering did is they went back and they identified some other places in the City that have smaller pipes that they want to fix, the VF is linear feet should be LF in all cases, the first one is misprint the linear feet so they're going to replace well over a mile of lining and pipes throughout the city in various places, in addition to what we did with the original loan. Any other questions?

Councilmand Orzechowski 39:31
Yes, but the way this is, this is assuming that there were six change orders before this.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:41
Yes, and there was for what, over the last two years we've done change orders for different things. This is being processed because they don't want to have to redo their contract. So they're doing it as a

change order. We have some money left over, and we didn't want to have to rebid the price. Project as such, we're doing these change orders.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:02
But we agreed a long time ago, when everything started,

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:04
This work hasn't been done yet. This work has not been done yet. The council would approve before the work started. That's what this is, is approval before they have not started this project yet. They won't without our approval.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:22
So you're telling me, spot repairs for them to go back are going to cost $563,000 to line a mile worth of pipe, do all the manhole lining,

Joseph Dalfonso 40:34
Yes, all of that. With all of these change orders, you're getting more pipes remediated than what was initially planned at the beginning of this project.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:47
Well, I know we came under, but I also don't want to just blow it away either.

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:54
Well, we're not. We have, first off, this grant money that is required to be used on that there's no choices.

Councilman John Nestor 40:59
And this doesn't consider any of the inlets right, just the manhole lining, right, okay, in those sections, yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:17
Any other questions?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 41:19
Call the roll. Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 41:25
Motion to approve Amendment number nine in the amount of $121,627 to WEC Engineering for the design to add an additional 2626 LF, of eight inch, 5260 linear foot of 10 inch. 3549 linear foot of 12 inch, and 1449 linear foot of 15 inch CIPP pipe lining in various locations throughout the City of Monessen, an additional 70 manholes will be rehabilitated and lined in conjunction with the CIPP pipe lining. Open trench spot repairs will be completed on an as needed basis.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:08
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 42:09
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:09
Anybody want me to try to explain this one?

Councilman Orzechowski 42:11
Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:12
This is all the engineering for everything that's in Motion H, and plus, more then it will be in future change orders coming forth, okay, but it's all engineering.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:27
Nature of the beast, call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 42:27
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:34
And by the way, just as a point of interest, I did ask that Bill Armstrong to be here in our work session, and he will provide a synopsis of all that they've accomplished and what this amendment means,

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:50
Tony, your turn.

Councilman Orzechowski 42:50
Thank you, Mayor. Make a motion to pay the following invoices from the General fund in the amount of $93,430.97 . All invoices are attached.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:00
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 43:06
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:09
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:11
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yep, Mayor Moze, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:17
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse account, in the amount of $55,750.26.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:23
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 43:24
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:25
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:27
Council perso. Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 43:32
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage account in the amount of $9,835.49

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:44
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 43:45
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:45
Any questions, call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:45
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:45
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks fund in the amount of $523.50

Councilman Orzechowski 43:46
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 43:51
Second.

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

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:57
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 43:57
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account, in the amount of $109.95.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:08
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:09
Second.

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

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 44:12
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 44:17
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreation account, in the amount of $5.94.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:20
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:20
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:20
Any questions? Call the roll

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 44:20
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman, Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor, Mozer yes,.

Councilman Orzechowski 44:20
Motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant fund the amount of $882.00.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:20
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:20
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:22
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 44:28
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes..

Councilman Orzechowski 44:43
Motion to approve the transfer of $71,715.26 from the General fund to the Payroll account for payroll expenses for September 25, 2025..

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:52
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 44:54
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:55
Any questions? Call the roll please.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 44:58
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman. Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilmand Orzechowski 45:02
Motion to transfer $4,000 from the General account to Health Care account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:03
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 45:03
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:03
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 45:03
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Moze,r yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 45:15
Motion to approve and pay the Police MMO in the amount of $350,813 from the General fund.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:24
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 45:25
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:26
Any questions? Just so everybody understands this is the retirement fund that we have to fund for the police. Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 45:35
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 45:41
Motion to approve and pay the Fireman MMO in the amount of $7,831 from the General fund.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:46
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 45:48
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:49
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 45:51
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 45:57
And these are the balances as of today, Debt Service fund, $789,087.83, Fire Escrow, $94,737.76 General fund, 1,076,000. I'm sorry, $1,076,844.65, Grant fund, $153,348, Health Care is $6,091.55 Line Usage is $878,661.39, Liquid Fuels is $127,236.44, Parks fund is $109,350.80, month $109,350.88, Payroll is $16,398.44, Rec fund is $1,289.02, Refuse fund Is $179,021.96 and the Paving Escrow is $177,061.11 and Mayor, that's my report. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:05
Do you have Lois's report? We do. Okay.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 47:11
Sure.This is the Streets Department report for August of 2025 - picked up garbage downtown, marked PA One Call, cold patched, got ready for concert in the park and got ready for the holiday weekend and helped the park as needed. And that's my report. Thank you,

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:26
John, your report, please.

Councilman John Nestor 47:27
Thank you, Honorable Mayor, Members of Council members, administrative staff, row officers and citizens of Monessen. And here's the following reports for the public safety department, police department, receipts for the month of August, 2025 miscellaneous collection which only consists of one which is Charleroi prisoners, $175.00 for a total $175.00, court receipts from the district Justice Office, Vehicle Code fines collected ,$376.75, crime code fines collected $335.09, city ordinance collected $188.73, total receipts from District Justice Office, $900.57 for total receipts collected for August 2025, $1,075.57. Total citations, 47, year to date, 530. The following report is code activity for August. 2025, habitation permits, nine, correction letters, 14, animal complaints, two, which were vermin, miscellaneous complaints. 10, office meetings with residents, three, building permits, four zoning permits, two. Right now, that's all I have. The reports in front of me before I yield the floor, Mayor, I just wanted to thank both fire departments for Tuesday, for the folks that took the time to donate, for the activities, for the s'mores at the elementary center, my children had a blast. I'm sure the rest of kids did. So, thank you for your time. I also want to say that they're having an event, Saturday, September 27 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Monessen Fire Department, touch a truck. Come and visit the fire station and meet local fire department, firefighters, volunteer fire department, firefighters. Also, another question, , Chief Delmar. Have we checked the generator lately? Since the season's changed over, have we been looking at that generator at the police and fire station?

Dave Yuhasz 49:28
It is working fine. Every Monday at 9am it kicks on, you check it. You know you can hear it, but it kicks on every Monday at nine kicks off every Monday night, okay? And then any maintenance, preventive maintenance, like oil change and battery placement.

Councilman John Nestor 49:44
Do we know if it needs to be done or performed on the generator?

Dave Yuhasz 49:53
They have been coming down. They were down, alright?

Councilman John Nestor 49:59
Another question, and then Mike, you might be able to help me on this one. What are the updates on the Hilltop Fire Department? I noticed I just approved a change order request for the plumbing in the bathrooms. How's the process going at the department?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 50:16
As far as the vendor coming in to do the work yeah, he's been notified, and hopefully he's still going to start that soon.

Councilman John Nestor 50:22
Do we know if the floor has been fixed?

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:22
Yes, it's been fixed. They're parking the fire truck indoors again.

Councilman John Nestor 50:29
Okay and then my next question is, do we know if we looked into like the safety corridors within the municipalities for speeding?

Joseph Dalfonso 50:39
The Chief is looking into to that.

Councilman John Nestor 50:41
And we kind of talked about it not likely to happen. Okay, so we'll have to hit the pavement or something else. Alright, other than that, I'll yield the floor, because we have some information on the guardrails that I'd like to share. Please forward.

Councilman John Nestor 50:56
Yeah, thank you, Mike. I appreciate that. Other than I yield the floor, Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 51:03
Karen, it's your turn.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 51:05
All right, I just had a question, and it has nothing to do with my report or anything, but I had been asked, and we were talking about this before the meeting started, about the CDBG money from 2024 and somebody said that we didn't get it yet, and I have no clue. And so you were talking about it and I thought this is all new to me, that we would apply for something a year ago and still not have it yet. So when we think about things that we want, it can't be an immediate need, right? Because too bad for us. So if you would, maybe I don't know if anybody else has questions about that or wants to know.

Mayor Ron Mozer 51:42
In 2024 we went through a process of public hearings, we did an application and we been waiting for the contract to come through. It's very coincidental, and I don't believe in coincidences, but it was very strange. I sent an email to the person that notified us that we were awarded the contract, which was back in June of this year, and we hadn't received the contract. I hit the send button, and as soon as I hit the send button, it pops up in my email. There's the contract. Couldn't have been closer timing, if you've

ever planned it, it was just literally within a second, it just popped up and I got the contract. What does that mean? It means that we can now start spending, we can start doing projects that we budgeted for last year. Now this 2025 that we're doing now, we won't be able to touch the money until 2026 so, yes, there's a long lag time.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 52:43
Okay, that's good for the firemen. There's $48,000 in turnout here in the 2024 allocation. So that'll be able to be moved forward quickly. Now, it's amazing that I said the mayor hit that button and there was the contract that they said they're going to send it hard copy also tomorrow, but that's in there.

Councilman John Nestor 53:11
As far as the turnout here, the 48k speaking of that, I apologize for stepping online. But how far are we Chief helpful on, like catching up on the radios? Are we still playing catch up on replacing some of those?

Delmar Hepple 53:22
I think mobile units are in the truck. I think we're in pretty good shape right now. The mobile radio is one in the truck. I think the one sharing, Washington County goes to 800 County.

Mayor Ron Mozer 53:48
We'll talk about this more later, but I think that there's a need for a lot of personal protection equipment that the fire department needs. Okay,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 54:02
Okay, this is my Parks Department report for August 2025 - picked up garbage and tree limbs in the park, put up signs about cleaning up after the citizen's dogs, and they also installed a doggy waste station near the dek hockey rink up in City Park, and that was the result of resident complaints about the mess, cut the parks and ball fields, got ready for the concert in the park. Cut and trimmed trees in the park, helped THE STREET DEPARTMENT as needed, and that is my report. And I also want to say, because we're finished with the concerts in the park; we had a lot of visitors from out of town, and everyone just praised the condition of city park, and they said, how lucky you were to have that and how beautiful it was. And I know the guys worked really hard to make it look beautiful, so I'm very thankful that they did it. It made us look good. So that is my report. And I'd like to make a motion. First before I make this motion, I looked at last year's minutes, and it was in I think, October 10, that we had received a letter from Karla Spangler requesting the use of City Park for the Trunk or Treat. We did not, as far as I know, get a letter this year.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 55:18
We got an email. pardon me, where's it at? I can supply to you.

Councilman Orzechowski 55:29
Yeah, that would be nice, because we have to vote to give them permission to use the walking track.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 55:33
They use that whole area down there for the Trunk or Treat, right?

Councilman Orzechowski 55:38
And it's not an issue. But again, we've done that for as long as I've been on Council, on this over 10 years, and they have to request it first.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 55:47
They did my email. I can supply that to you, but if you want to hold voting, I mean, that's your prerogative.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 55:56
Is this something we require everyone to do? Submit a letter that we vote on to let them use it?. So ,can I make this motion today?

Councilman Orzechowski 56:07
And then, is it the same lady that wrote the email from last year? I mean the same way. I mean, it'd be nice to have a letter, but I'd go by good faith and just go with the motion.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 56:19
Okay, Motion to hold Halloween activities and approved dates for the Trunk or Treat Halloween event to be held at City Park on October 25, 2025 from two to 4pm for the Monessen and Halloween holiday parade to be held in conjunction with the Monessen number one Fire Company and Ricky Dick of Castle Blood on Thursday, October 30, 2025.Now here it says, beginning at six. But I thought I was given a flyer. It said, line up is at 6:30 and the parade begins at seven. Is that correct? Line up at six? Okay, so beginning, you want to say, line up at six. Line up at six and at seven o'clock, the parade begins and Trick or Treat for the city of Monessen to be held on October 31, 2025 after discussion, I'd like to recommend that we have it on October 31 which is Halloween, and it was explained to me because of the way Halloween fell this year, we could actually have Trick or Treat on Halloween, rather than lumping it together with Trunk or Treat and it would be from six to 8 pm.

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:37
Is there a second?,

Councilman John Nestor 57:39
Second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:40
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 57:44
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer, yes.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 57:51
And please remember the cleanup day in the city of Monessen is this Saturday, September 27 from nine to one o'clock pm at the Sixth Street Park, which is on McKee Avenue where that sunflower sculpture is. We'll have a table there with all the gear and everything that we'll need. I hope we have a good turnout. It would be nice just to have lots and lots of bags of litter. We didn't do it in the spring because we had rain every time we planned it, and the electronics drop off is that the City Garage at the same day and time.

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:25
Well, they're supposed to be good too.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 58:30
Yes. One note about that, though.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 58:33
Is there a requirement that something that they have, their IDs, City, they have a driver's license, will be able to do this, or what's going to happen is you're going to have people from other municipalities, hear about it, come over here and drop stuff off, and they're going to get in the data for the electronics profile. Hep - has that been an issue?

Delmar Hepple 58:50
Most people give us, if we don't know them personally as residents, they'll give us their license.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 58:54
I think that's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:03
Anybody have anything they'd like to discuss before I open for public comment? Hearing nothing, I now open the floor.

Councilman John Nestor 59:11
LSAs. We're still waiting on the LSAs.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:19
I think that has to do with what's going on in Greensburg.

Councilman John Nestor 59:19
But, yeah, okay, all right, no, I was just wondering.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:19
But are they all five, four, or what's the status? I have requested a listing of LSAs and what they were in, the amounts that I never received for the new applications.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:31
Yeah, and we've got some time for that.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:41
So is someone going to answer my question?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:43
Mike, we get that for you.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 59:44
I definitely will. Yes, and I have the two contracts here from last year.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:50
What's the status on the police vehicles?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:54
That's the same thing. When Harrisburg does settle the budget, we can get the money.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:58
Yup, we've applied. I doubt, yes.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:00:02
I'll get you the information. Yeah, I'm sorry. I didn't apologize for that but definitely I'll look at that for you.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:10
So, you'll also be able to provide the actual contract and all of that too.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:00:14
Well, here's the contracts for the police. They're receiving $29,900 for the cameras and the smoke. No, no. I'm talking about the police cars, the two. Yes, she approves that through that program, yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:29
Did we apply? Did we do the full application and submit it?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:00:33
Yes, yes, there's one part that I have to take from the Chief. I saw that, so I just have to add one part to it.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:00:42
but it's so women, we gotta get this straight so there's no miscommunication. Has the two grants or whatever for the police vehicles been submitted yet? Yes or no.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:00:56
No, but it's in the process and in there.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:00
That's nice. But when is the deadline? Tomorrow?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:01:03
No, that doesn't have a deadline. The deadline for the statewide LSA grants is November 30. For the local LSA match grants, it's September 30.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:01:19
So that is coming up next week.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:01:21
Yes, Chief Hepple and I have been working on, if he wants to talk about it, the lithium battery firefighting related, but it's going in September 30. Yeah, we sat down the other day to talk about it, and we did. We finalized what they're looking to do.

Councilmand Orzechowski 1:01:42
Okay, so when is the police vehicles going to be submitted? Tomorrow?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:01:48
I'll add that information that the Chief gave me to tweak the number, and I'll submit it tomorrow, but it's in the single application format already ready to go. You do that as an ongoing element, okay, I'll forward it to you in you can see the documents and go from there.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:02:06
Okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:07
At this time, I'd like to open the floor for public comment directed to myself on any remaining items of business, Ordinances, any related items of business, Ordinances, Statutes, Resolutions or daily work product and the attention of the City of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:50
Here use this mic. It works much better

Christie Harr 1:02:51
My name is Christy Harr. The first thing I want to talk about is at the end of Reed Avenue, the 600 block there at the end, going to Ninth Street, the drain cover at the very end there, by the white house. So it'll be on the left side of the road. The drain cover, it looks like maybe a truck ran it over, but it is, you know, off kilter. It is up in the air. I can show you a picture if you'd like to see it, but it's big enough that a dog could fall in there, so that needs to be put back in place.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:02:52
Delmar??

Christie Harr 1:03:00
It's at the very end of Reed Avenue. Yes, so it's the white house there. It's right in front of the white house. It looks like maybe the dump truck or something took the corner and, I mean, it would have had been big to move that massive thing. Yes, I have a picture if you want to see it. But I noticed that this morning. So when I was leaving the house, I happen to notice it.

Councilman John Nestor 1:03:47
Chief Hepple is that is that one sinking in like one, it's one of the old style, the same, the same style we're dealing with on Rebecca. Okay, it's got that strange coffee.,

Christie Harr 1:04:04
Yeah, it's not shrinking. It just it literally looks like a huge truck ran it over and it kind of went up, but it's big enough that a dog could fall into so it does need to be addressed. Well, yeah, if a kid got, you know, inventive enough, they could fit themselves in there. They're bendy like that. Okay, so the next thing is on that road. So, the 600 block of Reed, I was wanting to know if we could get speed bumps put in right when you come up over that corner where the actual pedestrian crossing sign is right there, if we could get one right there, and the one just below the driveway to my house. And the reason is because everyone comes flying up over that thing going like 45 like they're, you know, trying out for the Dukes of Hazzard rerun, and somebody's going to get hit. I mean, I've already seen, you know, people have to run out of the way, or, if a car is, you know, trying to get out, they almost get clipped. They've almost hit the deer a couple of times. There's no other way to get them to slow down. Coming down that thing without a speed bump, so they'll learn real fast once they hit one of those. So, is that possible?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:06
And then there's some issues associated with speed bumps. They're not all the panacea that they might appear to be.

Christie Harr 1:05:13
First off, there's always problems with everything, but there's little kids right there.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:17
We have plowing. It takes place. It tears up equipment. If you hit the plows with them, there's some legal issues associated with them.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:05:29
As I recall, speed guns required have to be up to PennDOT specifications.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:33
Yeah, it's not an easy thing. I would like to suggest that we discuss that during our next work session in more detail.

Christie Harr 1:05:42
I just know there's a bunch of little kids right there and someone's going to get hurt.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:46
Speeding is a problem throughout this city. It's not limited to that road or that particular section of town. People are driving too fast. We've got to figure out a way to improve our enforcement of our speed law, speed limits that we have just enforcing that would be a huge advantage if we could figure out a way to get that done.

Christie Harr 1:06:08
The biggest issue with that particular one, it's blind as you're coming over, you don't see anything, and people just, you know, like I said, they come flying off of that. And I just eventually someone's going to get hit. So however, a way to fix that, I'm open to any idea So, okay, so the next thing is the sidewalk in front of my house. We've talked about this many, many, many, many times. All right, so this was the beginning of last year. I think it was February, March, whatever they were coming through. Can everybody hear me? I've got a big mouth. Everyone should hear me. They were coming through, and some contractor with the city was replacing the sewage pipes coming up through there. And as they were coming up through, they hit my water line, and the water company had to come out and replace my water line, and that's when they informed me that lines on my side of the road were lead and they were condemned. Cool, not a problem. So, then a couple days later, they hit my water line again, and they had to have the water company come back out and run water line again. Then they hit my sewage line and collapsed it, and they fixed that and said, hey, your sides collapsed too. Now, whether that happened when they collapsed their side of the line, or if it was before, who knows? Who cares? I don't. So I do have Home Serve, worst company ever. Do not go through them, if for them to come out, fix it. Not a big deal, as they were coming further up the road, because I couldn't have them come while they were working. Then they hit my gas pipe. Now, luckily they didn't break that one. But after all of this, and I finally got, you know how many months of having Home Serve come out, because I think it took them, like eight months or whatever, to come out and take care of the whole thing. But once it was all done, I finally report my driveway on June 1. So it actually started earlier. So it would have been the end of 2023, I believe. But, on June 1, I poured my new driveway. They had said at the time that they were going to repair the entrance to my driveway. And I told them, until they come and tear up all my lines and replace it, it would be a waste of product. It would be a waste of labor, and you know, it didn't make sense, because they're gonna have to dig that whole section up to run whole new pipes to my house. So, I told him just to wait, I'd let you guys know when they were done, and that you guys could come in and pour the entrance to my driveway again. So, the first time I came up and I talked with you, Mike, you said you were gonna look into it. The second time you told me you had no way of knowing who the contractor was that did it and was just going to have to play out. And I don't know how you cannot know

who you paid for. I mean, he wrote a check out to them, so I figured it'd be pretty easy. The third time I talked to you, you said you were going to wait till this spring.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:08:57
That's what we had said. I don't remember the second part well

Christie Harr 1:09:01
We wait till spring. But again, that was Spring. Yeah, spring because it's autumn now, you told me we're going to wait till spring. I said, that's fine.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:09:09
That's when the contractor indicated to us that they were going to --- what was the address of

Christie Harr 1:09:13
676 Reed.,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:09:17
So that's the portion that was repaved. Reed, wise, has any anything been done?

Christie Harr 1:09:27
Well, yeah, they're actually just up the road, just on that same block. Two other sections of the sidewalk have been repaired. I have pictures of them. So I even came up and I told you that, hey, they've already repaired these, but they still have not for I cannot use my driveway, so I came up here last month with a letter that I had Marlene stamp and date to give to you that you were going to call me back. I've never heard from you. It's autumn now. I really want my driveway back. I don't think I'm asking for a lot. I really want my driveway back. It does me no good if I can't use it. And of course, it's a tripping hazard. Anybody I have pallets there to keep people from walking, but I've already seen people because the water clean out is right there, and people trip over it trying to walk through that gravel. I don't want somebody face planting on my property, because this isn't getting fixed.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:20
Now, the last time that we talked, and you're saying this, this was referred to Code, and I believe they got back to you, or talked with you to say that we're at the mercy of the company, but once the company is going to perform those functions on those sidewalks,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:36
It will happen.

Christie Harr 1:10:37
But they already did, like four houses up on my side and five houses up on the other side. Again, I have pictures of where they poured other parts of the sidewalk and repaired it, but not mine.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:47
Has Vitale been involved in this?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:10:49
He has not, but Code has.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:50

I'd get Vitale involved, because Vitale has dominion over the repair work that was done right? Didn't know who did the repair work. He's the one that would hold them responsible for making the fixes.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:11:10
It was our project, City project.

Christie Harr 1:11:11
Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:11
City paid the bill on it, right. Okay,

Councilmand Orzechowski 1:11:11
So we should be able to hold the company

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:11
Exactly

Councilman John Nestor 1:11:11
Who was the company? I don't know.

Councilmand Orzechowski 1:11:12
Yeah, okay,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:12
Okay, I'll get a hold of Tony Vitale tomorrow, and I'll figure out what that is all about.

Christie Harr 1:11:26
Alrighty, and the last thing I pretty much want to cover is property. I have been trying desperately to buy the property that touches my property since Matt was still in office. I have come down. I have filled out the paperwork. I've written letters. I've had them stamped by whoever was managing this. Who owns the property? Now you guys do. They're all owned by Monessen. The properties that I am trying to purchase are so it's everything that touches my property. So, we've got 20-02-06-05, 220-02-02-0, 360 and then the rest of them. They're all the same, except for 359, 358-350-7356, and 355, I have, again, several notes saying, hey, I want to buy this. I've had them time stamped, and I have a copy of them so that I have proof that I have been asking for years now to get this property. I've been told that you guys, you know, need money for projects. Yet I'm here trying to buy this, check in hand, I have the check for the asking price of the property. I want to buy the property. I have never been given a reason as to no, the only thing that I have had is I've come up here and I've talked with you many, many, many times, Ron about it, and I've gotten, let's see you're going to look into it. I came to the meeting in April 27 of 2023 and discussed this exact same problem, okay? And you said you didn't know anything about it, even though I'd already submitted several requests prior to that, I talked to you. You actually did come up onto my porch and told me that in order to sell me that property, I had to do something for you. Now it doesn't matter what that thing that was. Be careful in the day of ring cams. Might want to watch what you say. It doesn't matter what you ask me to do. Quirk is illegal, and I've never done that. Okay. Well, you know, maybe there's footage that says differently. But anyhow, does not matter. I want this property, and if you're going to deny it to me, I need it in writing as to why you're denying it to me. I need that so that I can take legal matters into my own hands.

Christie Harr 1:13:51

Councilman Orzechowski 1:13:51
I want to know why we wouldn't be able to move forward with this.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:55
When we talk about work session, we're not doing this motion tonight. That's not an agenda motion.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:13:59
The lady's here asking a question. Let's address her question. That's why you have questions from the audience. This is their time to say something, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:08
So let's put it on the work session, and we'll move forward with it.

Christie Harr 1:14:15
Here is a letter.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:17
My question is a redevelopment vote on it. I don't have to vote on it.

Christie Harr 1:14:22
Here is my letter with the properties, and there is my check. Well, no, I'm very serious. I want this property. I've been trying for four years, take the check back, but you don't have to cash it. And so it's done physically.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:45
Take that back.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:14:45
So there's no, there's no structures on any of these.

Christie Harr 1:14:45
No, they're just empty lots. They're completely overgrown. I want to cut down all the trees. I want to make it look like it's not this massive mess of weeds and trees, and I just want to extend my property. That's all.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:14:58
I don't know what the properties are. Let's take a look at them.

Councilmand Orzechowski 1:15:01
They could be redeveloped before your properties. Do you have a copy of this?

Christie Harr 1:15:07
Not of that particular one? Yes but at this point, I do believe I've actually submitted seven different letters that I do have copies and time dates on all of them. So, if I were to do an open records request, you would need to produce those. I'm sorry. What was that? Actually every time I've come down here and submitted a letter, I had a copy of it, and I had the lady that was working up here date stamp it, saying that it was received. And if I were to do an open, you know, request, you would have to produce

those. I have my copy. I certainly hope you guys have yours. But there is absolutely no reason at this point why I cannot purchase that property. And for years, you have not done anything with it. So you can't claim you were going to, they may not be for sale. They are for sale. I was told they were for sale before I was told, No, right? So, yes, as I said, before you came up on my porch, Marvin, because I don't recall that Marvin was driving the vehicle, and you came up and told me I had to do something for you first before you would sell me any properties. And I said, quit. Proposed illegal. And you're like, well, it's not, but you need to do this. Well, it doesn't matter what you said. You could have asked for a turkey sandwich. It doesn't really matter. You can't do that. It's illegal. All I want to do, I want this all to go away. I just want to buy the property and move on, and we never have to speak of it again. But at this point, I'm doing it on camera, because obviously four years of paperwork is not getting me anywhere.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:16:40
Do you still have a current lawsuit against Marvin Davis?

Christie Harr 1:16:43
Yes, I do.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:16:44
That's part of this puzzle also, folks.

Christie Harr 1:16:46
Oh, yes, I was told I had to drop that lawsuit. You brought it up. That is what he told me. I had to drop that lawsuit in order for you to sell me that property, and you cannot request that.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:16:59
Okay, I just wanted to clarify one point here.

Christie Harr 1:17:02
See, I wasn't going to mention what it was, but since you did, you cannot request I drop a lawsuit in order to get for me to be allowed to buy property from the City. Again, that's not legal.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:17:15
I'm no.t I just said you still have that ongoing.

Christie Harr 1:17:18
Yes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:19
Okay, so you have anything else?

Christie Harr 1:17:23
No, I believe that covers everything. Thank you.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:49
Wait.

Joseph Dalfonso 1:17:49
No, we're gonna stop now. Stop now, Mr. Orzechowski.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:17:52
I'm gonna ask her for her phone number.

Christie Harr 1:17:54
I thank you. You all have a lovely day.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:17:56
Thank you. Anybody else?

Jewel Crawley 1:18:16
And my question is, what do I have to do? I've talked to the Mayor. What do I have to do to get the alley cleaned up, which is an access road to my garage. It's in very bad condition. In a minute, I'm not going to be able to get back there. And then there's another entrance off of Reed that will also come down to my garage, which is in worse condition. I'll take either or, but it needs to be cleaned up. Back there, we're looking like we live in a jungle. It's just years and years of neglect, and we're trying to clean up the street.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:04
What is your name?

Jewel Crawley
My name is Jewel Crawley. Well, they have the other one closed off. They closed it off.

Mayor Ron Mozer
I've been working with our Streets Department trying to get some on the list. The issue is that we have seven people. We've got roads that they're trying to take care of, parks they're trying to take care of, and they need to take care of the alleys as well, along with the steps. It's just a big, long list of things, and we're limited on manpower. It's not that we're not trying to get it done. It's just we're limited on manpower,

Jewel Crawley 1:19:26
I understand, but exactly there's going to be, what a cleanup day on Saturday. Okay, while you are out there, I'm going to show you Parkway, which is really a historic, real street. It hasn't been cleaned up, but once all summer, it is a jungle.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:40
So, help us clean up.

Jewel Crawley 1:19:42
No, you clean it up. You clean it up. What? Why do I have to clean up? Monessen?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:47
Why do I have to clean it up? We're a community. We all work together to make this a better community. You do your part on our street.

Jewel Crawley 1:19:54
We will help. I will be there getting any help.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:19:57
I will be there to clean up your area.

Jewel Crawley 1:20:00
We are trying to do it. We get up in the alley, we do what we can. I asked if a tree could be trimmed because I can't reach it. And every time I go down that alley, it beat up my car, the top of my car, so it's, it's pitiful. And I've asked you, and you said you were going to ride past there, and what did you conclude?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:20:22
I concluded you're exactly right. There's a lot in that valley. Needs a lot of help.

Councilman John Nestor 1:20:23
Sorry, I apologize. I was late, ma'am. Is this growth that we're talking about, or is this debris or everything? I mean, I really agree with that thing. We need to get someone if we can. We need to plan it. Get trees cut down. I don't want to take the ball on this.

Jewel Crawley 1:20:40
I mean, you don't even know if they're the streets. It's so bad back there. You don't know. Are you going to actually, I had a worker that said I hit something in that alley and it messed up my tire. I'm gonna have to get a new tire. And I thought, well, say, look, I'm thinking, well, thank God I haven't messed up a tire. But I thought I wanted to buy a car and not have an SUV, but there's no way I could drive a car back there.

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:01
No, unless you we're not even too sure if the roads fall down too.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:21:08
Is it a functional alley? It needs to be maintained roads for the park friends that live off. We got roads that are bad too, though,

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:15
But the debris, I can't see why we can't cut that back, right?

Jewel Crawley 1:21:17
Just cut it back and make it look like somebody's trying to live there on the same road, right there on McKee that it looks like. And there's a huge tree that has been laying on the ground. I just came back here last year and that has never been cleaned. And it's like, I guess it's supposed to be normal that we live that way. No, it's not normal for me.

Councilman John Nestor 1:21:47
indistiquisable chatter.

Jewel Crawley 1:21:55
Okay, yeah, when you come around McKee. And right on that corner that's got to be cleaned up. It's got to be cleaned up, that lot right there. So, you know, I don't think I'm asking for much, but I just don't think that there's an equal allocation of funds as far as for cleaning up the streets and I don't want to live like that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:22:28
Anything else? Thank you. Anybody else you

Bubba Palmer 1:22:44
Bubba Palmer, 1228 Maple, I'm here to speak on behalf of the fire department. We're here this evening in anticipation for a CDBG meeting that at the last Council meeting was said that it was gonna be held beforehand. That's why we're here tonight, because we wanted to come show support for what the Mayor proposed at his first meeting, and maybe give a little input that that program has been very helpful for us. The last few years, got us some radios, like I just said, this evening, we'll be getting released $48,000 for 12 sets of gear. Each department has six guys that are waiting for the gear. That money will be well spent. We appreciate the help on that. The same with the LSA money. Whenever that gets released, we're ready to order the two fans and the two thermal image cameras. Again, everybody's ready to go. Soon as you guys get the money released to us, everything will be ordered. They'll be in service immediately, and that's for you guys and for us and everybody's family, just to help to keep the community safe. Try to keep up with as much safety equipment as we can. And like I said about the CDBG, we came to give a little input. So, we're looking forward to when you do have the meeting? We'll come down and, you know, voice their opinion, and hopefully comes in, we can stay as part of that program. Excuse me. You guys help us move forward still. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:24:33
Thank you. anybody else?

Mike Castner 1:24:33
Mike Castner, 1419, Arlington Street. I'm here to speak also on behalf of the fire department, but most importantly, the Hilltop fire department wanted to express our gratitude for getting the floor repaired, getting the drain repaired, and again, speaking tonight on behalf of moving forward with the repairs of the shower, upgrades and things that are very necessary. But if I may, elaborate with what Bubba had talked about, the LSA money, the CDBG. It definitely goes a long way. You know, we really appreciate and support you guys with what the unions are doing to help us, and hopefully in the future, we can collaborate together to continue to make sure we have that support. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:16
Thank you. Thanks. Anybody else?

Councilman John Nestor 1:25:21
Mayor, motion to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:55 pm September 25. Is there a second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:25:29
All in favor say, Aye. Aye. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you, Peter.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Ron Mozer / Mayor