

MONESSEN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
ONE WENDELL RAMEY LANE
MONESSEN, PA 15062

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

OPENING:

Minutes of the regular meeting of Monessen City Council held Wednesday, February 12, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Monessen Municipal Complex, One Wendell Ramey Lane, Eastgate 8, Monessen, PA. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Louis Mavrakis.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

PRESENT:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

ABSENT:

Councilwoman D'Alfonso

PRESENT: FOUR

ABSENT: ONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All present recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Mavrakis, "I would like to have a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 2013 meeting."

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Councilman Nestor, "second".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

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NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Mavrakis opened the floor for public comment on Agenda items only at this time.

Lee Ann Snyder, 26 Knox Avenue – "I am questioning, based on your words as we talked yesterday and Councilman Nestor that and I am not exactly sure, no personal thing here, but your Code Enforcement to hire Buzzy, as you know apparently there were empty promises and a lot of stuff said before the election. I would like to know first of all how.....obviously, I am talking about Tony, my son, who is laid off Code Enforcement who was making \$9.00 an hour and you are going to hire Buzzy at \$40,000, which is approximately \$20.00 an hour. You had two Code Enforcement Officers who were making \$9.50 an hour and now you are going to bump somebody up to \$40,000. I can't see how there is not going to be a conflict of interest. Tony's resume disappeared and miraculously reappeared after you had the interviews and nobody knows what happened to it or anything. He wasn't fired, he didn't do anything wrong with his job. There was no reason other than he was laid off. He was promised left and right from the administration before and everything that he was either going to be brought back

in the Street Department or Code. I have also had the conversation with you and now all of a sudden, you know, I've had LuLu tell me to my face, tell Tony, or my husband and I have also had Buzzy say the same thing. And here the whole time you already had Buzzy lined up for this."

Mayor Mavrakis, "that is not true. What you have to understand is that each Councilman is responsible for their own department. For example, Lucille last month she recommended to hire Andre Crosby, am I correct? I had nothing to do with it. Whatever Lucille decided, I went along with it. Which I do with each and every councilmember. If they make the recommendation to hire somebody within their department, I go along with it. I don't even question it. Am I correct? With the rest of the Council, is this what I have done? This is what I am going to continue to do.

So, don't make the statement that I had something to do with it, which I did not."

Lee Ann, "you personally said....."

Solicitor Gaudio, "this is a personnel matter...."

Lee Ann, "I honestly think.....I had a conversation with Nestor....."

Mayor Mavrakis, "one thing you have to understand first Lee Ann, first of all if it should be your son involved, he should be the one speaking, not you speaking. This is a personnel problem, let us discuss it with you privately...."

Lee Ann, "okay, separate from personal problems...."

Solicitor Gaudio corrected, "personnel".

Lee Ann, "personnel problems. In the paper it stated, okay, that he had to go to Harrisburg to get certified, correct? Because he is not certified....."

Mayor Mavrakis, "I am telling you, this is a personnel problem...."

Lee Ann, "no, I am asking you, is it correct that he is not certified for this job?"

Solicitor Gaudio, "we cannot discuss personnel issues concerning the hiring, the firing, the qualifications or things of that nature, because those people have certain rights of confidentiality and so forth. It is not proper to discuss this on the floor. So, we can't discuss personnel matters among council here."

Lee Ann, "well then, I will just let everybody here know, from what I know you have a laid off Code Enforcement Officer that is certified in everything that the State requires Monessen Code Enforcement to be certified in. I will just let you know. Nestor, you were totally unaware and Josh was in charge of it last, Code

Enforcement so you should have if you two work together, I am surprised that you didn't tell him that your Code Officers were, in fact, certified."

Councilman Retos, "I informed him. If he chooses not to hire somebody, I can't...."

Lee Ann, "he was totally unaware, he thought Tony didn't have his certifications."

Councilman Retos, "if Tony put in a resume, is that correct? Let me back up, you and I and your husband, did we not have a private discussion in regards to Tony about five months ago right over in the corner, outside? Did we not?"

Lee Ann, "out in the parking lot? Uh huh."

Councilman Retos, "and I expressed to you some things about Tony, is that not correct?"

Mayor Mavrakis, "Josh, don't get into specifics, we don't want to get involved then, because Al indicated that this is a personnel problem and we don't want to discuss this problem in front of people. If Lee Ann chooses to discuss this with you later, outside or in my office, we will do it that way, Lee Ann. Whatever you and him discussed out in the parking lot, we don't think we should discuss this."

Lee Ann, "that's fine. I am just questioning why you are hiring someone when all the applicants were not interviewed."

Mayor Mavrakis, "I explained to you, this is a personnel problem. If you want to discuss it with Josh and John after the meeting they will be glad to sit down. I will not be involved because it is not my department, alright?"

Lee Ann, "okay, but the words had come from you personally and that is why I was asking."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Jonmichael Retos – Department of Accounts & Finance

No report

Councilwoman D'Alfonso – Department of Streets & Public Improvements

No report

Councilwoman Bukowski - Department of Parks & Public Properties

No report

Councilman Jonmichael Retos – Department of Public Safety

No report

Solicitor Albert Gaudio

No report

Mayor Louis Mavrakis – Department of Public Affairs

No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Jonmichael Retos – Department of Accounts & Finance

Hiring of Carole Baker

Councilman Retos made a motion to hire Carole A. Baker as the Accounts & Finance Clerk at \$19,760.00 per year.

Councilman Nestor, "I second that."

Mayor Mavrakis, "any questions on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Resolution 2 of 2014

Councilman Retos made a motion to adopt Resolution 2 of 2014 – A Resolution to Appoint (Holly Minno, City Clerk) Between the City of Monessen and Berkheimer.

Councilman Nestor, "second that motion, Mayor".

Mayor Mavrakis, "any questions on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilwoman Lucille D'Alfonso – Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements

Street Department Report

Councilwoman Bukowski gave the following Street Department Report in the absence of Councilwoman D'Alfonso: Cold Patched 12 streets; repaired one manhole; cleaned one catch basin and one manhole; swept 10 streets; responded to 23 PA One Calls; repaired 9 parking meters; repaired/replaced or installed 5 signs; 2 Permit Parking Signs; 2 Handicap and one No Parking Sign; cleaned roads from water breaks-22 man hours overtime; cleaned roads snow removal – 313 man hours overtime; repair of a manhole – 12 man hours overtime

EMS Report

Councilwoman Bukowski, "we had 136 emergency calls in January."

Councilwoman Patricia Bukowski– Dept. of Parks & Public Properties

Parks Department Report

Councilwoman Bukowski gave the following Parks Department Report for the month of January: Removed trash from the police station 2 or 3 times a week; swept and mopped floors, cleaned rest room and jail cells as needed; checked the Civic Center and removed trash as needed; cleaned sidewalks and City steps of snow; also salted the following days in January: 2,3,4,9,17,20,21,22,23,27 and

31 for a total of 11 days; plowed the roads through city park roads for the dog walkers 2 times; cut back the bushes and weeds along the creek bed starting at the bridge working up; removed trash from the following parks: 9th Street, Shawnee Park and Ball Field, Soccer Field, City Park Ball Field and Park, Memorial Walking Track, Columbus Park and Ball Field; Boat Launch and Park.

Weeds No More, Inc.

Councilwoman Bukowski made a motion to accept the proposal from Weeds No More, Inc. for the weed control problem for the year 2014 in the amount of \$1,562.00.

Councilman Nestor, "second that, Mayor".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Resolution 3 of 2014

Councilwoman Bukowski made a motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2014 – Resolution to Reinstate the Monessen Civic Recreation Authority.

Solicitor Gaudio explained, "this is a resolution to again create the Monessen Civic Recreation Authority. The Recreation Authority was dissolved several years ago and it ceased to exist. Therefore, to get it up and operational again we would have to create a new authority and authorize Council to submit Articles of Incorporation to the Department of State. And today Councilwoman Bukowski will name the initial board members to serve on the board and have them appointed by a motion."

Councilman Nestor, "I will second that motion, Mayor."

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Appointments to Monessen Civic Recreation Authority

Councilwoman Bukowski, "pursuant to Resolution 3 of 2014, I would like to appoint the following people to the Monessen Civic Recreation Authority. My motion would be for Leroy Bright for a one (1) year term starting March 2014 and ending February 2015; Donald Caterino for a two (2) year term starting March 2014 and ending February 2016; Cheryl Flemming for a two (2) year term starting March 2014 and ending February 2016; John Palmer for a three (3) year term beginning March 2014 and ending February 2017; Robert Zynosky, III for a three year term beginning March 2014 and ending February 2017; Roberta Bergstedt for a four (4) year term beginning March 2014 and ending February and ending February 2018; Lee Johnson for a four (4) year term beginning March 2014 and ending February 2018; Eugene Sedlak for a five (5) year term beginning March 2014 and ending February 2019; Marlon Wheeler for a five (5) year term beginning March 2014 and ending February 2019."

Councilman Retos, "second, Mayor".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

SHPS Request

Councilwoman Bukowski made a motion to approve the request of Linda Fafalios of SPHS to use 4 trees at the Boat Launch for a School Project.

Councilman Nestor, "second that motion, Mayor".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition

Councilwoman Bukowski made a motion to approve the request from the Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition to use City Park for the Walk in the Park for Fun & Health on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Councilman Retos, "second, Mayor".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman John Nestor– Department of Public Safety

Code Office Report

Councilman Nestor, "residents of Monessen, Council, Mayor Lou Mavrakis here is the Code Office Report and Fire Report for the month ending January 2014: Building Permits - \$3,994; Street Opening Permits - \$1800; Magistrate Code Enforcement - \$122.78; Eat & Drink License - \$100; Occupancy Permit - \$500; Plumbing License - \$100 for a total of year to date \$6,991.78.

I also want to add to that, that I will be sending a Memo for uptown and downtown for accepting resumes for evaluation for Municipal Fire Chief.

Fire Report

Councilman Nestor, "the Fire Report month ending January 2014 there were 24 Total Runs; Total Responding were 267; Average Responding Per Call were 11.12 and the Total Man Hours were 271.

Donald "Buzzy" Byron

Councilman Nestor, "motion to hire Donald Byron as the Full Time Code Enforcement Officer at a salary of \$40,000 per year, contingent upon signing an Employment Contract".

Councilman Retos, "second, Mayor".

Mayor Mavrakis, "any questions on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Gerald Saksun – City Treasurer

City Treasurer Saksun, "Mayor Lou Mavrakis and members of City Council, Ladies and Gentlemen the following is a report of the Garbage Collection Fees and City Real Estate Taxes collected for the month of January 2014: Garbage Fees budgeted for 2014 - \$470,000.00; Garbage Fees collected as of December 31 - \$143,392.00; Garbage Fees collected during January – \$234,069.00; Total Garbage Fees collected as of January 31 - \$377,461.00; Delinquent Garbage Fees collected for the month of January \$7,742.07; Delinquent City Taxes collected for the month of January \$4,830.37.

Mayor Mavrakis, "Can I have a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report?"

Councilman Retos, "So moved."

Councilman Nestor, "Second."

Mayor Mavrakis, "Any questions? Clerk call the roll."

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Wayne Vlasic – City Controller

City Controller Vlasic, "Mayor and Members of Council, the following is the General Fund First Federal Checking Account Bank Reconciliation as of January 31, 2014: Beginning Bank Balance - \$235,999.20; Deposits - \$358,094.89; Tax Anticipation Note - \$500,000.00 for a Total of \$1,094,094.09. Checks Cashed

\$641,078.10 leaving a Bank Balance of \$453,015.99. Deposits in Transit \$24,650.00; Outstanding Checks \$46,451.43; NSF Checks returned plus fees - \$330.00 leaving a final amount reconciled to the Balance Sheet of \$431,544.56.

Albert Gaudio-- Solicitor

Solicitor Gaudio, "Mr. Mayor and members of Council, for the past month the monthly activity of the Solicitor involved preparing the Resolution and doing research for the Monessen Civic Recreation Authority. The solicitor was involved in real estate matters involving the Douglas Education Center for their training program that they are going to be conducting here in Monessen. The solicitor also participated in rendering advice, research to members of Council and staff on routine matters.

In addition, there is another item that came up involving the agreement between the City of Monessen and the Douglas Education Center. There were two additional items that needed to be placed in the agreement so that Douglas would be able to obtain certification from the State and those involve permitting the students and faculty to have use of the City's restrooms adjacent to the site and the next was permitting Douglas the erect concrete barriers acceptable to the City, separating the site from the Boat Launch property. And I am asking that a motion be made to authorize the solicitor and the appropriate members of the Council to modify the agreement to lease the real estate between Douglas and the City of Monessen."

Councilman Retos, "so moved".

Councilman Nestor, "second".

Mayor Mavrakis, "any questions?"

Councilwoman Bukowski, "I have a question. One the concrete barriers, are they going to be able to be moved?"

Solicitor Gaudio, "there are concrete barriers that are erected acceptable to the City. What is envisioned at the present time are movable concrete barriers with chains in between so that there can be passage back and forth between them. They are not permanent barriers".

Mayor Mavrakis, "also, if we have any events at the Launch, they can be removed so it is not a problem".

Solicitor Gaudio, "yes, and they will be able to have passage in between to remove those chains".

Councilwoman Bukowski, "okay".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Mayor Louis Mavrakis – Department of Public Affairs

Police Department Report

Mayor Mavrakis gave the following Police Department Report for the month ending January 2014: Parking Meters Receipts -; Total On and Off Street Fines \$731.21; Parking Fines & Forfeits \$655.00; Parking Permits – On Street - \$2,275.00, Off Street - \$1,100.00 for a total of \$3,375.00. Miscellaneous Collections \$822.00; Court Receipts from District Justice - \$2,581.34; Total Receipts Collected for January 2014 - \$4,789.55. Police Logged and Telephone Complaints – 356. There were traffic arrests; non-traffic arrests; criminal arrests; warrants for a total arrests of 79 for the month of January 2014. Total Mileage 8,742; miles per day 282.

Repository Property Sale

Mayor Mavrakis made a motion to approve sale of property listed as Tax Map No. 20-02-07-0-569. 30 Reed Avenue to JLH Development, LLC, in the amount of \$675.00.

Councilwoman Bukowski, "so moved".

Mayor Mavrakis, "question on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Mayor Mavrakis made a motion to approve sale of property listed as Tax Map No. 20-02-07-0-559, 31 Reed Avenue to JLH Development, LLC in the amount of \$575.00.

Councilman Retos, "second, Mayor".

Mayor Mavrakis, "question on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Mayor Mavrakis, "motion to approve the sale of property listed as Tax Map. No. 20-02-07-0-697, 105 Elm Street to JLH Development, LLC in the amount of \$900.00".

Councilman Nestor, "second, Mayor".

Mayor Mavrakis, "question on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Mayor Mavrakis, "motion to approve the sale of property listed as Tax Map. No. 20-02-03-0-207, 100 Schoonmaker Avenue to the City of Monessen in the amount of \$350.00".

Councilwoman Bukowski, "second".

Mayor Mavrakis, "question on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos

Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Esken Landscaping

Mayor Mavrakis, "motion to approve the request of Esken Landscaping for a sixty (60) day extension to the Brown Street Clock Installation Project due to the unseasonably cold and snowy weather".

Councilwoman Bukowski, "I'll second".

Mayor Mavrakis, "question on the motion?"

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Jamie Hurst – Meter Maid

Mayor Mavrakis, "motion to hire Jamie Hurst as a part time Meter Maid at \$7.25 per hour".

Councilman Nestor, "second that, Mayor".

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Announcement

Mayor Mavrakis announced, "anyone interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard contact Chief Manderino".

Mayor Mavrakis announced, "Westmoreland County Food Bank will be in Monessen four (4) times this year conducting Operation Fresh Express. They will be using our parking lot out back to pass out that food. It is altogether different from the Food Bank. It is a fresh fruit and vegetable program. Council agrees that we will help them anyway we can."

Mayor Mavrakis announced, "the City of Monessen will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. here in Council Chambers regarding the proposed changes to the Zoning Map of the Codified Ordinances of the City".

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Councilman Jonmichael Retos – Department of Accounts & Finance

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilwoman Bukowski, to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$386,461.47. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilman Bukowski
Councilwoman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilwoman Bukowski, to approve Civic Center Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$2,006.45.

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilman Nestor, to approve Grant Fund Expenditures for the month February of in the amount of \$75.79. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilman Nestor to approve Line Usage Fund Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$8,626.24. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilwoman Bukowski, to approve Parks Fund Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$2,704.08. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilman Nestor, to approve Police and Canine Fund Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$151.40. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Retos
Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Retos made a motion, second by Councilman Nestor, to approve Health Center Project Expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$14,432.18. Motion passed as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

Councilman Nestor
Councilwoman Bukowski
Councilman Retos
Mayor Mavrakis

YEAS: FOUR

NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Wojokowski, 1229 Hillcrest Avenue, "Mayor, City Council, just two quick questions. First one, what happened to the mics and are they going to be replaced?

Councilwoman Bukowski, "I asked the same question when I came in."

Mayor Mavrakis, "we are trying to get them fixed. We have all kinds of problems and put this down, in our next meeting half of this circle will be gone. We are going to change the seating arrangements. Hopefully, what could do is put straight table up so they can move up close and we won't have this gap where we seem like we are out in left field and you people are batting at the batting cage. We are going to change that and the Council is in total agreement. I think some of us speak loud enough to hear, but some don't so that venue will be changed. Just bear with us. We are having trouble with the mics and we don't have the money so what are we going to do. Tony, if you would like to come and fix them yourself, we would appreciate it."

Anthony, "Mayor, I have a second question....."

Mayor, "your first question, your answer is no? I mean, you are not going to help fix the mics? I asked if you are going to help us fix the mics and you said you are going on to the second...."

Anthony, "If it is a computer I can fix it, if it's a mic, I don't know. But, I will be glad to lend a hand if you need help."

Mayor, "thank you".

Anthony, "my second question is more a question I have to the Council and Mayor. Just something to throw out under the Payment of Bills, the last administration we had a big "brouhaha" and I was many times up here at this podium making my point to them that on all the bills that are approved, some of them are large general venues. There was no breakdown for the public to know what the bills are. I am asking the Council if you are considering doing that through a handout so that when people come in they can actually see, like under motion to approve General Fund for \$386,000.00, that was a sore spot on the last administration that there was no detail of what is going on."

Mayor, "Tony, what we will do is look into that possibility. What we can do, Tony, we can probably have that list upon request. Al, what do you think?"

Solicitor Gaudio, "we can. I think it is a question of manpower and being able to get these done in time for the meeting."

Mayor, "hopefully, what we will do, upon request, Tony, we will make sure that you get it, would that be okay, Al? Does that satisfy you, Tony?"

Tony, "it is not to satisfy me....."

Mayor, "or anybody else, that would require it, we would provide it".

City Clerk Minno, "may I just add something.

Mayor, "yes, you may".

Holly, "since I prepare it, can I just make one copy and anyone interested in looking at it, instead of passing it to everybody?"

Councilman Nestor, "we can post it on the bulletin board over there".

Holly, "I wouldn't mind doing that, it is just making 25 extra copies....."

Anthony, "the question is that when I got into it with the last administration, they were able to generate a report or either access or whatever expenditures are. So, my argument to them was that you can pull out that report at any time, it would take a couple of minutes and they didn't choose to want to do that. I know that this administration said that they are totally open and everything and to start things off I am asking if you could consider doing that so that people can see what some line items are because \$386,000 to everybody and that is a lot of money and nothing, you need to know where it is going. And I know that all of you ran that way".

Mayor, "Tony, what we will do is accommodate you, buddy. We will figure something out for the next meeting. Thank you, Tony".

Lt. Sue, "from the Salvation Army. I have four wireless mics that Council is free to borrow. I would like to thank our new Board, first for Operation Fresh Express. As an operator of a pantry here in Monessen we have been trying to bring that program in for 3 ½ years. It is a fantastic free program for everyone in either pantry to use. So, on behalf of all of our recipients, I thank you. I know that it will make a huge impact as food prices continue to rise."

Mayor, "incidentally, Sue, as soon as I mentioned that all of Council was receptive, we didn't even have to vote on it. They said to go ahead with it."

Lt. Sue, "secondly, I would like to thank Council and the Mayor for their quick action on working towards opening the Civic Center. I work with the youth of our City and I see the plight of our City daily and they need to have access to that building. I just wanted to let you know that I personally appreciate and I am sure that all the youth appreciate your movement towards getting the facility up and running and back open."

Mayor, "incidentally, Sue, you can thank Pat. That is her baby and she is totally responsible for it".

Lt. Sue, "thank you".

Mayor, "do you want to give a report on "Albert Lexie Day" before you walk away". We had about 100 folks in attendance and over 50 children from 12 to 2. Albert helped us host the children of the City. We had about 50 kids come in to decorate cookies, make Valentines. Albert decorated his first cookie and he had a blast. At 2:00 we started to program for Albert, we had music and Albert also sang. We had our Mayor giving the proclamation. We had the County Commissioners come in and give an award and also Senator Solobay's office came by. It was a wonderful day!"

Pat, "how about the hat from the firemen?"

Lt. Sue, "yes, the firemen gave him a hat and Buzzy gave him some Steeler's wear, so it was just.....Albert was just ear to ear grin. So, it was a fantastic day!"

Ernest Telegraphis, "the owner of MonNet Café. You have been complaining about \$68,000 to John Harhai and what I witnessed tonight is that you got two people sitting in this room, \$40,000 and \$40,000 that is \$80,000. I thought you were going to be saving us money".

Mayor Mavrakis, "you need a Code Officer, do you want to tell him what a Code Officer brings in!"

Councilman Retos, "about \$250,000 a year".

Mayor, "we don't have a Code Officer presently. We have one that we have under contract and we are not receiving one penny from him. Now, what do we get when we have our own Code Officer?"

Councilman Retos, "\$250,000".

Mayor, "alright, does that answer your question?"

Ernest, "that is for one, how about the other \$40,000?"

Councilman Retos, "Mr. Telegraphis, who is the other \$40,000?"

Councilwoman Bukowski, "that wasn't tonight".

Ernest, "Holly...."

Mayor Mavrakis, "before Holly, what was the City Clerk making?"

Councilwoman Bukowski, "\$65,000".

Mayor, "no, let him answer, what was the City Clerk making?"

Ernest, "\$68,000 that's what....."

Mayor, "no, no I said the City Clerk. You were talking about the City Administrator. The City Clerk, what was she making?"

Ernest, "she was making more than....."

Mayor, "how much? We saved over \$20,00 hiring her, alright? Now your third question."

Josh, "actually \$26,000".

Ernest, "but, the thing is, are they comparable? Is the quality the same?"

Josh, "I certainly hope so".

Mayor, "well, naturally they are".

Ernest, "time will tell, wouldn't it!"

Josh, "okay, so we will tell in time".

Mayor, "then what you do, after the time you come back and ask the question!"

Ernest, "there is a tsunami of bills coming through. What have you been doing or what are you planning on doing to address the debt that is coming in each month and on top of that you have new debt. Even tonight you have water coming down, you have potholes that are going to triple within the next two weeks and people will be complaining. So what plans do you have there and how are you going to address....."

Mayor, "but we wouldn't have these problems if we had people that was renting from us paying their rent we wouldn't have some of these problems we would have money coming in, number one and number two....."

Ernest, "I am paying rent slow, okay?"

Mayor, "we are not going to address real estate problems here, we will talk to you about".

Ernest, "and there are a lot of sweetheart deals in this building....."

Mayor, "that's right and you got one of them and the other guy got the other one".

Ernest, "I didn't get one, I am paying more than everybody".

Mayor, "yes you did!"

Councilman Retos, "you don't pay anything".

Ernest, "I am paying late!"

Mayor, "you are paying late? You aren't paying at all!"

Councilman Retos, "you owe November, December, January and February and you want me to give you four more months so you will owe me March, April, May and June. So that is eight months. And you are worried about our debt?"

Ernest, "I am able to pay two now, but I don't want to be putting money into the toilet, you guys are ganging up on me!"

Mayor, "gang up on you? You are not paying the rent!"

Ernest, "I am not going to be paying a penny if you are ganging up on me!"

Mayor, "I think there are quite a few people in here that would like to have the rent that you have and be four months behind. I am quite sure."

Ernest, "it is three months and we are working on the fourth...."

Mayor, "and you were \$135.00 short on the last payment that you made".

Ernest, "no, no I wasn't...."

Mayor, "yes, oh yes you did...."

Ernest, "no, I wasn't! Here's the agreement, the first two years are the same...."

Solicitor Gaudio, "Mr. Telegraphis, I have the records here. You are going to get a letter shortly....."

Ernest, "I have a contract...."

Solicitor Gaudio, "is your name Mr. Telegraphis? I have the records here...."

Ernest, "do you have the same contract as I do?"

Solicitor Gaudio, "I have the records here which includes the lease. Now, according to my records here, you are \$3,385.00 in arrears. Now, if I am wrong, you will resolve that because you are going to be hearing from me. You are going to be getting a letter shortly. If you are right, you are right. If you are not right, then we will proceed the way we have to do...."

Ernest, "people who live in glass houses better not be throwing stones. And these people have holes through you like Swiss cheese, okay. I got facts, okay. I will give you a general outline. I got dates, times and facts! Why doesn't he tell the people what kind of a deal he gave Jeff to get those two pieces of property to put these big LCD trucks and who is going to pay for the cleaning up of oil and petroleum spills? You guys better look backwards to give him a sweetheart deal. How much did he give you for those two pieces of property?"

Someone responded, "he brings a lot of money in!"

Solicitor Gaudio, "Mr. Telegraphis, we will be in a proceeding and you will have a chance to talk to the Judge....."

Ernest, "and how about Agape? Agape owes six months back, how come you aren't jumping on them?"

Councilman Retos, "because they are funded by the school and"

Ernest, "oh, they are government so we have free passes for certain....."

Councilman Retos, "we get their money, we know we get it!"

Ernest, "I don't care!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "take your medication and calm down, will you please!"

Solicitor Gaudio, "Mr. Telegraphis, Mr. Telegraphis....."

Ernest, "the government is broke, so what are you waiting for a white elephant?"

Mayor Mavrakis, "one thing about this administration is that we will let you talk. If you were with the other administration, you would have been out the door a long time ago. So go ahead and spill your guts and let the people what you are doing."

Solicitor Gaudio, "we have only been in office a month and a half and we are catching up. We are getting to the top of the list and you are one of the people at the top of the list, so we are proceeding with everybody."

Ernest, "that is a small piece of bill right there that you are talking about. Don't be coming down on little people.....don't you think that I am going to sit there and just take it. There are two violations you are in the process on Third Class City Code. I am not going to say no more, and guess what, if you guys want to play hard ball, the State is going to step in. That is all I am going to know. I got the Third Class book and I have been reading it."

Mayor Mavrakis, "we'll be glad to hear from you, Ernie".

Ernest, "maybe you will. You know, Lou, you are not the only one who can ruffle up people".

Mayor Mavrakis, "you are doing a bad job of it, you are not riling anybody up".

Ernest, "you did a bad job, all you know is how to attack people and you came up with no solution! This is your second month and four months from now you guys will have no solutions to the problems of Monessen!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "we won't if we have people like you who are dead beats and won't pay their bills".

Ernest, "I'm not a dead beat!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "yes you are. If you don't pay your rent, what are you?"

Ernest, "I don't like people talking behind my back!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "I am not talking, I am talking to your face!"

Ernest, "they were talking about me, that is all they do. And this thing, you don't know about budgets. Three times a day your.....a budget, you don't know nothing about budgets!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "did you people have enough of him yet or do you want me to let him continue?"

Ernest, "I am going to leave because the people are going to turn on you anyway after they find out that you are done!"

Mayor Mavrakis, "what do I care!"

Ernest, "you see, that is it! You told people you are going to quit if the shit hits the fan. What kind of man are you?"

Mayor Mavrakis, "that's what you think. Do you think that you are hitting the fan now, do you see me leaving? I appreciate people like you. Are you done, did you have enough? We just to want to make sure that you have your way and you have your say."

Councilman Retos, "I want my check".

Ernest, "if he wants it, call me up Josh. You do everything behind people's back".

Councilman Retos, "I will tell you what, what time do you get there tomorrow? I will be there tomorrow and knock on your door and pick up my check".

(At This Point the Transcription Was Lost)

Mr. Mozer of Crystalline Technologies addressed Mayor and Council.

Nancy Horvath addressed Mayor and Council regarding broken parking meters; the Street Department clearing City streets downtown before businesses open and the Third Street Parking Lot be designated for permit parking.


Holly Minno, City Clerk


Mayor Louis Mavrakis