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SPEAKERS

Judge Vlasic, All, Bishop Bass, City Adminstrator Mike Korposh, Michael Slavik, Steth Diehl, Councilman John Nestor, Michael Piccini, Joseph Dalfonso, Earnie Telegraphis, Mayor Ron Mozer, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, Councilwoman Karen Cosner, Chief Dave Yuhasz, Councilman Orzechowski

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:00
It's now 630 I'd like to call this city council meeting of February the 12th to order. Could I have a roll call please?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 00:09
Council person Cosner here, Councilman Nestor, present. Council person Thomas, Councilor Orzechowski Here, Mayor Mozer, present. Note, four members present, one absent, but note a forum.

Mayor Ron Mozer 00:24
Bishop bass, are you giving us our prayer tonight?

Bishop Bass 00:27
You can see I'm not pastor Custer. I'm Bishop William bass, and I'm passing the gate of heaven. Church of God in Christ, Church of God in Christ, is one of the largest black denominations in our country, and so I'm honored to be part of it. I'm honored to be here tonight. Let us pray Our Father, we come before you as humbly as we know how we ask you now God that you would bless us and we thank you for the opportunity that we could even come to make our community better. We go against this serious business, and it's a pleasure and it's a privilege, and it's an honor for us to even represent the city. We ask for your guidance. We ask that You would bless the mayor God, that You would bless all the council members and all the city workers that God have helped move our city forward. We thank you for mercy and grace. We thank you that you let us even get up this morning and live to see another day. We bless everybody, and we invoke your blessings upon all the people that are here tonight. And we thank you in the name of our Father. Amen. Thank you, Michael. Amen, I

All 02:02
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:18
At this point, I'm going to deviate from the agenda is very slightly we've got two, two officers that we need to get sworn in, Steph Neal and Michael bikini, if you'd come forward, is the last secure? Yes, if he would, our local matching will swear you in. Yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 02:50
Your choice, separately, yes,

Judge Vlasic 02:59
please raise your right hand. I state your name,

Steth Diehl 03:02
Steth Diehl

Judge Vlasic 03:03
do solemnly swear That I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Judge Vlasic 03:33
Congratulations, please raise your right hand. I state your name.

Michael Piccini 03:39
Michael Piccini

Judge Vlasic 03:41
You solemnly swear That I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:17
Thank you very much. I appreciate you. Thanks Wayne. Applause.

Mayor Ron Mozer 04:25
At this time, I'd like to allow public comments directed to myself on agenda items only.

Earnie Telegraphis 04:29
Ernest Telegraphis, 29 Rex Blvd. page one. And I really hope you guys do transparency with due diligence. We have a couple projects here. One is this senior development center. Now I understand it's really a partnership. Are seeking. They want some commitment from the city. I want to know what details these are. Yeah, I'm asking for because you guys are going to go over it, and you're going to skip the fine points,

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:13
There is not a lot of detail to this, because there's not a lot of detail known. All he's going to do is give the indication where he's going with this.

Earnie Telegraphis 05:22
Okay, but what indication are people going to give?

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:22
None until we figure out what he's doing.

Earnie Telegraphis 05:25

I hope so, and then I'm kind of confused here. Dennis Martinack, was he going to do that at Donner development? What's that about? There's no description here. Just makes statements.

Mayor Ron Mozer 05:48
Largely, he's not going to be here to discuss that. Either we do have a report that we can read or we can talk about a little bit too though,

Earnie Telegraphis 05:54
talk about when he comes in, we will, I'll be here next time. Then you I now I really think honorably of the fire department, because I saw them in action a few times, but I want to know they received 200 some 1000 from the last amount that grant from the meadows fresh track, not Meadows from the Greensburg, which they got like 200 some 1000. Now we're looking at another amount.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:31
This is from 2024 this $29,000

Earnie Telegraphis 06:33
what was the amount we gave them last month?

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:38
We didn't give them anything. Last month,

Earnie Telegraphis 06:43
we got 600 some 1000.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:48
We still haven't received that money either.

Earnie Telegraphis 06:48
Oh yeah, but they're gonna get it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:49
They're gonna get some of it.

Earnie Telegraphis 06:49
We got a third of it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 06:49
Not even, but, yeah,

Earnie Telegraphis 06:50
it's a third. We gotta have details. People are like, spreading left and right, and I just want to know where the fine details

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:02
When it happens. We will make sure everybody understands where it's coming from.

Earnie Telegraphis 07:05

Okay, then we got, I don't know, I think somebody's following Trump on major media. We have somebody who wants a name a street under his name, Lue Mavrakis put that about what criteria you use in the name people? Is it just purely political? Well, I would be give details. If not, then it's really a political coup. By Yeah, everybody's in bed with each other, okay? If you really want a real simple way, what else you could name it? What's his name? Matt, Sharrow way that would be more natural.

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:52
Anybody else?

Mayor Ron Mozer 07:56
Does anybody have any old business they'd like to discuss.

Councilman John Nestor 08:03
No mayor at this time,

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:05
Good evening members of Council, and residents of Monessen.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:08
Tonight I want to talk about where we are as a city, where we have been, and most importantly, where we are going.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:19
Four years ago, Monessen was not planning for the future. We were fighting to survive. When I took office, the City had just eight thousand dollars in the bank and a payroll coming due the next day. We were borrowing simply to keep the lights on. We were a city in crisis.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:35
Today, that is no longer who we are. We now finish each year with money in the bank. Our books are stable. Our creditworthiness has been restored. State agencies, lenders, and grant programs once again treat Monessen as a serious partner. That financial stability is the foundation for everything that follows.

Mayor Ron Mozer 08:54
But stability alone is not enough. You cannot grow a city on balanced books alone. You need functioning infrastructure. And that is where the real transformation has begun.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:04
For decades, Monessen struggled with sewer and stormwater systems that were out of sight but never out of impact. The 2017 DEP Corrective Action Plan forced us to confront reality. We could not build, we could not attract investment, and we could not protect our river or our neighborhoods without addressing what was underground.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:26
Since then, we have secured and invested over twenty-four million dollars into separating stormwater from sanitary flow, repairing collapsing pipes, lining and rehabilitating major trunks, and building the capacity to meet modern environmental standards. These are not glamorous projects. You cannot see them from the street. But they are the backbone of everything that will come next.

Mayor Ron Mozer 09:51

You do not build housing on failing pipes. You do not attract employers on systems that violate state law. We chose to fix the foundation.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:00
One of the most important decisions we made during this process involved the long-planned Equalization Tank on Parente. That project had grown to a projected cost of more than eight million dollars and would have required a substantial increase in Line Usage charges for our residents and businesses.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:22
Instead of automatically accepting that outcome, we pushed for a better solution. Working with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Mon Valley Sewage Authority, we demonstrated that separating sanitary flow from stormwater would be a far more effective and affordable approach. This strategy not only addressed the underlying problem, it allowed us to meet compliance requirements without raising Line Usage fees on our community.

Mayor Ron Mozer 10:52
That is the kind of decision-making Monessen deserves. Smart engineering. Responsible planning. And protecting taxpayers while still doing what is right.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:01
At the same time, we have been cleaning the surface. Over one hundred and seventy-five blighted and unsafe properties have been removed. Through the Land Bank, judicial sales, and strategic demolition, we have been clearing not just debris, but obstacles to redevelopment.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:23
We did not tear down Monessen. We made room for it to be rebuilt.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:26
But rebuilding the past is not enough.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:28
Fixing pipes, stabilizing finances, and removing blight prepares a city to move forward. It does not, by itself, define where that city is going.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:37
Throughout its history, Monessen has always adapted. We were built by industry. We were shaped by manufacturing. We endured economic collapse. And now, once again, Monessen is preparing to lead, but this time in a new way.

Mayor Ron Mozer 11:51
Instead of simply reacting to change, we are beginning the work of deliberately shaping our future using tools that, until now, have only been available to nations.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:00
We are now engaging with national and international strategic planning experts who have helped guide long-term decision-making at the highest levels of government and global security. Their work focuses on understanding how decisions made today affect outcomes ten, twenty, and thirty years into the future.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:20

This represents a new chapter for Monessen, not because we have never planned before, but because we are now applying a level of foresight and strategic modeling that small cities have never had access to in the past.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:32
This effort will allow Monessen to evaluate economic development, workforce training, infrastructure investment, housing, and regional partnerships through a long-term lens, not just election cycles or short-term funding windows.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:47
Simply put, Monessen is moving from recovery to leadership, from reaction to strategy.

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:55
What does that mean for our residents?

Mayor Ron Mozer 12:57
It means smarter investment decisions. It means aligning job training with real future industries. It means avoiding costly mistakes before they happen. And it means building a city that is resilient, competitive, and prepared for change instead of constantly reacting to it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:12
Monessen now has the opportunity to become a model for how small cities across this country can plan intelligently, attract partners, and take control of their own destiny instead of waiting for outside rescue.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:24
And while this long-term planning work begins, we have not stopped restoring something just as important, our civic life.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:32
Music in the Park, the amphitheater, family events, and community gatherings are not just entertainment. They are signals. They tell people that this city is alive again. That it is safe, active, and welcoming. You cannot grow a city without people believing in it again.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:49
And that belief is coming back.

Mayor Ron Mozer 13:53
We are now seeing serious interest in our riverfront, in our commercial buildings, and in our industrial sites. We are working on tax abatement programs like LERTA, redevelopment tools like the Neighborhood Partnership Program, and partnerships with the County and the Commonwealth to make Monessen competitive again.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:12
And as we move forward, we are strengthening partnerships at the county, regional, and state levels so Monessen is not standing alone, but leading collaboratively.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:21
For the first time in decades, we are not just asking whether Monessen has a future. We are building the tools to design that future with intention, discipline, and long-term vision.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:32
There is still a great deal of work to do. But we are no longer in retreat. We are moving forward.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:38
Thank you to Council, to our employees, to our volunteers, and to the residents who have stayed, invested, and believed.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:38
Monessen's best days are no longer behind us. They are ahead of us.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:38
Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:38
Well, there's a few comments I'd like to make as well. First off, I want council to be aware that our CDBG funding is moving forward very quickly, and we need to get some paving done in the city. As an example, Skurkay Thompson, Pollard, Rebecca, Veterans Way all need to be paved using CDBG funds. Concurrent with that, I would suggest that we pave Crest Drive with some of our paving funds that we have saved away from png funds. Anybody that wants to take a drive down Crest, they'll understand very quickly why that's a road that deserves some some funding.

Mayor Ron Mozer 14:38
Over Hill, Jackson and Washington are all roads that will be paved under agreement with PNG. In other words, they're paying for those roads to be paved. They did some work on those will be paid. I think that's 9 roads that are going to get paved in Monessen this year. I'd like them to be on the agenda for next time, for going out for advertisement and so forth. Getting those all advertised same time will save us a immense amount of money, hopefully. All that said, I'd also like to invite Mike Slavic to come forth and explain some of his plans for a senior development unit in the city of Manasseh, near the soccer field of the city of Monessen. Mike, you want to come up and give your presentation? Give you a mic here, or you can speak at the podium. Okay?

Michael Slavik 14:38
Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My name is Michael Slavik. I don't want to take up too much of your time.

Michael Slavik 14:38
It looks like you got quite the agenda, but I'll give you a little background on myself. I was born and raised originally in West Palm Beach, Florida, and we moved up here to the Mon Valley when I was five to start kindergarten, small town in Lynwood in Bell Vernon, and graduated from Belle Vernon in 99 went to Duquesne, got my undergrad and my Master's of Business, and then I went to law school for my master's a lot pit I started a small company. It was like a small investment firm when I was 18 years old. And what I do is I pull money from investors, and I'd find companies that we could, you know, manage, run, and possibly sell or keep them, depending on how profitable they were. And this worked great. We got many investors. And to date, since we started back in around, I don't know, 1999 2000 we bought, sold and managed probably 60 or so companies anywhere in the range from as small as 100,000 a year in revenue to 50 million a year in revenue.

Michael Slavik 14:38
Nothing too crazy, but mainly service based businesses. We have a lot of tax and accounting firms. We had several oil and gas companies. We've done internet related businesses. And I met Lou Maverick, is a few years ago, former mayor, years here in Monessen, fantastic guy. We hit it off and we became

friends. He brought up an idea for some senior living that it seems that your city is lacking. After doing research, we found that Something similar would be something like the St Barnabas out off of 51 towards West Mifflin. We're not real estate developers, but a lot of my investors have real estate interest.

Michael Slavik 14:39
So I pitched it, and they said, Okay, you know, keep on it. Let's see what we can do. So we kept the wills moving. I met the mayor, fantastic Mayor you have here in the city. I agree with a lot of what he said, as far as what he's doing to kind of revitalize the area, the Blight alone, as we toured the city and kind of showed me some of the areas that are dilapidated, it kind of gave me an odd feeling, like, do we really want to do something like this here?

Michael Slavik 15:06
So after that, we've just been in the planning process to try to figure out, you know, time frames for one after a land acquisition, typically, based on our estimates, it'll probably take somewhere around a year, year and a half, to go through all the processes of making this come to life, and there's been a couple complications which aren't relevant in this conversation, but our intent is to just continue to progress forward. The mayor and I have a plan of action, and we're just going to continue to follow through with that. I. Not only would it increase the tax roll, it would also give, you know, a lot of local people in, you know, Charleroi Monessen and Donora, a place to put their you know, senior citizens. That's not 2530 miles up the road somewhere.

Michael Slavik 15:06
You know local here and the initial game plan, because, again, we don't have anything solid yet. Got a couple more things to plan out, but you know, things like a convenience store or small grocery store, a chiropractic office, a massage place, something that these seniors that come to live here can not only ascertain value in their property as they grow older, but they also don't have to necessarily leave the community or, you know, I'm not sure how seniors get around to Monessen, but I believe there's shuttles and things like that to take them to the thing, and they probably have the Meals on Wheels or whatever.

Michael Slavik 15:52
But then when he told me the opportunities that we have to bring something like that in the city, potential land acquisition that seems perfect and ideal for the type of gated community that we're trying to build for seniors. I said, All right, let's kick the can down the road a little bit. Went back to the investors, updated them on that. I then met the bishop. They took me up to the courthouse. Looks like we got a lot of support from those politicians up there, which gave me a little bit more warm and fuzzy feeling that maybe we could do something here.

Michael Slavik 18:57
But we have, you know, just several ideas to kind of make it like a really nice community in Monessen, and to help the city out. And I think it's a perfect city, you know, because we looked at Bell Vernon. Well, Vernon's, you know, it's a nice it's a nice town and everything, and it's where I grew up. But I think the potential here, in my opinion, is probably a little bit more. So as long as we can continue to get the help and support from these guys as we have, I think, you know, everything falls into place. We have a really good opportunity here for everyone. So that's it. Thank you, Mr.

Michael Slavik 21:24
Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:24

Thank you.

Michael Slavik 21:25
Appreciate it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 21:37
We had an opportunity a group of PhD doctors that was very impressive. They came, they made a presentation to to a few of us. Basically what amounts to is there's the former director, former chief scientist for Space Force. Happens to be my little brother, but nonetheless, he's he was kind of the person that helped us do this. He brought along with him the Deputy Secretary of the Air Force. He brought along with him a doctor from Italy who is a NATO representave and PhD who recommends to NATO the type of weapons to develop in the future. He brought along with him PhD from from MIT that has many different patents and so forth, who knows how to develop businesses.

Mayor Ron Mozer 22:36
He brought along with him some professional people that have worked with education and so forth, and training people, not just training people out of the thin air, but really finding the industry and then training people to fit that industry exactly, which is something that is difficult to do any event the they will be coming to the city of Monessen, and they will meet with a select group of people.

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:07
They'll be focused on three different things, one being government. And when I say government, I'm talking about government, federal government, state government, local, county government, the whole nine yards, the city government. What is it going to look like in 20 years or 30 years from now? And think about this, if you go back roll the clock, about did anybody plan on seeing covid become what it became? Did anybody plan on 911 being what it became?

Mayor Ron Mozer 23:33
Those were major events that affected the country. Those kinds of events can happen again, because they happened once. They can happen again. Those kinds of events will play a big effect on what we do in Monessen their whole goal is, is to develop a plan with government and the other two areas, which I'll talk about briefly, such that we at least know that when these things happen, we can do these little tricks over here in order to affect the way that we're going down this path.

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:01
And realistically, it's the way that Space Force works, the Air Force works, NATO works. It's how they work the controls to make sure they keep on path. The next one will be income. Income can be anything to a city. It can be tax revenue from real estate tax. It could be CDBG funds, it can be DCD. Can be the stamp program, it can be NPP project. It can be revenue. Revenue can come from many different sources.

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:29
But what's that going to look like in 10 or 20, years from now? We need to understand that if we have the population, maybe it's good. If we don't, it could be bad. The bottom line is, it will provide us the ability to look into the future and be able to control a little bit about what we're doing along the way to make sure we get to where we want to go. The third thing is education.

Mayor Ron Mozer 24:54
Education is something thats includes our local people. Everbody, This all comes into the same, same realm, just as an example, I Love this county, they hire they find companies like Volkswagen come into

new Stanton. They find companies like Sony to come into new Stanton. What happens to these companies? They can't find the people to work there, and they eventually close up and go home, they just don't work.

Mayor Ron Mozer 25:22
What she did in Pueblo, Colorado is a good example of what I hope to see happen. Here. She finds an industry that is interested in coming to the area, and then she works with the local community to develop people, to train people for that particular industry, such that when they do come together, it fits in like hand and glove. She did this in Pueblo. She they, she used Lockheed. They wanted to open up an office there. Lockheed comes in and says, Well, we need this kind of people. And by the way, we will help develop a curriculum for the people that train them to the to our standards. We will provide some funding to make sure that they have the funding to that this call happen anyway. Two years later, Lockheed comes in. They had trained 500 people. 500 people got a job, and they're still there, just going to town. It's just perfect blend of education with with industry.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:13
It's those kinds of things that we need to look forward to and look towards that. And then the the, well, that's the three things the government, the the income and the education, social, social aspects of it, those are the three things that I want them to focus on. And I don't want them to develop a five year plan like we've done with stamp program or anything else. Let's think big. Let's think 1020, years from now. We didn't get to where we are overnight. We won't get out of it overnight. But if we have a plan is 1020, 30 years in the future, and we know what we to expect, and we can tweak a little bit along the way, we can play the game and get to where we want to be.

Mayor Ron Mozer 26:57
And that's where I hope to go with this. With Council's approval, I will start pushing this with school systems and trying to develop the plan and scheduling them to come to Monessen. I like to plan it so if they come during a work session, where they end up their their first two days at a work session, so they can report to us 30 days later, they'll come back with a with a plan. So this is not a long term thing. This something that will happen very quickly. I'd suggest that we, we do this. Maybe April. May. Type, Type, what timeframe works.

Mayor Ron Mozer 27:34
Okay? You now there is the county came to us and they had a program called Code enforce. Code enforce is a computerized code, code some piece of code, software that code offices can use. It keeps track of citations. It keeps track of building permits. It keeps track of all the permits that code enforcement does, and it allows reports to be generated. But one of the things it also does is it enforces what is called the act 90 program. The solicitor can probably explain this better than I can, but what it amounts to is we have these trucks that are coming through town. They have to meet act 90 requirements. In other explain a little bit about that.

Joseph Dalfonso 28:31
Act 90 is a blight remediation tool for habitual serious code violations. There are higher criminal standards that they could be charged with. The problem with act 90 is that one you got to have the code enforcement officer who's on top of, you know, habitual violations, right? You also have to track those to be able to rise it, rise it to the next level. Apparently, this software does that. I know the city doesn't have any code enforcement software, and this came from the County Land Bank, and Brian Lawrence is a recommendation

Mayor Ron Mozer 29:09

just be quiet. Be quiet. Be quiet. Be quiet. (directed to the audiance)

Joseph Dalfonso 29:14
No, I there's no questions. Now this program is does have a fairly stiff price tag. I think it runs about $5,000 he's in the process of soliciting grants to pay that $5,000 for at least 123, years. So I'm not advocating that we jump on board with this immediately, but rather see if he can come up with some grant money to to move this forward a little bit.

Joseph Dalfonso 29:44
It does come from Turtle Creek Valley called, I think turtle about whatever it is. A Council of Governments has been around for a while. They're the ones that developed this. Another land bank was looking into the software to create on their own. It's. They stumbled upon this and just passed it along to the city for consideration.

Councilman John Nestor 30:06
Simply, there's already 13 communities within Westmoreland, I believe maybe, or around surrounding Allegheny. It's coming on morellville. Right software.

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:19
It will enforce. It will cause us to increase our reliance upon an active code enforcement officer to something that we need. In any event

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:31
I'm not sure what kind of discussion we need to have about the renaming of Pennsylvania Washington Avenue as Lou mackus way. Lou has done a lot for this city. Is a letter that he provided here.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 30:55
No, we didn't

Mayor Ron Mozer 30:59
in any event, that'll be on this the agenda for next time. Does anybody want to talk about it any?

Councilman John Nestor 31:12
Well, he's been part of the community for over 40 years. I mean, the gentleman has actually done a lot from an asset, despite also might not believe so that's here nor there. I think the man deserves to have a plaque up there at the street.

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:27
Don't know, just be quiet. (directed to the audiance)

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:27
This is not a time for You, it is not if (directed to the audiance)

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:39
work sessions are for our benefit, you can watch it. Be quiet. Be quiet. Be quiet. Okay, anybody want to say anything else about it?

Councilman John Nestor 31:51
Nope, I think it's overdue.

Mayor Ron Mozer 31:55
So, okay, thank you. We'll it will be on the agenda for the vote

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:02
supernova. Supernova is something that I'm going to thank Karen for a lot of the work that she did. Karen actually looked at this entirely differently than what we what I originally looked at it is basically she put together a two page list of jobs that they could do. It involves pulling weeds. It involves removing debris from storm grates. It involves picking up litter around the area. It involves sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms. It includes detailing police vehicles and other vehicles that we have around that the city has.

Mayor Ron Mozer 32:45
Anyway, she put together a list, and it really becomes a list of duties that we would like to ask the group from supernova to take on. And they they have seen this list, and they agree that this is a good list and would be appropriate.

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:00
We took it to the union and asked the union if they had any issues with it. They had no issues with it. It would be my my suggestion that we put this on the the agenda for the next meeting, to adopt that relationship with supernova and embark upon the people working on this list of jobs that we identified,

Mayor Ron Mozer 33:23
the STMP program that is being run by Dennis Martinak. He's is the person that we set up with this. We have his report here. I sent this report to all of Council, and I don't know that I need to particularly read it all here. He will be here next meeting, and he will be able to give the report in a little bit better. Basically, what he's done, he's been reviewing reports, studies, plans, policies that the city has relevant to financial review and assessment of administration, management, economic development and preparing the stamp program. He's been looking at everything from infrastructure blight to social economics. He's completed a field review of the city to identify current conditions, the issues that are around the city. They did a preliminary review of the area across the street. They're looking at the city boards, Authorities and Commissions, and preparing for interviewing, reviewing some of that. They've been looking at our financial information to prepare their recommendation. The end result of this is they need to provide a stamp stamp report to DCED. Once they do that, it opens up many avenues of revenue to come into the city to address the issues they identified and. I think the best thing to do is to get him back here when he can be here, and to give us an update. He'll it'll be more complete than this one, because there'll be more stuff to it. But if there's any questions, I tried my best to answer them,

Councilman Orzechowski 35:20
Yeah, question.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:30
I mean, a lot of this was just review, review, review, that all he's done for four months.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:36
That's all he's done. He's in the process of preparing a report that goes to DCED as part of the staff report that we're going to see the report before you send Yes, absolutely.

Councilman Orzechowski 35:46
And there is a part in here where he talks about project team meetings, consulting and West Media Group.

Mayor Ron Mozer 35:59
What are How did they come on board? There are people that he brought on board to assist him and prepare him. The report

Councilman Orzechowski 36:05
is that coming out of his 75

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:10
Yes,

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:11
he can explain his budget more complete than I can, but he does have a budget that includes all different kinds of studies being done and work that he's doing.

Councilman Orzechowski 36:25
I just think some of this is going off the rails, and we don't know anything of what's going on behind the behind the scenes.

Mayor Ron Mozer 36:38
Well, he's been holding meetings with us and and we got asked the paper to document that for us, and they they did do that. But realistically, all of this comes down to a report that needs to come before Council, before it goes to DCED that says this is what we think that we would like to do, is with the stamp program, he will provide a list of projects that he thinks are correct, but it is still at the council to determine exactly where it goes and how it gets presented to DCED.

Councilman Orzechowski 37:16
There's a comment here that says, started the market analysis for the site. What site,

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 37:22
the donor Avenue, site that they're looking at to develop. So that's one of the situations.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:27
Both of the projects have been put together. There's two sorts of funding that entered in this. One is the stamp program, and the other is the county LSA money that we got in order to develop the property across the street.

Councilman Orzechowski 37:43
That was 70 there was the 75,000

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:45
yeah, there's another 58 or something that comes

Councilman Orzechowski 37:50
in. Then we allocate that to something.

Mayor Ron Mozer 37:54
We have that 75 Yeah, yeah, to developing the lot across the street. I

Councilman Orzechowski 38:07
there's just not much detail here.

Councilman Orzechowski 38:09
Well, there's no detail.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:12
That's what he's got. That's what he's got in his report thus far, and like I say, he's still got some time. He's started on this late summer. He's got till late summer this year before the report is presented to DCED. I'd like to get that done quicker than sooner than later.

Councilman Orzechowski 38:31
I would hope that he would present his findings or approach long before that the council, so Council doesn't have to look at something and say, oh yes and no, right then and there.

Mayor Ron Mozer 38:41
Absolutely, absolutely, I agree with that 100% and in fact, if it comes to that, it'll get pushed off for a month or two into what we have a chance to think about it too. We're not going to rush to that one way or the other. It's an opportunity for us to reap some of the benefits of the stamp program that we've been through for the last many years. And that really boils down to money,

Councilman Orzechowski 39:10
yeah, but a lot of those grants have matching fund tied to them, correct,

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:15
maybe, maybe not. A lot of it is just flat out grants, DCED, money that's set aside.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 39:24
Okay, and he will be here on the 26th to detail all of this before Council.

Councilman Orzechowski 39:31
I hope he has some actual detailed details.

Mayor Ron Mozer 39:32
I don't know if he's is going to be complete with his complete project report by the that time, but he can sure give us a hint of where he's going and what he's looking at. Well, I would say after five months of being brought on board, he should have more than just reviews. Well, we'll find out that we gave him a year to do that. That's what the stamp program requires too. So. Um, as far as LERTA activity, I know that our solicitor has prepared a ordinance he sent to everybody. So there's no need for that ordinance to be enacted yet. And in fact, it can't be enacted until we get cooperation from the school and and the county. So with all I really would like to do is have permission from Council for the solicitor myself to to create presentations at the school board and get them on board. If we get the school board on board, we're home free. So move. It's not a not a motion.

Councilman John Nestor 40:41
you have my blessing.

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:42
Okay, that's all I'm looking for.

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:44
We got to move forward with that better one.

Councilman Orzechowski 40:46
Why don't you have the school board representative come here?

Councilman Orzechowski 40:48
They've never showed up in all the years I've been on counts how many times you showed up theirs at the beginning I was there probably about every second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 40:57
Well, first off, now Joe and I to make a presentation there and test the waters. I'm not sure if this will be done through executive session or done through open forum. They different than the city. They function different, but they are aware of what we're doing down here with lerta project, and they are very interested in seeing it. Pursue, pursue,

Councilman Orzechowski 41:23
okay, more reason for them to show up here?

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:25
Well, they might. They might. I'm not going to say one way or the other.

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:34
The more most important thing is that we get moving on this LERTA and start seeing some development come into the city. That's the most important thing at this point,

Mayor Ron Mozer 41:43
I'd like to ask chief you host to come explain to us his field FTO program is Mozer and field training officer program today.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 42:03
I actually had a cheat sheet in my car.

Mayor Ron Mozer 42:05
Well, just tell us a little bit about what it is.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 42:13
All right. The field training program is that it's to create more of a structure when we hire on new officers. There is a lot to learn from going back 20 some years when I started, here's keys, here's a map. Figure it out now, with bringing on new officers, it's it's a training program. They This is how our policies and procedures work. This is how you handle these calls. This is how even learn the streets at the top. You know, it doesn't like sheds a lot of light on to new officers, to how to interact with people, how to because you get, maybe you get some like poor Seth here. He's 21 or 22 years old. Get him to the field training. Officer itself basically stands back, lets him handle the call. Then afterwards, okay, this is what I would have did. This is what I would have changed, so forth and so on. Or if the officer is handling the call in a way that FTO can step in to, you know, take over that incident.

Mayor Ron Mozer 43:42
It's a well controlled training program, a mentorship.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 43:45
It's like a mentorship. So the plan that we have is to have, you know, a couple of FTOs, you know, we got to find the proper training for these officers to go because you're just not an FTO being an officer. There is curriculum that they that you follow. It actually teaches the officer how to teach, in a sense, having a couple of those, and then, because each officer does things a certain way, they can learn different aspects. So that's the quick version of that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 44:32
Just out of curiosity, just what are the implications to the city as far as cost, or

Chief Dave Yuhasz 44:39
the cost itself that you're paying the officer union. You're paying me the trainee, but you got to do that anyway. You got to do that anyway. Can I can I only increase is the FTO is an extra dollar an hour,

Joseph Dalfonso 44:56
if Council recalls this was part of the contract. Negotiations with the union the field training officer. Isn't anything new. It's been something that's been ongoing. This formalizes it. It gives them a policy and procedure, which was 100% necessary, and this is moving that forward.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 45:17
It just gives us a gives us a guideline,

Mayor Ron Mozer 45:20
perfect anybody have any questions of them?

Councilman John Nestor 45:25
So QUESTION So, for example, we hired an officer that was seasoned, comes this way to put it comes to Monessen, will they still follow the requirements of going underneath the FTO,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 45:40
yes, they still go under that, maybe not as long, I believe,

Councilman John Nestor 45:43
just to get to know that, I guess surroundings of the city, the people, yeah,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 45:48
the FTO program, I believe, is spelled out either for six week pro four six week program, four weeks, like with Mike, who was here. He's been an officer for 20 years, alright, his biggest hurdle was learning the streets. Okay, so that's different than we're dealing with Seth. Seth needs more time. He needs to learn the streets and learn police work.

Councilman John Nestor 46:13
Is there any criteria that the FTO has to meet with, let's say discipline. Yes.

Chief Dave Yuhasz 46:18
They can't be they can't receive any disciplinary action within six months or six months and have three, minimum of three years with the city of Manasseh, okay,

Councilman John Nestor 46:32

so like, if they get any complaints of like their character or anything, would that disqualify them from being on the FTO

Chief Dave Yuhasz 46:39
as long as within a past six Well, not really the complaint that you actually have to actually have to have a rigorous

Councilman John Nestor 46:44
employee to go through the investigation hearing,

Chief Dave Yuhasz 46:47
and once it's founded, and if there is a any disciplinary action taken due to that, they have, I believe it's six months. And I think that's what all with everything. I think it's six months or a year, and it's expunged from their their record.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:07
Very good. Anybody have anything else? No. Thank you, Chief. Thank you appreciate.

Mayor Ron Mozer 47:11
The next one's gonna be pretty short and sweet. I think, as everybody remembers we used to use Mockenhop as the actuarial services. They got bought by sure accuser, basically, is another qualified actuary. We got to have them meet all the state requirements and so forth. We did meet with the the Pension Board, and the Pension Board looked at it and said, you know, we ought to at least look around and see what kind of other actuaries there are out there, and whether there's any opportunities to for improvement or less or cost. We are committed to actually throughout the rest of this year, but it takes months in order to find a new actuary. So it's really appropriate that we start doing a RFP and start interviewing and so forth.

Joseph Dalfonso 48:07
There's actually an Accusure contract, they allowed the city to go through the first year without signing that contract. But this year is an important year, because it's an even year, and I think there are some reports that are required by the law for your pension plan. You don't have time to have those reports complete and go and hire a new actuarial provider. I think the cost for the year it's in there now it's escaping me. It was like $4,500 for the year that and I believe that is a pension cost. The pension, if you are going to move forward with an RFP that has to be at the recommendation of your pension board, right? You're gonna have to convene a meeting to discuss that and move that forward.

Mayor Ron Mozer 48:55
We in fact, did, and they did suggest that we do this. Okay? There's also a 60 day termination. So we'd have to have defined by October, as I recall, correct. So this is not too early to start thinking about these things.

Mayor Ron Mozer 49:11
The next one is a discussion of rescheduling and advertising and advertising our council meetings. March 26 I'm going to be unavailable. March 24 March June. 25 happens to be Monessen night, out of which many people on council go to Yeah. I would like to suggest that we hold convene the Tuesday before the March 24 and then Tuesday before June 25 and advertise it as such. Just to eliminate some of the confusion that's there, I'd like to put that on the agenda for

Councilman Orzechowski 49:57

I have a hard time. I. Reasoning why we need to do this, because we're going to spend money to advertise, and that's ridiculous.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:04
Well, but there are things that Monessen Night Out is an important thing for the community, for the school system. We can't change that.

Councilman Orzechowski 50:12
We're not changing it. You could do if you still wanted to go. You could still be able to make it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:16
No, they're at the same time. Five to 8pm is the same time as we have council meeting. Council meetings at 630 Yeah, I have people out of here by seven o'clock. Well, I'm just saying that people to spend more time than that at these things, and it's a family event.

Councilman Orzechowski 50:32
Again, we don't change things for vacations or people that are sick of anything else. Again, I don't see the reason to spend $150 to change it.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:40
I'd like to make that a motion that we we vote on.

Councilman Orzechowski 50:48
That's okay. I mean, I'm just wasting my opinion. Okay.

Mayor Ron Mozer 50:58
In the packet is a long contract, and it's the contract for the approval of the US Army Corps of Army engineers to do the boat launch, more specifically, the ramp at the Herman Malek city park, the boat launch area, as everybody's aware when they dropped the river level that made the ramp that much less into the river. And you have a big boat, you back it into the thing to unload the boat. It falls off the end of the ramp. And next thing you're doing is you're trying to get your boat and your ramp and your trailer back on the ramp so you can get your vehicle out of the area. It's just not workable. They have limited It's rather interesting. Maybe Joe can explain this better than I, but we went to our engineer when they initially brought this project up, and our our engineers looked at the sky. Said, How high can we make this price? And they said, $60,000 they came back said, Okay, here's $331,000, explain how that works. I don't know, but I didn't figure that out. Please explain it to me.

Joseph Dalfonso 52:08
So the 61 $65,000 what was your engineering, cost, design, project management, so on and so forth. That was based on the $351,000 that the Army Corps of Engineers said that extending this boat ramp is going to cost. That's what they told your engineers. Your engineers had a preliminary number, and they said, That's too little.

Mayor Ron Mozer 52:39
One thing that really disturbs me is, if you go in and you you're going to launch a boat. You got a trailer, you got your vehicle. You you take the the trailer, you back it into the river. We have the ramp extended so it doesn't fall off the end of anything. But what do you do? You got to tie your boat off, go park your car, come back on the the dock and load the boat up with all your stuff and hop in the boat and go spend the day boating. But yet, they won't allow us any money to handle the dock, the ramp that goes out there. This is something I think we need to have a powwow with them and understand how that

works, if they will allow it, we could use some matching funds with the boat and fish. And the contract does not imply you can do any of these things I'm talking about. So it may not go anywhere, but I think that it's ridiculous for them not to talk to us about it and see if there's any way we can expand this.

Joseph Dalfonso 53:37
I think it's important to point out with the contract, it is a reimbursement contract. It's reimbursed in two different ways, depending on the phase. During the design phase, your engineering will be reimbursed again reimbursed. The city has to expend these funds and then be reimbursed by the Army Corps at I believe, 75% of the design and then 100% of the design. During the construction phase, the Army Corps will reimburse the city at 25% increments throughout the project, the last 25% will not be reimbursed until there's been a certificate of completion and punch lift items are completed, right?

Mayor Ron Mozer 54:23
We need to understand how long it takes them to reimburse us and everything else. There's a lot of questions in that. But by the same token, the boat launch is a very important part of what the city has for resources for the fishermen. It's a very important thing. So we do need to continue.

Joseph Dalfonso 54:43
So it's within 60 days that once you submit everything, everything's completely submitted. The contract says in 60 days they will reimburse the city for those expenses. Okay? So.

Mayor Ron Mozer 54:56
Anybody have anything else they want to say about that? The next thing is 2024, LSA County, LSA grant that we got a contract on C000093352, in the amount of $29,960 this is specifically for our fire department to get some equipment. The only way that they will do this is also a reimbursement. In talking to devanza, we can expect to be reimbursed within three or four days.

Mayor Ron Mozer 55:43
Now, that's the only way that we can make this grant happen. Is that correct? That's correct. The county will work very, very much behind us. They'll do the best they can. But if we're going to provide this to the fire department, as we said, we would, we have to expend this $29,000 and then get reimbursed by the county, and hopefully they do it in the three three days that they say they can do it here. I would like to point out too that the seep agreement, this is big stuff. This is when, when we were doing the county, the state, LSA grant, they were concerned that they weren't going to be able to get us everything. And they said, maybe if we pulled out the two police cars, we can do that funding a different way. Well, they did it a different way, through the seat program, and they went ahead and funded us the state grant anyway, the CEAP program is $125,000 for police cars. That money will be deposited in the city coffers tomorrow. We will have that money before we but that's different money than the state money. We got word that it will be wire transferred to the city tomorrow that gives our police the ability to go out and get two police cars. One of the police cars will be fully outfitted. The other, they'll be using some of the equipment out of one of the other cars, but they'll end up with two new cars.

Councilman John Nestor 57:15
Do we have any I guess the car that will be replaced? Is it functional to replace code

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:24
possibly, I don't know that we're going to have replacement, or we're just getting up to where the police need to have the vehicle, okay, okay. But code vehicles, I think that maybe when, when we get the next two police cars through the state, I'll say maybe we can maybe allocate, we can get one that's going to

be up to the chief to determine, though. Anyway, I think that ends my stuff. I'm gonna turn it over to Tony for bill payment.

Councilman Orzechowski 57:52
Thank you, Mayor. Make a motion to pay the following invoices from the general fund in the amount of $114,118.26

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:56
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 57:58
second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 57:58
Is there any questions? Call the roll

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 57:59
council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Council Member Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:23
Motion to pay the following invoices from the rec account, amount of $609.16

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:29
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 58:30
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:31
Any questions? Call the roll

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 58:34
council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 58:42
Motion to pay the following invoices from the line usage fund in the amount of $17,824.98

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:44
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 58:44
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:44
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 58:45

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

Councilman Orzechowski 58:47
Motion to pay the following invoices from the parks fund the amount of 1230 the amount of $1,235.16

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:49
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 58:49
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:49
Questions? Call the roll,

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 58:49
Councilwoman Cosner yes, Councilman Nestor Aye, Mayor Mozer yes,

Councilman Orzechowski 58:50
motion to pay the following invoices from the grant fund, the amount of $2,970.69

Mayor Ron Mozer 58:59
is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 59:00
second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:01
Any questions? Call the roll

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 59:03
council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilor Orzechowski, yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:04
Motion to approve the transfer of $77,282.86 from the general fund to the payroll account for payroll.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:04
Is there a second

Councilman John Nestor 59:04
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:04
Any questions? Call the roll

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 59:04
council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:08

Motion to approve the transfer of $87,942.38 from the general fund to the payroll account.

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:15
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 59:16
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 59:17
Any questions? Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 59:19
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor aye, Councilmember Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 59:40
Motion to approve sewer rehabilitation project phase three, and payment requisition and certificate number 40 in the amount of $450,431.46 it is for Phase Three work performed by WC engineering Inc, from January 1, 2026 to January 31 2026 in the amount of $50,972 and. Five cents also included a two invoice, invoices from inside pipe contracting LLC, for work performed during January 1 2026 through December, 31 2026 in the amount of $70,001.78 on one invoice for MCSP, for work performed during January 1 2026 through December, 31 2026 in the amount of $329,457.63

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:27
is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:00:27
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:00:28
Any questions? Can I talk about the history for just a quick second there? So you may have noticed by Dollar General they had a bunch of trailers there with concrete bags and so forth. They actually went in a manhole there. They crossed the railroad tracks. We're done with the railroad now. We've got all our crossings through the railroad track line. We don't have to worry about CSX payments or right of ways or anything else anymore. That was a big accomplishment.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:01
Just the insurance cost alone was phenomenally high. Any event were to pass the railroad. So they go past the railroads, and they continue on down through the plant. They go underneath. This is a 36 inch pipe that they're doing. It's not a huge pipe. They're doing this by hand, inside a pipe, something you'd never catch me doing. But they go through this all the way through, past the boiler room, underneath the batteries, all the way to where they get to the river.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:01:27
And about 80 feet before they get to the river, they look up in front of us, their pipe goes like this, and then takes a steep dive down as it goes into the river. This last 65 feet that goes into the river, the bottom is gone of the pipe. It's bad. They say, Okay, we got to have a change order on this. We never predicted that this would be that bad. They say, $331,000 something like that neighborhood to go, to go 65 feet, that's $5,000 a foot. That's top dollar. You got to be really scared to do this if you're going to charge that much money. We took the opportunity to look at this, and it really is an emergency type

thing. The bottom is gone. Of this is a brick line. You have to understand how this is a hand laid brick line. When the bricks fall out of the bottom of it, no longer is the the strength of this, the pipe solid. It's very much subject to failure immediately. Had we known this? Three or four years ago, we have changed a lot of our approach to how we worked with with Cleveland cliffs. But nonetheless, here we are trying to solve this problem. There is another company that says they'll do it for about $220,000 and the time you discount the money that we would have paid the inside to do it, it works out to something less than $200,000 we tried to evaluate whether, whether this is an avenue we want to go. I do not want to compromise safety any way, shape or form, but I also don't want to waste any money, and that's something that we're working with our engineering and Cleveland cliffs to determine how we go from here anyway. Enough of that.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:08
Call the roll.

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:03:10
Council person, Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor, aye. Councilman Orzechowski, yes. Mayor Mozer, Yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:03:17
Motion to transfer $100,000 from the city of TAN note into the general fund.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:23
Is there a second?

Councilman John Nestor 1:03:24
Second?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:03:24
Any questions? Call the roll?

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:03:27
Council person Cosner, yes. Councilman Nestor Aye Councilman Orzechowski yes, Mayor Mozer yes.

Councilman Orzechowski 1:03:33
Balances are as following. Debt service fund, $608,444.80 fire escrow, $95,282.09 $95,282.09 general fund, $2,747.07 grant fund, $208,018.43 healthcare fund, $4,276.89 line usage, $673,842.52 liquid fuels. $1,159.43 parks fund $86,944.91 paving escrow, $177,362.95 payroll is $19,921.23 rec fund is $380.42 refuge fund has 285,360 $4,000.70 and the 10 note has $502,880.69 mayor, that's my report. Thank you.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:04:33
Councilman Nestor, do you have a report for us?

Councilman John Nestor 1:04:35
Honorable Mayor, Members of Council, administrative staff, citizens, minister and real officers, I will go ahead and abstain from doing my report into our next meeting. I do want to give her a few things. Have we heard anything back yet? For Pima, about like, reimbursements or payments back to the city? For like, for our Coe, are you

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:04:56

going to be submitting forms to them? Councilman. The next few days. Okay, the emergency edict has just been, I believe, ended.

Councilman John Nestor 1:05:06
Okay, so now that's been since it's lifted. Now

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:10
I'll submit those to you at the next meeting of what those

Councilman John Nestor 1:05:14
questions, thank you, Mike. I appreciate that. Another question is, do we ever find out any information about the old rite a building. Who Monessen LLC is?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:05:25
The only thing I know for sure is it's an investment company that bought it. They bought several of these built Rite Aid buildings all across the state. They primarily in Pennsylvania, but I believe there you got some in other states as well. The bottom line is they are marketing that to anybody that they possibly can. They made several inquiries sounding like it was going to be Dollar tree or something along those lines. I don't know that any of that's happening at all,

Councilman John Nestor 1:05:54
because I noticed, like the kind of apraise the property for 190k and then this monesser LLC came in, purchased the property for a big think, maybe 300k and I just wasn't sure if they're coming in and doing Dollar Tree, if they came and talked to the city, what was their grounds on purchasing, or what their thoughts were for the city going forward with the property,

Joseph Dalfonso 1:06:17
there was at least An inquiry about whether or not Dollar I think it wa Dollar tree could be constructed there probably about a year ago. At this point, I don't know if that was the entity that acquired the property, or somebody representing that

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:06:32
entity, the entity that got it also got that same thing, and they were trying to get Dollar Tree to do it. Now, nothing's happened yet, so I don't know what

Councilman John Nestor 1:06:39
that so I just wasn't too sure, though, since someone brought the properties this LLC, have they came to the city with, like, a property manager form filled any information, so if the property becomes somehow dilapidated or has any issues, and we have a right to go after that, that manager to rehabilitate that property and fix that property, no, but they are paying taxes on it. I get that. But like with the owner property and out of state, we have, I believe right? Am I right solicitor that we have ordinances that we should have a property manager on place. It gives us, you know, a rate, a right to contact someone if, let's say the roof starting to cave in, or the property, let's say the parking lots starting to get too many potholes, or, God forbid, a vagrant went inside, started living in there. I just wasn't too sure if someone came to the city and said, Hey, this is who I am. This is my property manager.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:07:30
We know who they are, and we need to, probably, we need to get that information. Yes, absolutely, absolutely, good point. Yeah. Well, thank you.

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:36
That's, that's everything. So since they purchased that property, when there's any point the code officer will probably have to go in and

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:45
look some point there should have been a been an occupancy inspection. K2 would have likely have completed that usually at the time of transfer. That has to occur. I don't know if that occurred in this case, but

Councilman John Nestor 1:07:59
I just want to make sure that the cities

Joseph Dalfonso 1:07:59
I would have all that would have been not just during the occupant behind during the occupancy inspection would have been a great time to notify them about the other requirements,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:11
We should probably to reach out to them and get squared up with all that.

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:18
Yeah, Are we anywhere near about to Have we heard anything yet from a for code, if we got any applicants,

City Adminstrator Mike Korposh 1:08:26
we have four currently to begin the process. And I think some of these discussions on the code, software and that sort of thing, I think, are bringing the issues, bringing the issue forward. Okay to finally, let's move

Councilman John Nestor 1:08:40
ahead, because I'd like to start interviewing as possible. Perfect. Thank you. I yield the floor, Mayor. Thank you. Thank you,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:08:50
Councilwoman, Cosner. You have anything you'd like to report?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:08:53
Well, I'll put off my usual report till the end of the month, but when I stop down to the City Garage and just chat with Rodney and the guys one item that they say either we need to replace it or put it up for sale of the lift. And I didn't realize that lifts have to be inspected, just like elevators do, and it is has not been inspected. I believe there's been a leak to it, and it is not the kind of lift to put our big trucks on. So I'm curious how it ever got in that building. But nonetheless, it's not operational now, and we're getting that new asphalt zipper, which is going to come with other things we need room in that building. So I don't know what everybody thinks about somebody had indicated, well, it's been expected. Did anybody ever give a cost on repairing it? And even if they repaired it, what will we do with it if we can't and put up our truck on the lift? So that's I'm all for, like moving ahead with things. We've been talking about this lift for probably. I've been hearing about about three years. So I just would like some professional opinion. Will that lift ever be used? Should we put any money in it? Does somebody want to buy it? Should it be scrapped and, you know, get money for the metal that's in it? I don't know if anybody has any thoughts on del Mars here, and he's an expert on all things related to City Garage items.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:26
The bottom line is, is we have a mechanic that we hired, and we don't have any mechanic tools for them. The list could be one, but whether it's falls within those guidelines, I

Councilman John Nestor 1:10:37
don't That's what I was going to say, is I noticed, if you come to these meetings, most of our work gets outsourced out and our mechanic doesn't touch anything right? That's just not right. So are we going to keep the lift and maybe change the title of the mechanic?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:10:53
We'll let the mechanic do some mechanically, yeah, but we pay him a premium to be a mechanic. We would think we provided some tools.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:11:01
Well, he does work. He does a lot of work on the vehicles. But again, even if you fix that lift, you cannot put our trucks on it,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:08
no but you can put police cars on it, check the brakes on that. You can do all kinds of things with other vehicles.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:11:13
Some issue that Rodney mentioned me about the width of that, and when you put the police cars up on it, the tires don't exactly sit where they should. And Dustin said it, you know, it's sometimes like a safety issue. He's worried about those putting put on that list should be adjustable. But I don't know. I don't know. Either I'm just thinking, Well, you know, either we have a list or we don't have a

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:11:36
list, there's of no value to the city. I agree with you. It needs to be it needs to be gone.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:11:40
But, and I don't know who's going to determine that it's not going to be me. Oh, I need some help with this. Suggestions, and what do we do with the lift if we cannot use it? So there's that. And then discussion of the playground waltz. I know I brought this up in prior meetings numerous times, and was told that maybe there's some LSA money to pay for this playground grade mulch. If you've gone around to our playground, you'll notice that it's divided under the playground equipment, which is not, is not safe. I had the guy from the charge of the county parks and rec come. I said, Well, you look at this. And he says, you need, if you I have a whole playground manual, six inches of mulch under playground equipment. And it would be nice to have one of those weed barriers. And I know, Mike, you were going to check and see if code source has these, like, where are we with spring is right around the corner. We're going to wake up and there's going to be flowers growing. And this is when you would I would think we want the playgrounds to be looking their best. So where are we getting, like, a Triax or so of playground grade mulch for the playground

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:12:53
is rebuilding that those playgrounds still have something that we're talking about, we're rebuilding. And then we got CDBG funds that we can use.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:09
When Aaron was here, didn't he tell us we couldn't use the money?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:10
You can do it if you rebuild them. You can't do it if you're just repairing, right?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:12
You would put up like a wooden border or something around it, like we have down at the boat launch, yeah.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:15
I mean, if we looked at it, just put in new swing sets. You put in new new border to catch the capture things. That's the kind of thing that CDBG can help with, if they can't just bring in mulch,

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:27
though, no, but in the meantime, we need mulch. Looking for Mozer. I've learned that things take long time out. We have spring coming. We have kids that we want to have using that playground.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:13:39
If you contact anybody to see if they donate

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:13:42
yes I and have gone nowhere. And I think I mentioned that before. I mean, you can only nag people so much before. They don't. They don't even take your emails, you know. So we need mull for the playground. We have three playgrounds where kids use and we want to see the kids out there using it. So that's that's a concern of mine, is that I would like to see some mulch purchase. If there's any volunteers out there, anybody has money that say, Hey, I'll buy some mulch for you. I'd really like to see it, because it's important that we have these playgrounds

Councilman John Nestor 1:14:13
are used, trust me, they're used when you have little ones.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:18
So I'm assuming we still have some children left in this town.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:21
All I'm saying is that there is money available as part of our CDBG budget that would fit in very well if you were to redesign and rebuild.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:30
Who can help with that? Aaron, but in the meantime, how do I get lost for the spring?

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:14:37
That's two different problems.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:39
Well, I need that.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:14:45
It's playground grade. I'm not asking for that kind it's like rubberized. What's that? Well, there is wood, and I think there's a company in Bridgeville, and they sell playground grade Moz and you can have. A rubberized mulch, like we have down to youngest town, or you can have it's wooden mulch, but I, I

don't know if it's not treated with chemicals and stuff like that, but we do have options, but we really need the mulch. And I'll keep saying that. So that's one thing. And then I came to my attention, and I I remember years ago, hearing, when Matt Cheryl was Mayor about our snow angels program went over my head, until we were made aware that a few people wanted snow angels in our town. So what I did, and we have, we have papers on our website, I didn't know it. What I always do is I call around to other municipalities and I get input, because I don't know anything about this. And I called Bridgeville and spoke to their office manager, and she gave me a lot of pointers on establishing a snow angel program in Nesson. But the main thing is you have to have volunteers, and it has to be well coordinated. They start in the spring for winter. So I think it's a great program. We certainly have a need. I think they target people, senior citizens, over 65 you have to have a financial need. You can't have like a family member living with you who could shovel sidewalks and things like that. But she gave me a lot of information, and I would definitely be willing to help with this and coordinate it. But I need volunteers. So anybody out here is listening to this and they think, Oh, yeah. And she said that they like their angels to be with a five minute walk from the people they help, because if we have a really bad snow, your angels aren't getting out of their driveway either. So again, if we want this to Monessen, I would like people to contact me and say, yeah, it's important, and I'd be willing to sign up to be a snow angel. So just, does anybody have any questions or

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:16:51
volunteers?

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:16:51
It would we need volunteers for, like, everything, but if we want this, we definitely need volunteers. And I'm sure you saw the need for it this year, everybody that people were stuck in their houses. So there was that. And then I wanted to remind people that I have that community calendar. So if you have any events scheduled and you would like to have them on our city calendar, just email me with what it is, when it's going to be and stuff like that. I'll put it on the calendar. And then we have June 27 Billy price is coming again. July 11, good karma the city park for our music in the park. And then August, we're still working on programming for that. It could be we had discussed maybe having different church groups come in and choral groups or bands or whatever. It would be a more loose schedule we had for these scheduled events. Think it could be really nice. We could have it all day long at the amphitheater, and then September 12 is Sky pilot. They were with us last summer, and they're coming back, and that's all I know. But again, we need volunteers, so if you'd like to help, I will take your name tonight before you leave, so I have pretty good

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:04
thank you.

Councilwoman Karen Cosner 1:18:05
You're welcome.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:05
Would somebody like to make a motion to adjourn? Mayor?

Councilman John Nestor 1:18:09
Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting, Thursday, February 12, at 7:48pm,

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:13
second,

Councilman Orzechowski 1:18:14
second.

Mayor Ron Mozer 1:18:19
All in favor. Say, aye. Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

ATTEST:

Terry Taylor, City Clerk

Mayor:

Ron Mozer