CITY OF MONESSEN

VOTING SESSION MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2026

City Council Chambers

6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Ron Mozer called the Voting Session Meeting of Monessen City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Present were Mayor Ron Mozer, Councilperson Karen Cosner, Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, and Councilman William Bass. Councilman John Nestor was absent. A quorum was declared present.

Opening Prayer

An opening prayer was offered by Father Brian Norrell of St Mary of the Dominion Byzantine Catholic Church of Monessen, Pennsylvania.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion of Previous Minutes

Mayor Mozer advised Council that several months of meeting minutes remain outstanding and have not yet been distributed for review. Efforts are underway to bring the City records current.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ernie Telegraphis requested clarification regarding the proposed Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant amendment, project costs, ADA improvements, and the proposed Bat Box initiative. Council responded to questions and indicated additional discussion would occur during the applicable agenda items.

Correspondence

Council received correspondence from Nehemiah Monessen requesting use of Anthony Madison Senior Park on June 20, 2026 for a Vendor and Craft Fair.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Joseph Dalfonso reported on procedures for the sale of surplus police firearms, progress on the proposed LERTA Ordinance, and an insurance claim involving damage to a City stormwater facility.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jerry Saksun presented the April 2026 Treasurer's Report and reviewed refuse collections, tax collections, line usage revenues, and other municipal revenues. Discussion followed regarding refuse revenue projections and collection trends.

Motion by Mayor Ron Mozer to accept the April 2026 Treasurer's Report as read. The motion was seconded.

Roll Call Vote

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Karen Cosner ............ Yes
William Bass ........... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer .............. Yes
John Nestor ............ Absent
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Motion Passed 4-0

Controller's Report

Controller John Mandarino presented the April 2026 Controller's Report and bank reconciliation. Discussion followed regarding payments to the Mon Valley Refuse Authority and monitoring revenues against budget projections. No formal motion was taken on the Controller's Report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mozer reported on paving projects, PNG restoration work, operation of the Asphalt Zipper, Public Works staffing and responsibilities, blight elimination efforts, code enforcement activities, and upcoming Music in the Park events. The Mayor thanked Public Works personnel for their service to the community.

Mayor's Agenda Items

Motion presented under the Mayor's agenda to approve Sale of 20 Glock 35 Pistols, Previous City of Monessen Police Department Service Guns, registered to the City of Monessen, with proceeds of Sale being allocated to the Grant Fund as the Firearms were purchased through the Grant Fund accounts. The motion was seconded by Anthony Orzechowski.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion presented under the Mayor's agenda to approve Mr. Jack Howell of the City of Monessen for a five-year term on the City of Monessen Civil Service Commission effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Anthony Orzechowski.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion presented under the Mayor's agenda to approve advertising and the scheduling of a meeting of the Tax Forgiveness Hearing Board on Monday June 1st, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, in the City of Monessen to discuss all filed properties within the City of Monessen, and any additional matters that may be brought before the Tax Exoneration Board. The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion presented under the Mayor's agenda to amend City of Monessen Authorized Official Resolution No. 15 to request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be utilized for Park Maintenance and repair of Recreation Equipment and Site Development within the City Park of the City of Monessen. The additional increase of the Grant amount from $175,000.00 to $202,482.00 will be for additional equipment to be added to the grant proposal and paid for by approved grant allocations and proceeds within the Grant submission with no additional exposure to the City of Monessen. The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Accounts and Finance

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $76,247.85. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "A". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Refuse Account in the amount of $57,243.66. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "B". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Account in the amount of $8,150.00. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "C". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Grant Account in the amount of $1,121.64. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "D". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $352.42. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "E". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of $25,288.85. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "F". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to pay the following invoices from the Recreation Board Fund in the amount of $164.06. All invoices are attached to the Agenda as Attachment "G". The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to approve the transfer of $75,781.04 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for payroll expenses for the May 14th, 2026, payroll. The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Anthony Orzechowski to issue a $300,000.00 payment from the TAN account to Charleroi Federal Savings Bank. The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

Karen Cosner ..... Yes
William Bass ..... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer ..... Yes
John Nestor ..... Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

Streets and Public Improvements

Councilman William Bass reported on street maintenance activities, grass cutting, storm cleanup, alley conditions, and operation of the Asphalt Zipper.

Public Safety

Councilman John Nestor was absent. No Public Safety report was presented.

Parks and Public Property

Councilperson Karen Cosner reported on park maintenance, athletic field preparation, Memorial Day activities, lighting repairs, and upcoming community events.

Motion by Councilperson Karen Cosner to place a Bat Box in City Park, and approve the creation of a related stewardship program for the effort. The motion was seconded by William Bass.

Roll Call Vote

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Karen Cosner ............ Yes
William Bass ........... Yes
Anthony Orzechowski .... Yes
Ron Mozer .............. Yes
John Nestor ............ Absent
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Motion Passed 4-0

Public Comment

Ernie Telegraphis commented on the City's use of the Asphalt Zipper, questioned whether contracting out the road work would be more efficient, raised concerns regarding repair and operating costs, and commented on the condition of the ballfield areas, including weeds and maintenance responsibilities. Discussion followed regarding the cost of conventional paving, grant funding for the Asphalt Zipper, and the City's effort to begin addressing street conditions with available resources.

Jewel Crawley of 640 Mckee Ave, followed up regarding alley conditions, grass cutting, vacant garages and structures, trash, rodent problems, and the condition of lots where houses had been demolished. The resident also expressed concern about high grass near garages and sidewalks, property maintenance issues, and whether assistance from outside agencies may be needed. Council discussed plans to use millings to improve alley conditions, the need to coordinate scheduling, the City's limited staffing, the number of properties requiring grass cutting, and ongoing efforts to address maintenance and code enforcement issues.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

All in favor say Aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Taylor

City Clerk

Ron Mozer, Mayor