# CITY OF MONESSEN
## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
**August 18, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.**
City of Monessen Council Chambers

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Ron Mozer called the special meeting of Monessen City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the City of Monessen Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Ron Mozer, Councilperson Karen Cosner, Councilman John Nestor, Councilman William Bass, and Councilman Anthony Orzechowski. Five members were present and a quorum was established.

### 2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

An opening prayer was offered by Bishop Bass, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Earnie Telegraphis, 29 Rex Avenue, asked about the $17,825 payment for tree-removal services. Mayor Mozer explained that the work had been completed previously and that the City had now received the DCNR funding needed to process the payment.

Mr. Telegraphis also questioned Change Order No. 12 in the amount of $578,241.93 and whether sufficient funds were available. City officials stated that the funds were available and explained that the expenditures on the agenda were being paid from different funding sources, including project and insurance-related funds.

Mr. Telegraphis asked whether the Greenways, Trails and Recreation funding could be used for road work. Mayor Mozer explained that the grant is a parks and recreation grant and that the proposed $32,147 action concerned the required project match. Mr. Telegraphis also asked generally about the approximately $950,000 in expenditures on the agenda. City officials stated that the City could cover the listed obligations, while acknowledging that expenditures at that level could not be sustained every month.

### 4. Old Business

The agenda listed no old business.

### 5. Mayor's Discussion Items

Mayor Mozer stated that he had no additional discussion items and would defer his comments to the next regular meeting.

### 6. Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs - Greenways Match

Greenways, Trails and Recreation Project Match: Mayor Mozer presented a motion authorizing the City to solicit grant-match funding in the amount of $32,147 for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Project and to coordinate potential match-related activities.

Council discussed that the source of the match had not yet been identified and could potentially include grants, donations, project savings, or other eligible sources. Councilman Orzechowski expressed concern that the motion did not identify a specific funding source. Mayor Mozer stated that the purpose of the action was to authorize efforts to secure the required match and that the City could decline the grant if an acceptable match could not be obtained.

The motion was seconded and carried, 4-1.

Roll Call Vote: Cosner - yes; Nestor - aye; Bass - yes; Orzechowski - no; Mozer - yes.

### 7. Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

Councilman Orzechowski presented the following payment and project motions. Unless otherwise noted, each motion was seconded and approved by unanimous roll call vote, 5-0.

| Action | Amount | Disposition |
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| General Fund invoices | $154,163.51 | Approved, 5-0 |
| Parks Fund invoices | $4,550.16 | Approved, 5-0 |

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| Line Usage Fund invoices | $6,626.38 | Approved, 5-0 |
| Liquid Fuels Fund invoices | $21,467.14 | Approved, 5-0 |
| Grant Fund invoices | $1,148.50 | Approved, 5-0 |
| Recreation Board Fund invoices | $589.31 | Approved, 5-0 |

USDA Payment Requisition No. 46: Council approved Payment Requisition No. 46 in the total amount of $107,689.13 for Phase 3 work, consisting of $30,768.02 to W.E.C. Engineers, Inc. for work performed June 27 through July 31, 2026, and $76,921.11 to Insight Pipe for work performed July 1 through July 17, 2026. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Change Order No. 12, Project MON-2022-03, Phase 3A: Council approved Change Order No. 12 in the amount of $578,241.93 for additional manhole lining, CIPP pipe lining, and directed spot repairs as described in the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously, 5-0.

MCS Tree Services, LLC: Council approved payment of $17,825.00 for tree-removal services previously performed under the DCNR C2P2 grant. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Roll Call Vote on each unanimous finance/project action: Cosner - yes; Nestor - aye; Bass - yes; Orzechowski - yes; Mozer - yes.

### 8. Councilman William Bass, Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Councilman Bass stated that he had no report for the special meeting and would present his report at the next regular meeting.

### 9. Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Councilman Nestor deferred his report to the next regular meeting.

### 10. Councilperson Karen Cosner, Director of Parks and Public Property

Councilperson Cosner reported that she had received an email from Michelle Bongiorno, President of the Library Board, regarding a request from the Monessen City School District to use rooms at the Monessen Public Library for student tutoring and related activities.

Council discussed questions concerning insurance and the condition of the downstairs restrooms. Councilperson Cosner reported that the downstairs water faucets were not functioning and that the water had been turned off, which would need to be corrected before the rooms could be used. Council noted that plumbing work had recently been approved and paid for and directed that the contractor be contacted to determine what remained to be corrected.

Council also discussed insurance for the School District use of the Library. The consensus was that the School District would be responsible for providing appropriate insurance and that use of the space should not create an additional cost to the City. Council expressed support for making the Library space available to assist the School District, subject to those issues being addressed.

### 11. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. The motion carried by voice vote, with all members voting aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Ron Mozer, Mayor Terry Taylor, City Clerk

**ATTEST**