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Monessen relocates its City Hall

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MONESSEN – Monessen relocated City Hall to a former bank annex building, a move that is expected to greatly reduce the cost of doing business.

The city, thanks to a donation from Community Bank, finished the move Friday to 557 Donner Ave., a building with spacious rooms that is easy to reach in the city's downtown.

"We finally have the city moving in a forward direction," Councilman Ron Chiaravalle said.

The city was spending nearly \$10,000 a month in electric bills at the old City Hall at 1 Wendell Ramey Lane, a four-story concrete building that once served as a health center. Chiaravalle said the city will spend far less in utilities and insurance premiums at the new building, which has emergency lighting and offices with glass walls.

Taxpayers will find a counter to the right of the main entrance where they can pay their taxes and permit fees. A curved wooden railing saved from the original City Hall will be installed in council's chambers, where an antique copper clock was salvaged and hung on a wall.

"Once we get things situated it's going to be great," Chiaravalle said.

He said the move is expected to cost the city about \$50,000, including money that was spent to coat a side wall of the building that was exposed when a structure next to it was demolished. The city also installed new carpeting and needed to put a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

The building also has a conference room on its second floor.

The new building is expected to be open for business Monday. Council, in conjunction with the bank, will schedule an open house there in the next two weeks to celebrate the move, Chiaravalle said.

'General feeling of disappointment'

UPMC pulls plug on proposed new hospital in South Fayette

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UPMC pulled the plug on its plans to build a \$211 million hospital that was supposed to be the anchor tenant at Newbury Market in South Fayette, and the health-care provider will now search for a new site to build.

South Fayette Township officials learned of the decision late this week, although they do not know the reasons behind the change.

"We were really surprised and disappointed it happened so suddenly," said Andrea Iglar, the township's community development director.

She said although the decision is be-



tween UPMC and the site developer at Newbury, the township still had invested its time listening to public comment on the project before granting conditional-use approval for the site Aug. 9. The township had been pre-

paring to review a preliminary land-development plan as the next step in the process.

"The township spent six months considering this project and listening to public opinions, often which was

contentious," Iglar said. "There's a general feeling of disappointment that UPMC abruptly withdrew their plan."

UPMC spokeswoman Gloria Kreps did not give a reason why the health-care provider scrapped the plans at Newbury so late in the process, other than to say it was "pursuing other, more significant strategic options in care."

"We will soon announce more specific plans of a sophisticated set of facilities to better serve our patients," Kreps said.

Brett Malky, president of Newbury Development Associates, could not be reached for comment Friday.

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Proponents discuss fuel pipeline reversal

Company claims action could bring lower prices to area motorists

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An operator of a cross-state pipeline that is seeking to partially reverse a portion of its flow of gasoline and diesel fuel from the East to bring more product from Midwest refineries to Western Pennsylvania, said Friday the change could bring lower prices to motorists here.

Bill Hollis, senior vice president for Allentown-based Buckeye Partners, told members of Washington County Chamber of Commerce the company has a proposal before the state Public Utility Commission seeking to partially reverse the flow on Buckeye's Laurel Pipeline, which brings fuel from refineries in the East to Western Pennsylvania.

The proposal is part of a plan Buckeye said would enable it to bring less-expensive

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Bill Hollis, center, of Buckeye Partners, talks with Washington County Chamber of Commerce members following his remarks Friday at Southpointe Golf Club.

Smith supervisors to consider new Bulger landfill

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Smith Township supervisors will hold a public hearing Thursday on a company's plans to build a new landfill that would allow it to continue accepting residual waste at its waste-disposal site south of Route 22.

Green Tree-based MAX Environmental Technologies will submit a conditional-use application for local approval to build a new, roughly 21-acre residual-waste landfill at its Bulger facility. The hearing is set for 5:30 p.m. in the township building.

The company plans to begin construction in 2020 or '21 if it receives the necessary local and state permission, according to materials on the company's website. The landfill would be operational for about 10 years.

The nearest residence is about 400 feet from the proposed landfill.

The company plans to submit an application package later this fall to the state Department of Environmental Protection for the proposal, which also includes a nonhazardous waste treatment facility at the site where wastes could be solidified by mixing

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them with drier materials, stabilized to chemically bind them to other metals so they don't leach, or neutralized by adjusting their pH levels.

Traffic to the new facilities would average about 30 trucks a day – about the same as now.

Most of the residual waste MAX accepts now consists of drill cuttings from the Marcellus Shale industry and soil from former industrial sites that are being redeveloped, which is "not considered clean fill" but also isn't classified as hazardous, according to company manager Carl Spadaro.

Waste at the site currently goes into an old impoundment the company is



A typical cross-section of a Class 1 residual waste landfill

reclosing in a cap-and-cover process. The company expects to finish the closure by the time it begins construction on the new landfill.

"Really, it would be a continuation of what we're currently doing, but in a new landfill," Spadaro said.

The site also would start accepting oil and gas waste with elevated levels of radiation.

Spadaro stressed he was not talking about "nuclear waste" or material with "high levels of naturally occurring radiation."

There are no cumulative limits on how much of the TENORM, or technically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material, landfills in Pennsylvania can take in over their lifespans. But landfills that do so are subject to a monthly cap on TENORM based, in part, on the tonnage of all waste they accept.

The state limit on radioactivity for waste entering landfills, 140 microrem per hour above background, is

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