

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2019, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 10 people were in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

B. Viele T. O'Hara L. Baumiller M. Toda B. Kyle J. Silvidi J. Crowe

Mr. Williams- Do we have a motion to excuse absent officials?

Mr. O'Hara- there is no...

It was moved by Mr. O'Hara with a second by Ms. Baumiller to excuse any absent officials. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. O'Hara with a second by Ms. Baumiller to accept the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

We received a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer from J & R Enterprise, Inc. dba Hubbard Sunoco to Hubbard Sunoco Management, Inc. I did forward a copy on to the Safety Director. That is all.

It was moved by Mr. O'Hara with a second by Ms. Baumiller to accept the communications and place them in their proper files. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE- Mr. Kyle- Yes Mr. President, there was a work session that was held to discuss the upcoming budget and also the reallocation of Income Tax collection once we reach a certain debt service limit. That first piece of that legislation will be brought forward this evening. That is all thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you

PARK & RECREATION- Ms. Viele- The Park & Rec. Board's next meeting will be this Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers. Hubbard Friends of the Library donated a bike rack for the use at Waugh Park. No word yet about the grant for playground equipment. That will be awarded this month. As always, the public is encouraged to attend and participate in Park & Rec. meetings. Thank you

Mr. Williams- thank you

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-Ms. Baumiller- No report thank you

Mr. Williams- thank you

PLANNING & ZONING- Mr. Toda- No report Mr. President

UTILITIES- Mr. Silvidi- No report Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

STREETS & SIDEWALKS- Mr. Crowe- Yes Mr. President, the street resurfacing program should start next Monday, September 23. There are ten streets or partial streets and three alternate streets for a total of thirteen streets that will be repaved. That is all I have. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SAFETY- Mr. O'Hara- I have no report tonight Mr. President but I will be requesting some legislation.

Mr. Williams- Okay, thank you

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CEMETERY BOARD- Ms. Baumiller- Actually, there is no report, but I do want to state that we are having a meeting at 9:00, Saturday the 21st.

Mr. Williams- Okay, thank you

FIRE DISTRICT- Mr. O'Hara- Yes, I would just like to announce that the new truck should be arriving the final week of September, beginning of October. Also, the tornado siren or a tornado siren has been placed on the fire department or the fire house. It could be activated in the event there is any additional glitches with the 911 system like we had over the summer. There will be a special fire board meeting held on Thursday, October 3rd to discuss the ballot issues that we are looking to put on. The regular session meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, October 9th. That is all.

Mr. Williams- thank you

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

SAFETY DIRECTOR- Lou Carstone- Thank you Mr. President, just a couple of items. The first one is Acting Chief Thompson has spent quite a bit of time researching and testing Marx Equipment Radios in our city. As I reported before, there is about 20% of our city where we can't get a Marx signal. It is mostly to the east. We worked with the 911 center and got another piece of equipment that would require a repeater in the trunk of every car. We tested that system. That system seems to work but it is a work around instead of a straightforward Marx application. For the repeaters and the car radios, we would pay about \$37,000.00 for the repeaters and the radios in the cars. There is apparently a grant out there that would get us portables for free, but they are used portables. At this point in time, we are about 90% sure we are simply going to do a repair to the current radio system that we have for a cost of about \$15,000.00. We are going to firm up that price. If Marx puts more towers in this area, we would certainly consider going to them in the future. The \$15,000 is not so much that in a couple of years from now, we would feel comfortable going to Marx. At this point in time, that seems to be our best option to do that both from a cost standpoint and from an operational standpoint to just do that. The Acting Chief and I will firm up the price for that fix for our current radio system and make council aware of that exact price and our final decision to do that. If you have any questions, I would be glad to answer those. The only other thing I have is I have a picture of a little girl here. She is from Arizona. Her father died in the line of duty as a police officer when she was three months old. She never really knew him but growing up. She only heard and she wanted other people to feel closer to her and has been requesting patches from Police departments. Sgt. Moffitt picked up on that and sent her a patch. She sent him a picture back holding one of our patches with a thank you note from this little girl. I think that action on Sgt. Moffitt's part was a little above and beyond that he did that. He made that little girl very happy. That is all I have sir, thank you.

Mr. Williams- Oh, Okay thank you

SERVICE DIRECTOR- Mr. Livingston- Not in attendance

LAW DIRECTOR- Mark Villano- Not in attendance

TREASURER- Marsha Ruha- Not in attendance

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

AUDITOR- Michael Villano- No report this evening Mr. President, thank you

It was moved by Mr. O'Hara with a second by Ms. Baumiller to accept the reports of standing committees, special committees and city officials.

Mr. Williams- Lou, if we would have gone to the Marx what would that have cost?

Mr. Carsone- The total cost? Originally, we thought we could get by with some of the competitive radios that are coming out for a total cost of around \$40,000. Now, we are being told if we go with Marx and want to communicate with Mahoning County, we would have to stick with the brand name radios. So, we are looking at a cost of, I am going to estimate it, around \$70 or \$75,000 because now we need repeaters in the trunk of every car and have to have brand name radios. The grant that would give us free portables sounds good, but they are used, and I am just not comfortable with used equipment that would be very expensive to replace if we needed to replace it.

Mr. Williams- If you are going to do that you may as well buy the new. You know what I mean? If you are going to get new handheld

Mr. Carsone- I haven't done...I can do it if you wish I haven't spec'd it out, but I am estimating \$70,000 to get us to Marx. Where approximately \$15,000, will get our radio system in good shape and we will just stay on our frequency here. If in a couple more years Marx has more towers in this area, we haven't spent so much money that we would feel uncomfortable going to Marx radios at that time. Yes sir?

Mr. O'Hara- Isn't there an additional monthly fee as well?

Mr. Carsone-There is a monthly fee for each radio that you have. I don't have exact figures on that, but we would need approximately 25 portables, 12 mobiles and a repeater for each car so yes, we would be paying monthly fees also. If the system really really worked and it was a lower cost, I think it would be a good deal. Like I said, about 20% of our city with the normal Marx radios can't communicate and that is just not acceptable.

Mr. Williams-No. Thank you. Anyone else?

There were no more questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Williams- Okay Ladies and Gentlemen, my favorite part of the meeting our Mayor's report. The illustrious John Darko.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Thank you, Mr. Williams. Again, we discussed in caucus, in regard to, the storm water retention system down at the police station. If anyone has any questions, Mr. Williams has a set of plans. If anybody has any more questions or anything stop in and see me, and we can go over it. Not much to report tonight. We do have the Wastewater Treatment Phase II. They have started work with small little baby steps. They are working on exposing the airlines and the grit channels for the new system to be put in and replace those. As you know, we are going to be going to an auger system replacing the old chain and bucket. We have them making the necessary steps putting them in order to replace that chain and bucket system. There is a bypass and all that until we get the new system in. They are working on doing that. I wanted to say we have been getting phone calls and stuff. I wanted to set Halloween for this year which will be on Halloween, the 31st from 5 to 7 with no rain date. What...what

Mr. Williams- Nothing, I just figured I would give it to you now because you know you're going to get it eventually.

Mayor- I can never win on this. That is when it will be.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Toda- that was 4-7?

Mayor- 5-7. I do appreciate Mr. Silvidi moving on this so we can go out for bid for Jones Street (for Erie Street there by Jones and Taylor). We would like to get that done. I do appreciate him speeding that process up. That is all I have sir.

Mr. Williams- thank you Mayor

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Williams- If there is anyone who wishes to address city council on the one agenda item we have, when recognized, please step forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes unless extended by council vote. No one

NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION

It was moved by Mr. O'Hara with a second by Ms. Baumiller to have the law director prepare the necessary legislation authorizing the safety director to advertise for bids for the police department storm water replacement project.

Mayor- Can I had something to that, that I forgot to mention in caucus. We are going to have an alternate on this bid. What it is, if we come in under bid right now in that plan, it is only to replace about 50 feet, I think it is of curb. If we do have some money left over that is if the bid would come in low, we want to replace all of the curbing that is down there which is around the monument the police monument. So, we can get all of that curbing so that it doesn't break like this curbing we have. We don't know what that is called. Floating curbing is that it?

Mr. Williams- It is called not attached to nothing.

Mayor- Hopefully, we will get a low enough bid to get that all done.

There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. Kyle with a second by Mr. Silvidi to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation amending section 191.17of the City Income Tax Ordinance effective upon maximum debt service to change the amount of net tax collections deposited in various city funds. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 6-19 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPLACING 350 FEET OF SANITARY DRAINAGE PIPE LOCATED ON ERIE STREET BETWEEN JONES STREET AND TAYLOR STREET

It was moved by Mr. Silvidi with a second by Mr. Crowe to suspend the second and third readings of resolution 6-19. There were no question or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. Silvidi with a second by Mr. Crowe that resolution 6-19 be passed as read. There were no question or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Williams- is there anyone who would like to address council on non-agenda items related to city council business when recognized please step forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes unless extended by council vote. We have no one so I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Suzanne Wilcox- I live at 111 Orchard Avenue here in Hubbard. I have a challenge for every person sitting up here before me today. I challenge each one of you to go out into your streets and your neighborhood and make some observations about the blight, the unkept lawns, the slumlords that are not taking care of their property, where we have tarps on roofs that have been there for weeks, day's months and years. Just look at the general appearance of everything. Every single one of you lives in this town. Every one of you can see. Ray Charles could clearly see that there are some improvements that really need to be made here. I challenge each one of you to go through and see these things. The second part of my challenge is to do something about it. Every problem contains its own seeds to the solution. It is pretty easy. We have zoning rules and regulations. They need to be enforced. I am pretty well versed in them because you guys know I have come here to play before. I know most of them pretty well. We need to enforce them, and we need to enforce them without prejudice. We need not to be selective in our enforcement. We just need to do it and we don't need excuses like I don't want to make anyone mad. Too bad so sad, we discipline kids and they get over it at some point. You discipline people. I am tired of the excuse well this guy doesn't have the money. All of them have garbage service. If you have a bunch of crap in your yard and junk, you are allowed to put out 10 extra bags a week. It's pretty simple put a little elbow grease into it and put 10 extra bags out and wa-la pretty soon it is cleaned up. There are simple solutions like that. I am challenging each one of you to go out and look in your neighborhoods and see what is going on and do something about it. I am going to say this, and you know me I am brutally honest. I did not think there was anyone more incompetent then Bob Toth. This zoning office has proven to me that there is. I have never seen somebody so inept in my life. I came here tonight because my brother has an ongoing problem in his backyard that is blight and oh, we don't want to make anyone mad. We have to start addressing this. You want to attract more businesses to this town, more good people and more good things you have to make it look good. When you have people that come to look at stuff, all you have to do...you walk right out here, and you can see it (25 Stewart). Yes, they put a new roof on it. That was polishing a turd. They haven't done anything else with it. I am asking each one of you here, the weather is still nice, go out have a look. See what is going on and do something about it. That is all I am asking you to do because there is a lot of good people in this town trying to do a lot of good stuff. We want to bring more businesses because that brings more taxpayers and brings more things in for the community. If they are going to look...you have got to do something about it. That is my request for here tonight and I would be happy here to entertain any questions.

Mr. O'Hara- First off and I agree with you, I know the issues you are talking about but first I would like to defend Mr. Skruck. He does do a good job. He is new. The times I have gone into him about issues, it has always been let me get back to you, let me check. He does follow through. He just wants to make sure that everything he is doing is correct. As far as your brother, this has been an issue that I have been on his side. To me the neighbor, it is almost spite what he is doing. The gentleman has an extra deep lot that goes behind Dr. Sue's brother's house. He has trees cut off that are 3 ft. /4 ft. high. That is all that they are. They are stumps, but they are right on the back of his property. They look terrible. I don't know what he would save those stumps for. Take them down. As far as, I have seen the damage that you have gone through, with the tree that still stands. Like you have told me many times, it is only a matter of time before a storm comes through and takes out Family Video or falls on your house again, falls in your pond again. I can't imagine the money you spent in your pond. I know you had to replace the liner, the box, how many dead fish you had. I agree with you there are a lot of things that do need changed. Please if you have an issue go talk to Mr. Skruck and explain to him what it is and give him some time. He will take care of things. That is all I have.

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Dr. Wilcox- I have gone through \$8,000 worth of damage to my back yard.

Mr. O'Hara- I know you have.

Dr. Wilcox- Those people did not even have the decency to come over and say I am sorry.

Mr. O'Hara- I know you have

Dr. Wilcox- There was damage to my gazebo and everything else and we are still trying to get things finished up.

Mr. O'Hara- and the tree still stands

Dr. Wilcox- pardon

Mr. O'Hara- and the tree still stands

Dr. Wilcox- and the tree still stands, and it is doing this. I actually took a picture of it from Rite Aid and you can see it doing this. Every time we have a bad storm, I say please God don't let that fall on Family Video or Marco's Pizza where those kids are working. There is simply no excuse for that. It could be a little spite on that end of it. I have talked to Mr. Skruck and it was dealing with issues from my other favorite neighbors the Baptists. It was quality free, commercial free entertainment because they like to change rules that don't exist to their own benefit. You know me I set them straight. Thank you very much have a nice night.

Mr. O'Hara- Thank you. You too.

Mr. Williams- Thank you. Bonnie

Ms. Viele- Just a reminder, we did have a grant for the city. It was \$250,000. I think that grant has been spent. There is a new one. It is for fixing up properties for low income people. Maybe, some of these people don't mean to have their properties look like that but this would assist them in fixing up their property. They can get a new roof, furnace or siding if they qualify. There is another \$250,000 around coming up in November. They can apply. It is NDS. The Auditor's office, not the Auditor's office, the Zoning Office has the applications for that, and people can fill them out. Quite a few people in this town qualify, if they know about this grant program. Hopefully, that will help clean up the city a little bit too.

Mr. Crowe- Yes there were several of us that went door to door. The Mayor and Marianne was involved and other council members that did. We went door to door to get information all through town. People will not willing to fill out the paperwork. They thought we were spying on them. We have to have that income information in order to qualify for the grant. That was one little catch. We couldn't get them to give us the information.

Ms. Viele- Mr. President

Mr. Williams- go ahead

Ms. Viele- The grant I am talking about is different from what they were doing. That was a what in the third or fourth ward, I think. This is for the whole city. You get the paperwork and fill it out. Liz, the lady in charge of it, says don't over think it. Fill out the paperwork and send it in. You might qualify. I have one house that got a roof, they got siding on the garage, new garage door, new windows, a furnace, new air conditioner, electrical work, plumbing work all as part of this grant. The only strings attached to that one is you have to live there five years. You can't fix up a house and flip it. You got to be the homeowner, you got to have insurance and you got to have your taxes paid. If you have all those things a lot of people in this town might qualify for this \$250,000.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Williams- Is that it?

Ms. Viele- Yes, thank you

Mr. Williams- Does anyone else wish to address council? If not, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Toda with a second by Ms. Baumiller to adjourn. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

Lorrie Brown, Council Clerk

William Williams, President