Regular Session March 21, 2022

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2022, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 22 people were in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

B. Viele R. Zambrini M. Kerr R. Hallapy J. Crowe

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to excuse any absent officials.

Mr. Williams- Mr. Mogg is on vacation and Ms. Cummings sent me a text she isn’t feeling well this evening. That is why they ‘re not here. Is there any questions or comments?

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

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

clerk- We received Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a permit concerning the Hubbard Sunoco Management Inc. at 175 Youngstown Hubbard Rd. This has already been given to the safety director. That is all.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini 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**- Ms. Zambrini- Good evening, President Williams, and council and all our guests this evening. Today, is the deadline that I had requested for comments on the American Rescue Plan funds. I did get one more comment regarding to add to the list. It is regarding a proposal for sidewalks up on Jones Street due to the children who walk there or ride their bikes on that street to get to the playground. I will compile all the comments received. I will put it into a report for the finance committee and then we can share it with council. Thank you

Mr. Williams- thank you

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Not in attendance

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Not in attendance

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- Yes, as of today there are no requests for the commission, or the appeals board for any action…nobody has filed to those boards. The Zoning is open for assistance Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am until noon. On Tuesday and Thursday, they are open from 1 pm to 3:45 pm for everybody’s convince. That is the time of day that our Assistant Engineer is in the office. Otherwise, he is out in the field. Thank you

Mr. Williams- thank you

**UTILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Mr. President, our regular scheduled meeting had to be canceled due to illness of several people. So, we have a makeup meeting on this Thursday, at 6 pm. There is a utility committee meeting this Thursday at 6 pm. We also already have a scheduled one this Friday at 5:30. That is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Mr. President, the street department has been working on the catch basins doing repairs. Today, they started sweeping or spraying the sidewalks to clean the sidewalks off in advance of the street sweeping. The street sweeping will start in April. We don’t have a date set. It is to be determined. I will be asking for the street committee to meet in April for the 2022 Resurfacing Program a week after our first meeting in April. I will talk to my committee, and we will meet then to discuss the 2022 program. That is all I have.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**SAFETY**- Mr. Hallapy- Yes Mr. President, the Civil Service Test is posted and both candidates passed. We will be looking to interview early next week. Also, I would like to announce a safety committee meeting on April 4, at 6 pm in council chambers. That is all thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- Not in attendance

Mr. Williams- Ryan, you got anything on the cemetery?

Mr. Hallapy- No sir

**FIRE DISTRICT-**Mr. Williams- That is me. When I volunteered to do this and asked council to place me on the Fire District Board, I guess I didn’t know what I was getting myself into. This has turned into quite the full-time job. As most of you that know me, I have already offended a number of people. I upset a couple of the firefighters at our last meeting. I made the comment (we were discussing calls) I asked how many of the calls they were talking about pertain to when we respond with the fire department. I mean with the ambulance service. The conversation kind of went a different way than I was trying to go. I said, no I am talking about when we follow the ambulance which two fire fighters, well I guess more than that, took great offense to… so they commenced to go on Facebook. One of the fire fighters said I was ignorant and had no knowledge of how a fire department operates. I may not know how it operates but I do know how a business works. One of the other firefighters, I believe, he said he couldn’t believe that comment came out of my mouth, and he would be willing to …you know sit down anytime and tell me how it works. I did contact the Chief and asked him to set up a meeting with that man. I have not heard anything back on that one. The other fire fighters post has been removed. I am not going to apologize for what I said because I didn’t try to do it meanly or anything. I didn’t think anyone could be offended by something like that because technically if the ambulance leaves first, we are following them or behind them. We are going to help, and I understand that. As I reported in the past, the board is working on right now discussing compensation for the fire fighters and what training they will be compensated for. If they will be compensated for going to meetings and like. We are also working on our policy book because a lot of the stuff, as it is passed by the board, for some reason it is not getting in the book. You have to go back and check to see if it was done. You have to go through all the minutes of the meetings and see if you can find it there. We are working on that. The board will be meeting with our attorney here in the next week or two to discuss a lot of this stuff. By and large as far as I know, everything is going well. We are working well with the ambulance service. An interesting suggestion was brought up at our last meeting, the board may start looking at this, the fire fighters feel we need a new fire department at some point in time. The building is old. We shouldn’t be putting money into it. So, the board will…. we are more than willing to listen to anyone. We will look into that. I don’t know how we would beat a $1.00 lease on a building but maybe that will be something we will look at in the future. Also, it was brought up that we should go full time and we should start our own ambulance service. I tried to reiterate to them again that at this point in time the fire district has nothing to do with

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ambulance service. The city and the township never asked the fire district to do that. The fire district board who sets policy and procedure has never made it that they wanted to do something like that. We are hoping to get that kind of straightened out. That is about all I have for the fire district, thank you.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Yes Mr. President, I just want to remind everybody that we have a statewide tornado siren test this Wednesday the 23rd of March, weather permitting. If it is inclement weather, they will not do it that day. It would be another day. It is supposed to be at 9:50 am. The tornado siren will go off. They are testing everything to make sure everything is the way it is supposed to be and working properly. The mayor’s office has been receiving complaints of dirt bikes speeding on Moore Street and Myron. You know the weather is getting nicer so that is…we have speed complaints are on the rise throughout the city as well, Drummond Avenue, Jacobs Road. Obviously, we will be stepping up our enforcement in those areas. I am planning on an enforcement blitz on multiple agencies coming into the city. It is in the planning stages, and everyone is on board so far. It is going to be quite the detail. Everyone will know when it happens. I won’t preannounce it, what day it will be, but you will know. You will know throughout the town when you see everyone in town doing what they should be doing. I will just leave it at that. We are just working on those items as well. Council ID cards: let’s try to maybe get those taken next meeting April 4th. We will do it after the meeting if we can. Whoever is here we can take those. Whoever is not here will get them taken at a later date. That is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano- I have no report Mr. President. Thank you.

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha- I have no report. You all received a copy of the Reconciliation earlier in the month, so I have nothing to add to that. Thank you

Mr. Williams-thank you

**AUDITOR**- Mr. Villano- Nothing this evening Mr. President thank you

Mr. Williams- thank you

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the reports of standing committees, special committees, and city officials.

Mr. Williams- Mr. Bancroft, with the UTVs, dirt bikes and all that, they are illegal, correct?

Mr. Bancroft- that is correct

Mr. Williams- cannot be there

Mr. Bancroft- cannot be there. Council enacted legislation, specifically with the golf carts, to address that as well. So, everything is in place for enforcement efforts on those.

Mr. Williams- So, now we are, okay? If one of our officers, see a golf cart we have got

Mr. Bancroft-absolutely. Also, there were a couple of dirt bikes up and down the neighborhood here recently. They were apprehended here across the street at Circle K and dealt with appropriately.

Mr. Williams- thank you. That is all I had anyone else?

Ms. Zambrini- Mr. President

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Mr. Williams- Yes, Robin

Ms. Zambrini- As far as the ATVs, the 4-wheelers, I was at Maple grove Cemetery Thursday and two went through because I had...are cemeteries off limits to it as well?

Mr. Bancroft- Well, it not a …it is city property, but it is not a dedicated roadway for travel.

Mr. Williams-They shouldn’t be there.

Mr. Bancroft- They shouldn’t be there.

Ms. Zambrini- Do we have signs down there? I don’t know if they have signs saying they are outlawed.

Mr. Williams- Ryan, do we have signs out there? Maybe we should do that. The street department can make them for you.

Ms. Zambrini-There probably should be. Maple Grove, yea.

Mr. Williams- Oh, Maple Grove.

Ms. Zambrini- Yes, Maple Grove Cemetery

Mr. Williams- Oh, I am sorry.

Mr. Bancroft- Was that on the grass or on the road?

Ms. Zambrini- They were...well, they came through the woods and went down the road (through the cemetery on the road).

M. Bancroft-Okay, yea if we post signs there, I think that would take care of that.

Mr. Williams- Yea, cuz it is like any of them...even like I think like Hubbard Union after dark it is closed, and no one is supposed to be in there. I would think Maple Grove would be. Okay, anything else Robin? Thank you, anyone else?

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, President Williams. I just want to start off, obviously, we are starting into spring and more people are out and about. We have two city parks that people actively use. Mattinat Park and Jones…I am sorry Mattinat and Waugh. Today, I was at Mattinat at the basketball courts. Please take pride in your parks. I have never seen so much trash and litter thrown next to garbage cans, that specifically say trash, throughout the park that people obviously refused to set them inside the can. We have dumpsters. We have cans and recycling. All these things are provided. People had chosen to throw their water bottles, Gatorade bottles, McDonalds bags throughout the basketball court. It is something as simple as taking pride in your city parks. Over the next handful of meetings, we will have a lot of upcoming legislation requests and projects that we are going to be working towards. As Mr. Crowe mentioned, our 2022 Street Resurfacing Program will be going out to bid early to take advantage, hopefully, of the process itself. The 2022 Street Resurfacing Program was set forth by the OPWC application and granted funding last year. We look forward to a 2022 OPWC application for a 2023 program. Also, tomorrow morning, I will be meeting to get the playground equipment ordered and moving forward for the Nature works Grant, that we received last year for down at Waugh Field, to be able to get finally a new piece of playground equipment at that facility. I ask council to also consider what the Park & Recreation committee will be considering for a 2022 Nature works grant application for the next cycle. It just opened for the 2023 fiscal year. Hopefully, we can as I mentioned last year, get some form of a handicap swing or something installed in one

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of our parks. That will be something that I will be meeting with them and having a discussion. Also, working towards an Eastgate planning grant that is transportation based that will help on future projects. Not only are there 34,000 trucks a day that cross over at the 234 exit, there has also been some discussion, continued discussion about having another interchange on the Liberty side of 304. I had a meeting with Eastgate on Friday and that is a continual discussion as well. It is something that this very small planning grant is available where the city only has a ten percent match. It is enough to get some plans in place and actual traffic studies and so on and so forth. This will really position us for future projects and mainly for economic development. That is my main focus right now on that. Going back to the street resurfacing program for 2023, we had passed through Board of Control, a street assessment program that was started a couple of years ago where all the streets were listed out. It never finished in the sense of grading the roads, rating the roads, and getting scientific data. By the end of May, we will be able to have that data. We will have every single city street be rated for the following year for paving. It will be something very streamlined for the street committee to look at the data. All of council and the administration can look at the list of streets and know which streets are failing and which streets are not and to be able to have a very straight forward street resurfacing program. Lastly, I received word on Friday afternoon (I am sorry on 3-16) that the state legislature had passed the first round for the state transportation bill that included the Purple Heart Memorial Veteran’s Bridge. It is moving to the senate now for a vote and then it will move onto the governor for a signature within 90 days. We will start some very preliminary discussions with our American Legion and our VFW group to figure out how we do this bridge dedication. I had obviously mentioned last year, hopefully we can do it for Memorial Day. We will know more in the next few weeks. That is all thank you.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the mayor’s report. There were no more questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

**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 our two agenda items 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-**

Mr. Williams- We have no requests for legislation this evening.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 4-22 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUBBARD AND THE CITY OF HUBBARD WATER DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO EPA PROGRAM, H2OHIO, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING IDENTIFIED LEAD AND GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY AND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OF CONSENTING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Ordinance 4-22 it will flow to its second reading

Ordinance 5-22 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH QUASAR ENERGY GROUP FOR SLUDGE HAULING AND DISPOSAL FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY FROM APRIL1, 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023, AT A COST OF $82.88 PER WET TON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Ordinance 5-22 it will flow to its second reading

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**PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-**

Mr. Williams- If there is anyone who wishes to address city 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.

Mr. Williams- No one. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURN**

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

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