Regular Session May 2, 2022

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2022, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 17 people were in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

B. Viele R. Zambrini M. Mogg C. Cummings M. Kerr R. Hallapy J. Crowe

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2022, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- We received from the OML the 2022 Summer Regional Conference Series, if anyone is interested, I do have that information, the bill from the Walter Drane Company for the replacement pages totaling $5,406.79, the Mayors Court Report for April of 22 showing a total of $2,262.50, the Income Tax Comparison 21/22 thru April 30, 2022 and the Reconciliation of Bank Statements for month ended April 29, 2022. That is all.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the communications and place them in the proper files. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- I have no report Mr. President but I would like to call a meeting of the finance committee for Monday, May 16 at 6 pm preceding our council meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Yes, we had our regular monthly meeting on April 21 over at Jones Field to check out the pavilion and see what needs to be done in order for making it more user friendly. They are going to go out for bids to see basically, what the cost would be. The concrete around it needs to be repaired. They want to run water to it and some other various things. We also met with the mayor to go over possible playground equipment so, we can get everything in place for the grant for next year. The Thunder Elite Softball Teams have started to practice. I guess Josh Barr is going to be the one to handle all the paperwork. He has all the paperwork in place for the insurance and everything that was necessary to have the Thunder Elite Teams practice there. We changed next month’s meeting to the 10th of May at Jones Field so, we can finalize what we need to do for the grant for next year through Nature works. Thank you that is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams-thank you

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- I have no report Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- The Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting Tuesday, May 10th at 7 pm here in council chambers. There are two projects on their agenda dealing with oversized sheds. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**UTILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Mr. President. We had two meeting from the last council meeting in between. Some discussion was about our wholesale water rates as far as price increases. We cannot continue to absorb these increases. We have had…our contract is with Aqua are 5 to 6 years into that 20-year agreement. We had looked at indexes from Cleveland for current rates. The EPA has been issuing additional maintenance and infrastructure repairs for waterlines. Our example would be the water tower we are redoing, and our rates can’t sustain that. The EPA will have additional mandates in the future to sustain our current system. We had discussed we don’t want to see incidents like Flint Michigan or anything like that. We

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are getting thirty homes done with the steel pipes out. We are looking at flat rates, rates, the cost of service, the cost of doing business needs to be looked at. We are scheduling a work session on May 12th at 6 pm. That is all I have. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Mr. President, the street sweeper has swept all four wards. It is going around cleaning up any streets that need reswept. I gave you that phone number to the mayor’s office if your street needs reswept, 534-3090. The street department is still repairing catch basins. They will soon be out cutting grass in different areas of the city. That is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**SAFETY**- Mr. Hallapy- Yes Mr. President, we had our safety committee meeting today in council chambers. It was brought up to increase the wages of the data clerks and the auxiliary units. We will further discuss at the finance committee meeting in two weeks. That is all thank you.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- Yes sir, I would like to thank the seniors who came out to the cemetery on April 25th. The students were put to the task of painting the Chapel. The Chapel hadn’t been touched up in quite a few years. According to Aaron Byers, the sexton, the students did an excellent job. They made good…great headway and Aaron and his crew were able to finish up the Chapel the next day. We then fed the seniors pizza and pop for lunch. Also, unfortunately, we had to replace the 1987 furnace that was located in the office building. I want to thank Gualt Heating for coming out and doing an excellent job replacing that. Or did they do it yet?

Mr. Hallapy- I believe so

Mr. Mogg-good. That is all I have sir.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**FIRE DISTRICT-**Mr. Williams- That is mine. As most of you may know, we have had an interesting couple of weeks. Chief Stanish put in on Wednesday of our last meeting for a 90-day medical leave. We were lucky enough to find Chief ah… retired Chief Brown to come in an act as our Acting Chief. We just got things rolling with him when we were informed of a possibility of Lanes pulling out with the ambulance service. The Chief started working on that right away. From the letter that we received today, that is apparent moving forward so, what we ended up doing, the chief is doing/been working on this. It is to see what the fire district can do with the monies available and the staffing we have. He has done his research. The board decided… we had a special meeting on the 26th to discuss these things with the Chief. It was kind of brought up you know…we are still not sure who is in charge of what. As chairman of the board, I made my feeling known. I am not really worried about getting into an argument about who does what. We provide EMS service, and we are going to continue to do that. We are going to do it as best we can with the funds, we have available. If what we are looking at, at this point is changing our staffing hours. We may end up going 24/7 more than likely. The board voiced their concerns and asked the Chief about if Lanes and every other place can’t staff, are we going to be able to do that? He feels we will be able to get some people from other places. They’ll come to work for us. We also discussed and gave the Chief the authority to negotiate a contract with Medicount Management. They will set up and apply for our licensing so, we can bill under Medicare and Medicaid, if we end up having go that route. We also are looking for a used ambulance. I talked to the Chief today. He has got a line on a couple we are going to look at. The Chief feels we will be better off having an ambulance here in case we need it. Plus, if our guys are going to be the ones that are first on scene and waiting for somebody to come,

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they will be better prepared with what is on the ambulance. We also gave the Chief the authority to send out a letter with the other fire chiefs from Campbell, Struthers and Coitsville trying to find a private ambulance service that might be interested in serving the loop here. All communities are trying to work together. The Chief has been working with the mayor keeping him informed. As we stated at the meeting, the Chief is going to be the lead on this. We are unfortunate in the fact that we lost our Chief for 90 days, but we are fortunate with the fact that Chief Brown is…he knows what is going on. He was the Chief in Howland. He was Chief in Boardman and he just retired not long ago from Coatesville. He had a lot to do with bringing Lanes in Boardman so, he knows what it takes to help set up an ambulance service. He has been very thorough. He keeps us all abreast of what is going on. We are making the best of a bad situation. I guess I just want to let everyone know, those are our plans at this point. Moving forward, we are going to see what we have to do with our EMS to make sure the citizens of Hubbard are protected and that we are working together with the city and the township. That was one of the biggest points that I tried to make. This isn’t a city problem. This isn’t a township problem. This isn’t a fire district problem. This is a Hubbard Community problem. We all have to work together to see what we can do to take care of our citizens. In speaking with the mayor, I think he has been quite happy with Chief Brown and his keeping you up to date with what he is doing. Hopefully, we can all work together and move forward and take care of our citizens. That is all I have on the Fire District.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Yes Mr. President, I just wanted to update everybody, the second of our two cruiser purchases will be arriving on or about May 15th. We will be in good shape after that. Hopefully, we will get it outfitted fairly quickly and put into service. The is a lot of equipment that needs to be put on, the lights and what not, the radios, everything that goes into the car, laptop computers the whole nine yards. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. We will get that done though. We are in the last stages in the process for hiring the new patrolman. Hopefully in the next few weeks. That will all be green light, and everything will be finished and completed. We will have that person on board. We are purchasing stop sticks. Obviously, if anybody knows, nothing good can come out of a police pursuit basically. There are a lot of things that can go wrong quickly in a police pursuit. With the purchase of these stop sticks, we are going to purchase three now and the training kit and then four at the beginning or after the first of the year. We are going to split the cost of that up between two years. It is just another tool we will have available to us to terminate a pursuit safely and efficiently should we need to come to that decision. Another tool in our arsenal so, that will be good. That is all I have for now.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano- No repot Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha- not in attendance

**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.

Mayor- to the park & rec board, can you make sure those insurance certificates for this softball have the city additionally insured and are given to the auditor’s office as been done in the past?

Ms. Cummings- oh, okay

Mayor-thank you

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, President Williams. We’ve had a number of extremely successful events in our community over the last few days. Our recycling Event that was held right here in city building parking lot, that was a joint effort between the city and the township. We filled two 26 ft. box trucks full of electronics. It was a wonderful event that the “Gotta Go Green.” The Solid Waste District and GreenBoard IT have a great relationship and look forward to continuing that. We learned from our first electronic recycling, the special attention that is needed. The company that was here today, over the weekend, a lot of our residents saw how efficiently they worked to sort all the electronics out. It was just a great thing. To go along with that, the second event the city and the township applied for is the Tire Recycling Event that will be on May 21st from 9 am to 12 noon at the township road department. Then, later that day, everyone is invited down to the police station for our Police Memorial Service. We have been doing this for a number of years. It will be held at 2 pm. It will be a very nice event, well-coordinated with other jurisdictions as well, as it is National Police Week in May. We will be honoring those members of law enforcement. This Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. It will be at noon in the senior center parking lot, weather permitting. That is something our city transformation team, our local pastors and Chaplains have been working together and with our Hubbard Christians in Action. The National Day of Prayer will be held in the senior center parking lot 12 noon on this Thursday. Some other logistics of event is going on, we have our flushing; city wide flushing will start on the 8th, and it will run up to 8 weeks weather permitting. We will be sending out notices to the news and other channels that the water department will be going out 10:30 at night to 6:30 in the morning to do the flushing throughout the city water system. Our mosquito grant was accepted. We will be doing four sprays as usual and the funds for that will help pay for it. They will be May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd. It is something we have done for a number of years. We continue to have a great work relationship with the Trumbull County Combined Health District where those monies are from for that grant. I also want to pay special attention to our seniors. We had over one hundred seniors that participated in the Senior Community Service Day. Both the city and the township worked with our school system to bring these students out. Republic Services donated bags. Everyone worked together. Our parks, different problem areas throughout the city and the township were cleaned up. Our Shop Small Hubbard Event then occurred on the following Saturday, just this past Saturday. I have received so many compliments on how great Tylee Park looked. It was all because twenty-five seniors that worked for a couple of hours down at the park and did leaf removal and weeded and cleaned up and just did a number of different things. Not only that but Waugh, Mattinat and the township so, I really do want to thank the schools for coming up with this. It will be a nice thing that we continue on with into the future. Legislation will begin tonight on something that is extremely overdue. The VFW recently voted on the signage for the discussion and cooperative effort that Mr. Bobby Orr and the VFW and also the city work together for the Richard Choppa Memorial Way \*\*\*Jackson Street. It is a long overdue thing. It is the first such street that we will have in the city having his sacrifice during the Vietnam War. We will have a dedication later in the year. Signage will be on the street. It is something that I think is extremely important not only to the community but also his family. Everyone received a letter in front of them. Effective… the date of the letter, it will be May 3rd it is from Lane Life Trans, and it is not only to the City of Hubbard, the township and Eagle Joint Fire District but also the communities of Coitsville Township, Struthers, and Campbell. The work that was done the last year to two and half years, laying the groundwork to have them to come in and create a private public partnership to provide the EMS and transport services. Unfortunately, because of, as listed in their letter, the labor shortages and the issues they have with their paramedics, the relationship we have is going to be coming as mentioned during the Eagle Joint Fire District report. We will be working diligently to find another private public partnership that will hopefully be able to step right in and continue to provide those services. In today’s day and age, where you pick up the phone and dial 911 and I have said if I said it once, I have said it a hundred times, when you dial 911 you expect someone to be there. Right now, we are able to do that and that is something we will continue to do. I look forward to going to the commissioners

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meeting this Wednesday, asking them to also investigate the county wide, the valley wide problems as noted in the newspaper recently, as well as in Mahoning County. Lastly, I reluctantly accepted Mr. Palestro’s resignation on April 3rd effective April 30th as Utility Superintendent. He served the city for decades. His knowledge is unparalleled, and we are currently accepting resumes to the mayor’s office until May 16th at 4:00 pm for the position of Utility Superintendent. It is on our city website. We will be actively recruiting qualified people to be able to step into that role. That is all I have thank you.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the mayor’s report.

Mr. Mogg- Yes sir Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, when did you say the tire recycling was? May 21st at what times?

Mayor-9 am to 12 noon

Mr. Mogg- thank you sir

Mayor-township Road department

Mr. Mogg-correct

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

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS-**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams- What I would like to do at this time is as you know, once a year we have to meet with the township to set the millage for the Hubbard Union Cemetery. So, I would respectfully ask that someone make a motion that we go into joint session with the township trustees at this point.

It was moved by Mr. Mogg with a second by Ms. Cummings to go into joint session with the township trustees. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**JOINT SESSION**

Mr. Williams- Okay, we are now in executive session. Mr. Colletta, Mr. Hanley welcome. We get to do our yearly duties again. I would like to thank you guys for another year of cooperation. I don’t know if all the cities and townships and surrounding communities work together the way that we do but I can only hope that they do. If there would be no objection to me chairing this session. Is there any? None. Well, the biggest thing we are here for is to set the millage at .2 of a mill correct Mr. Hanley for the Hubbard Union Cemetery? If someone would make that motion, we could do that.

Mr. Mogg- I would make that motion sir.

Ms. Cumming-second

It was moved by Mr. Mogg with a second by Ms. Cummings to set the millage for the Hubbard Union Cemetery at .2 of a mill. There were no question or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous including Colletta and Hanley.

Mr. Williams- Well, while we are all together, I would like to pick your brain Mr. Hanley and you Mr. Colletta. How are we looking? Are we looking at anything for our community besides this ambulance service? You see anything else we got to look out for right now?

Mr. Hanley- In what respective?

Mr. Williams- Are we still hearing rumbling about the landfill out there or has that quieted down?

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**JOINT SESSION**

Mr. Hanely-Currently, there is no more action as it relates to the \*\*\*\* I have not had an update in probably 60/65 days. \*\*\*made an inquiry and the property is NOT for sale. That speaks volumes\*\*\*\* with that being said, I checked with Mr. Migliozzi and Attorney \*\*\*the way it stands it is just status quo. They always have the right to take it to common pleas court but then again, they can make a direct appeal\*\*\*\*as you know we have a member of the\*\*\*that sits in Warren. Unfortunately, he voted to let this process go forward. So, with that being said, it is pretty much status quo right now. I don’t want to say no news is good news but \*\*\*

Mr. Williams- Well, I just personally like to thank the townshio trustees for all the hard work you have put into that. I hope you know; we are with you. Whatever we can do, please let us know.

Mr. Hanley- thank you very much

Mr. Williams-thank you, I guess that is it. Does anyone else have anything? Okay, looks like I am looking for a motion to adjourn from the executive session

Mr. Mogg- I make a motion we adjourn from executive session

Ms. Cummings-second

Clerk-joint session

Mr. Williams- or joint session. I am sorry Mike.

Mr. Mogg- You did say executive earlier.

Mr. Williams-I don’t know, I got that on the mind, I guess.

Mr. Mogg- That’s okay

It was moved by Mr. Mogg with a second by Ms. Cummings to adjourn from the joint session. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Hanley and Colletta voted. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Williams- if there is anyone who wishes to address city council on any of our 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. Anyone. Mo so we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Oh no, new business and requests for legislation. Thank you

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION-**

It was moved by Mr. Crowe with a second by Mr. Hallapy to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation authorizing the board of control to enter into consent legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation PER\RC 55213.01 regarding ODOT PID NO. 110489 and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. Hallapy with a second by Mr. Crowe that the law director draw up the necessary legislation authorizing the Safety Director and Mayor to enter into a three-year contract with the City of Hubbard, Ohio with the sergeant’s unit of the Fraternal Order of Police FOP Lodge 132 and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous

It was moved by Mr. Mogg with a second by Mr. Hallapy to have the Law Director draw up the necessary legislation for the co\*naming of Jackson Street from West Liberty Street to West Park Avenue for ceremonial purposes to also be known as Corporal Richard J. Choppa Memorial Way. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous

Mr. Williams- Okay that is all the requests we have so now we will move onto

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**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2-22 Second Reading

AUTHORIZING MS CONSULTANTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD TO FILE THE NATUREWORKS APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Resolution 2-22 it will flow to its third reading

Resolution 4-22 Second Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

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

Ordinance 7-22 First Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES: TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH: TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Ordinance 7-22 it will flow to its second reading

Ordinance 8-22 First Reading

ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUBBARD, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND SUBMITTING COPIES OF SAME TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Ordinance 8-22 it will flow to its second reading

**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.

Thank you, Mr. President. For the record, my name is Bobby Orr. I live at 119 Jackson Street. Yesterday, May 1st, the Hubbard Lions Club which, is a wonderful organization always there to help the needy and the VFW combined to help Michael’s Miracle Spaghetti Benefit Dinner. A wonderful turn out. The VFW auxiliary was there to help. Once again, it was an example of how the people of Hubbard step up to help people in need. I got to talk to Michael. He is five or six years old. He kept telling me his favorite person was Spiderman. I told him of course mine was GI Joe. He is a great little guy. I don’t know if you know, he has a rare disease which is incorrectable and it will end up being fatal eventually. It was an outstanding turnout. The last I heard they made $15,000.00.

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Mr. Williams- That is fantastic.

Mr. Orr- The mayor and all the City of Hubbard stepping up and helping people who are in need. Very important. Thank you, sir.

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

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**ADJOURN**

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

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