Regular Session September 19, 2022

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022, in council chambers with President Pro Tem Bonnie Viele presiding. Approximately 22 people was in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

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

Ms. Viele-Mr. Williams could not be here tonight. Do I have a motion to accept any absent officials?

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

Ms. Viele- Do we have a motion to accept the minutes?

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- no communications this evening

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- Yes, the finance committee met with the safety committee for a joint committee meeting tonight at 6:00. We had a couple of items to discuss. Among them, two compensation proposals. One for the city police chief position, the other for the wastewater treatment superintendent and I will be bringing forth legislation…requesting legislation for the ordinance adjusting the compensation of the wastewater superintendent to $67,500.00 annually effective, January 1, and also the city police Chief to $75,000.00 annually effective, September 1, 2022. Another item that we discussed tonight is a benefits ordinance outlining in detail the different benefits for management positions that are non-union. We decided that we need to take another look at this at a forth coming finance committee meeting. At this time, I would like to call a finance committee meeting for 6:00 pm, Monday, October 23, 2022, here in council chambers for the purpose of discussing the benefits legislation regarding compensation and benefits. Oh, Monday, October 3rd. Did I say that?

Ms. Viele-yes

Mr. Mogg- You said the 23rd.

Ms. Zambrini- No, not the 23rd. No, the next meeting October 3rd. Thank you.

Mr. Viele- Okay, thank you for your report.

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Nothing, my meeting is tomorrow for Park & Rec.

Ms. Viele- Okay, here in council chambers?

Ms. Cummings-yes

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Yes, the date has been set for the Santa Parade here in Hubbard. It is set for December 3rd at 5:00 pm. As this develops, more information will be presented to the public. That’s all.

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- There is activity with both the Zoning Commission and Appeals Board that will be directed to city council for consideration. The commission is dealing with a zone change and also Phase I of the Pine Lakes Estates. The Appeals Board agenda will

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be considering requests from Pine Lakes Estates and from the Stiver Farm property development. Thank you.

U**TILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Madam President. I will have request for an ordinance legislation for utilities. I just want to real briefly mention, eventually our utilities committee is going to be meeting as the year rolls out and all next year and into the future about electric. We hear about EV’s. We hear about electric vehicles. We hear about what the state is going to do with the turnpike. There is a huge issue with the power grid itself and our substation. If we put multiple charging stations or there is more demand, then we are going to be in trouble. We are looking at that in the future. On the news it is like let’s get this, let’s do this, you see them in some cities, in some areas and in some other states but we have to look at Hubbard City and our power grid, and additional station to handle that. We are hoping that as the committee goes on this year, next year and next couple of years. We will be looking at issues regarding that. That is all I have.

Ms. Viele- thank you Mr. Kerr

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Madam President. The Street resurfacing program is underway. It is on schedule. All the streets have been milled and the paving starts this week. We are hoping it should be done by the end of this week. We also have a leaf pick up program starting late October early November. We are looking for people to help with the street department as leaf raker. You can contact the mayor’s office by calling him or stopping in. The phone number is 534-3090 put in an application or give us your name and we will contact you for the leaf pick up program. That is all I have thank you.

Ms. Viele- thank you Mr. Crowe

**SAFETY**- Mr. Hallapy- Liberty Township provided officers to train our officers in taser to recertify them meeting the requirements. in turn our officers are going to train their officers active shooter in a cost savings joint training event…. duplicate instructors in two departments. Also, I will be introducing legislation later this evening. That is all thank you.

Ms. Viele-okay

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- The cemetery board held a meeting on September 13 at 5:00 pm. All members were in attendance; myself, Ryan Hallapy and William Colletta. Also, the members of the columbarium committee; Meg Allen, Robin Zambrini and Mary Buchenic were in attendance. In my report, I welcomed Stanley Wallace as our new sexton. He is doing a great job out there. I hope he keeps it up. There was a discussion about cemetery equipment being used for private usage. The employees of the cemetery are going to be informed, they are not allowed to use it for their own private usage. We went over our financial report and then a motion was made by Bill Colletta, to open a separate savings account for the funds that have been collected so far, for the potential columbarium that we want to construct at the cemetery. Councilman Hallapy seconded the motion. It passed. We will be opening that account this week. That was it.

Ms. Viele-thank you. We have a fire district report. Usually, Mr. Williams gives that. He is not here tonight so we will skip that until next meeting.

**FIRE DISTRICT-**Mr. Williams- not in attendance

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

Ms. Viele- Our Safety Director isn’t here tonight but did he pass anything along to you tonight, Mayor?

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**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor- he did not

Ms. Viele- Nothing this time

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- not in attendance.

**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano- No report this evening Madam President, thank you.

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha— I have no report this evening, thank you Madam President.

**AUDITOR**- Mr. Villano- not in attendance

Ms. Viele- Our auditor was here but he had to leave. Actually, on city business. He left so; we will skip Mr. Villano’s report. Is there a motion to accept the standing committees’ special committees

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to accept the reports of standing committees, special committees, and city officials. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to give everyone a quick update on our Christian Avenue Water Tank Rehabilitation Project is progressing nicely. As excepted, we figured we would run across a few issues once they got into the tank itself and did some blasting. There were additional repairs. They were made and they were within the contingency of the bid itself, so everything is progressing nicely. The exterior bond it is down. The exterior is primed. The interior is currently undergoing the intermediate coat as we speak. We are hoping over the next week and a half or two weeks everything will be all ready and up and running to do our disinfection test. Then, get the tank, get the valves opened and get the tank back into service. As councilman Crowe had mentioned, our paving is progressing nicely. I got a chance to ride all the streets and check out everything. They are doing a nice job. MS Consultants were inspectors on site watching everything that is going on. If anyone has traveled on Myron Street saw that the sidewalk is once again progressing. The retaining wall that was needed to be built for that corner is going on, the hydrants have been moved. We installed new hydrants there since they were older, well used hydrants. There is information I received that the purple heart Memorial Veteran’s Bridge Dedication has still yet to be determined when the dedication will be because at the state level, they have not yet passed a bill with our name change in it. That is the current situation. Hopefully, we will know in the next week or so if they do pass it. Then, we can get something scheduled for Veteran’s Day was always the hope for a bridge dedication on Veterans Day (just to keep everyone up to date on that). I received an email late this afternoon about our playground equipment that is moving, in that sense, for down at Waugh. I think they don’t have a date for me for installation, but it is being talked about. As I was told, once they start sending us correspondence that means it is getting closer. I have asked for a firm date so I could let everyone know. They have not responded to that. I will be at Eastgate tomorrow morning for the OPWC interviews for upcoming projects for the next year cycle. That is where we had another street resurfacing program up for the 2023 application. I will be there on our behalf tomorrow. Lastly, for our Lead Service Line Replacement Project that has been on going, the initial list of thirty we have gotten great responses, and everything is lining up for that. In an additional discussion with the Ohio EPA and the revolving loan fund application that council has on the agenda tonight, we were able to receive confirmation from the Ohio EPA that we could have a list of alternates. On that list of alternatives, if there are additional funds available …so when it goes out to bid, the thirty that is part of the program plus then this list. We chose fifteen alternates that we knew were needing replacement. They also were added. Letters went out to those residents. We should start seeing responses her very soon. Once we have all those responses, we will be coming to council to move into the bidding phase for this project. As

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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

mentioned, it is not only the city service side but also the residents service side. It is going to save a lot of the residents the expense of having to replace their waterline if they wanted to is obviously the concept which is a great thing. It is trying to remove the lead and galvanized as lines for water. As we had mentioned, will there be (as I said in an email) will there be unfunded mandates in the future for this? It is going to have to be part of our capital improvement plan where we are eliminating these lead lines, these known lead lines, or these possible lead lines, or possible galvanized service lines as part of the city’s infrastructure improvement plan. Right now, the state and federal government are providing monies to do that. Will it always be like that? Absolutely not. It will be forced upon us as with this lead mapping that needs to be done. It is a federal mandate at the end of 2024. Is it even possible? No one even knows but we are trying to do it. That is all.

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

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS-**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Ms. Viele- I do believe our Police Chief has something under miscellaneous, if you would like to come up here to the microphone and inform us

Chief Thompson-I am just going to talk. Mr. Bancroft wasn’t able to be here tonight, and he was going to give you a report on some training that we did. We had the Long Island Auditor come in. He is a First Amendment Auditor who is a You Tuber. Pretty much one of its first kind for training that we brought into the station here. He came in and put a program on for us. He was contacted by Detective Sgt. Mike Banic. This guy is pretty popular. He has about three hundred plus thousand followers that follow him between You Tube and Facebook. He basically came in to keep our officers out of trouble when it comes to auditors filming in certain places and public places. A lot of those times those auditors are antagonistic and costs a lot of money because municipalities end up getting hit with major lawsuits for rights violations. Detective Banic reached out had him come in from Long Island. He did not charge us a dime. He gave us a class on how to respond to these auditors. We have been getting feedback from as far as Australia. So, Hubbard City is out there throughout the world for training that really hasn’t been done anywhere else. The second thing we did is, we invited him back to actually do a ride-a-long with us. We have been getting 98/99% positive feedback from not just this state or this area but from the entire country and outside of the United States from that training. Kudos to Mike Banic, for having the idea to do that. As far as I know, it is probably the first of its kind in this country, so we are up there on the map. The other thing we are doing for cost savings is civil service and the hiring is getting to the point where it is getting ridiculous. It is getting hard to find people to fill jobs. Small cities like us, we have to keep giving civil service tests to hire new law enforcement. I have met with the Struthers Police Chief, Cortland Police Chief, Girard Police Chief and Youngstown State University. What we are looking to do is do a joint civil service test. The wording is in the process now. Robin Bell has got the information to try to change it over to get it so we can administer a joint civil service test. Where YSU will administer the test, we can attract more candidates and each department can split the cost of that test so it will be a cost saving as well for the city. The other thing, like Ryan mentioned, we are looking outside the box to do training. Liberty’s officers came over at no cost to us other than our salaries and our budget to do taser training. In return, what we are going to do is provide instructors and invite them when we do active shooter training. We have got kind of a joint program going on with Liberty right now to save money where we don’t have to pay for an instructor for this type of training and they don’t have to pay for an instructor for that type of training. Just an update on what we are doing for some cost savings and trying to put our little spot on the map.

Ms. Viele- Thank you, very informative report. Anything else under miscellaneous business?

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

Ms. Viele- If anyone wishes to address city council on 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 out there that wants to speak on the two items on our agenda tonight? Nothing seen

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION-**

Ms. Viele- We have two requests from Ms. Zambrini. We would like to start with those.

Ms. Zambrini- I request that the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance adjusting the compensation for the City Police Chief to $75,000.00 annually effective September 1, 2022.

Ms. Viele- Do we have a motion to

Mr. Mogg- I make a motion to accept it.

Ms. Cummings- second

Ms. Viele- I have a motion by Mr. Mogg with a second by Ms. Cummings to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation adjusting the compensation of the City Police Chief to $75,000.00 effective September 1, 2022. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote 1 no-Crowe

Ms. Viele- Robin you have another request?

Ms. Zambrini- I do.

Ms. Viele-okay

Ms. Zambrini- I request that the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance adjusting the compensation of the City Wastewater Superintendent to $67,500.00 annually effective January 1, 2023

Mr. Mogg- I make a motion to accept it as read.

Ms. Cummings-second

Ms. Viele- We have a motion by Mr. Mogg seconded by Ms. Cummings for the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance adjusting the compensation of the City Wastewater Superintendent to $67,500.00 annually effective January 1, 2023. There were no question or comments on the motion.

Clerk- Okay, that was moved by Zambrini

Ms. Zambrini-correct

Ms. Viele- No Mogg second by Ms. Cummings. It was Robin’s ordinance.

Mr. Mogg- Correct

Clerk- Yes, she requested, correct?

Ms. Viele- She requested it. Mr. Mogg made

Mr. Mogg- I made the motion to accept it as read.

Ms. Viele-Ms. Cummings seconded it. Okay, you caught up. Do they need to speak closer to the microphone?

Mr. M. Villano- You are just making the requests now.

Clerk- Yes so, she requested the legislation so, you only someone needs to second it that’s all

Ms. Viele- We don’t have to vote?

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**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Clerk- Yes you have to vote but we have three people here. She read it, he moved it, and she seconded it.

Ms. Viele- Oh okay. I understand, I have only been here for twenty years so

Clerk- So, it is Zambrini that made the motion.

Ms. Viele- and Mr. Mogg Seconded the motion.

Mr. Mogg- I seconded it.

Ms. Viele- Ya, that makes sense. Okay

Multiple- We have to vote.

Clerk- Call the roll

Ms. Viele-Yes

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

Ms. Viele- okay we have a request by Mr. Kerr

It was moved by Mr. Kerr with a second by Mr. Hallapy for the law director to draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance authorizing a sewer tap and service or Dominique Cupp at 3363 Creed Avenue, Hubbard Township, OH. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Viele- Okay our last request is from Mr. Hallapy

It was moved by Mr. Hallapy with a second by Mr. Crowe to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation authorizing the safety director to execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Hubbard and the Hubbard exempt School District for the guidelines and policies governing the performance of a school resource officer and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 8-22 Third Reading

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg that Resolution 8-22 be passed as read. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Ordinance 18-22 First Reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD FOR THE 2022 LEAD SERVICE LINE RRPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Viele- having seen no action

Ms. Zambrini- no no no

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to suspend the second and third readings of Ordinance 18-22. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

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**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg that Ordinance 18-22 be passed as read. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

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

Ms. Viele- If there is anyone here 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. Anyone out there want to speak up or step up to the microphone? No hands seen so, do I have a motion to adjourn?

**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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