Regular Session October 17, 2022

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022, in council chambers with President Pro Tem Bonnie Viele presiding. Approximately 27 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- Do we have a motion to excuse any absent officials?

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

Ms. Viele- Okay, Mr. Williams, our President, isn’t here tonight. He had a work scheduling problem so; you’re stuck with me again.

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

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2022, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- No communications this evening thank you

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- Yes, first off, I would like to call a meeting of the finance committee for 6 pm, preceding our next meeting on November7th, here in council chambers for the purpose of reviewing budget proposals for 2023 and any other business that will come before the committee. Number two: as our auditor explained in caucus, the 2021 Audit is complete and is viewable to the public. In reviewing the income tax, for the month ending September, it looks like we had a…we are still above six percent above last year. We definitely did drop a little bit from the high-income tax collections from earlier in this year but, we are still above the average. I also have two requests for legislation tonight. Our Auditor will be able to explain that a little bit better. Thank you

Mr. Viele- thank you

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Thank you. I don’t have a report tonight. My regular monthly meeting is tomorrow in council chambers at 6:00.

Ms. Viele-thank you

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Yes, I just have a small one. I attended Shop Small Hubbard this last Saturday. I was there early. I was there right at 10:00 so the crowds weren’t that bad. Unfortunately, due to the weather I heard the turnout was not that great. Still, it is a nice thing that they put on downtown. I did walk through and talk to a bunch of people. So, let’s hope that the December one which is December 11th I believe that they can get better turn out so that is all I have thank you

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- I am Planning & Zoning and I have a short report. I attended the Zoning Appeals Board and the Zoning Commissions meeting this month. There has been a zone change request submitted to the commission. Their recommendation is to deny the zone change but only council can change the zoning so, going forward council will hold a public hearing and then vote on the change. More information will be available at the next meeting. I will keep you updated. Thank you.

U**TILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Madam President. We had a meeting prior to our caucus with nine people in attendance. We looked at the rate structures and we looked at the information regarding to the public numerous articles that were in the paper and we should see no anticipated interruptions in the new billing cycle for once it starts for the new year for the

Regular Session Page 2 October 17, 2022

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

utilities. We looked at the H2O Grant for the thirty homes so that Ohio EPA needs to review that and that will be on a resolution tonight that we would like to look at. There was a discussion about charging stations and about EV about risks about blackouts about cost for infrastructure substations and looking at various entities or various things that will occur as we move into this EV future but that is a number of years. We also discussed the water tower and some other light improvements for the city. Thank you that is all I have.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Madam President. The Myron Street Sidewalk Project is completed. It looks like a job well done complete with the ADA ramps for handicaps. The leaf pick up program for 2022 will start in November (maybe the first week in November) and you must be patient. In the meantime, if you want to get rid of the leaves, you can bag them, mulch them, or compost them but do not rake them out in the street. We are lucky to have this program where we pick up your leaves for you because I looked in Warren they put a full-page ad in the paper to tell you how to bag your leaves. At least here, you can just get them to the street, and we’ll take care of them for you. We also need leaf rakers to help the street department. You can call the Mayor’s Office or stop in and apply. Call the Mayor’s Office 534-3090 and that is all I have.

Ms. Viele- thank you Mr. Crowe

**SAFETY**- Mr. Hallapy- No report Madam President thank you

Ms. Viele-Okay

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- Yes, thank you. For the month of September, the cemetery had four cremations, nine regulation burials and five foundation sales. We held a meeting on October 5th at the…no I am sorry October 13th, I am sorry just to discuss a few financial matters in regard to pay some of the employees. We also discussed a few…just trying to get Stanley, the new sexton, organized out there. So, we were discussing that. We also discussed an ongoing water problem that is going on down there. The runoff is affecting some of the neighborhood down there. I am trying to call a columbarium meeting but unfortunately one of our members is out of town right now. I believe in Boston. As soon as she gets back, we will be doing that. That’s all I have thank you.

Ms. Viele- Okay. Normally, we would have our Fire District report right now, but that’s President Williams and he is not here tonight.

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

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Thanks Madam President. I am in the process of finalizing the Police budget for 2023. That should be done next week. Also, we are posting a testing for Police Officers soon. We believe it is going to be in November. I can’t remember what date. Maybe

Chief-the 20th

Mr. Bancroft- I think that is a Sunday. Oh! It’s a Sunday

Chief Thompson- Hopefully, more will be able to take the test.

Mr. Bancroft- oaky Sunday November 20th we believe is the date. We will let everyone know further for that. We hope to get our ranks boosted up. We have a number of openings in the police department, so we hope to get that soon. Thank you

Ms. Viele- thank you for the report

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

Regular Session Page 3 October 17, 2022

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha— No report this evening thank you Madam President

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

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you.

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. Coming before council tonight will be a request to extend Republic Services Contract for city wide garbage and recycling pick up thru 2023/2024. There will be a small four percent increase and then five percent the following year. That is a negotiated rate with the administration and Republic Services to keep our full-service contract, keeping the senior discount, keeping the recycling program along with the bulk pick up, also branch pick up and a number of full-service aspects with it. Our tank, our water tower is back in service. It has been completed. As mentioned during utilities report, we will be able to provide all the final statistics once everything is all/completely finished. Tonight, there will be a first reading for going out for bid for our lead service line project. Hopefully, council would consider passing that so we can get the bid package to the Ohio EPA for their review. Then we’ll be able to move forward with the thirty residents that would be impacted directly with the H2Ohio $180,000 grant. Unfortunately, as previously mentioned with council, with a 2022 application for WSRLA funding to act as a supplement, Ohio EPA previously told us it would be principal forgiveness, but unfortunately, they have changed course and now have gone back to traditional funding for that loan. Don’t know if we will need it until we get the bids in. We have thirty standard connections with residential and city side of Lead Service Line Replacement and also fifteen alternate locations depending on how the bids come in. Paving is completed. It was great working with MS Consultants and Karvo Paving. Our OPWC 2023 application: the project meeting are finishing up for our street resurfacing 2023. There is a good chance now with some of the early scoring that we will be in the same position that we are this year. I also want to thank, EMA Director, John Hickey. He was here earlier to speak on the tornado siren update, the Marx Radio tower in Brookfield and update for safety services. Also, they announced an open house this Thursday from 12 to 7 at the EMA Office in Warren. Our new custodian Rick Wagner started this morning. He is doing a great job for the city. He will be in charge of this facility, our senior center and a number of other city buildings that house the various different utilities. It is a welcomed addition to the city. Also, as a final reminder, Halloween is the 31st from 5 to 7 city and township and a number of other different communities have chosen to do Halloween on Halloween 5 to 7. Thank you

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**

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

Ms. Viele- If there is anyone who 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. Anybody? This is the agenda. Okay, for people who are new here. Okay, not seeing anything. we will move on to

Regular Session Page 4 October 17, 2022

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Ms. Viele- Okay, I have a request. Ms. Zambrini do you want to start?

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg for the law director to draw up the necessary legislation for a resolution authorizing the Auditor to create a special revenue fund #185 entitled Chip RLF Grant Fund. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Viele- I believe you have a second one Ms. Zambrini?

Ms. Zambrini-Yes, I am getting there.

Ms. Viele- Okay

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg for the law director to draw up the necessary legislation authorizing the Auditor and Treasurer to execute a depository agreement with First National Bank of PA for the creation of a noninterest bearing account to be titled Chip RLF Grant Account. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Viele- Okay, now we have a request by Mr. Crowe.

It was moved by Mr. Crowe with a second by Mr. Hallapy for the law director to draw up the necessary legislation authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a two-year contract extension for both trash and recyclable pick up beginning February 1, 2023 and ending January 31, 2025. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 19-22 Second Reading

ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO $75,000.00 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Ms. Viele- Hearing no action on it, it will flow to a third reading.

Ordinance 20-22 Second Reading

ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD TO THE RATE OF $67,500.00 PER YEAR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

Ms. Viele- Seeing no action on it, it will flow to a third reading.

Resolution 9-22 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CITY OF HUBBARD 2022 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

It was moved by Mr. Kerr with a second by Mr. Hallapy to suspend the second and third readings of resolution 9-22. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. Kerr with a second by Mr. Hallapy that resolution 9-22 be passed as read. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. 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 who would like to speak?

Regular Session Page 5 October 17, 2022

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

My name is Heather Karlovic. I reside at 216 Oakdale Ave. I came here to address what Mr. Mogg brought up about the water that is coming out of the cemetery. That water is flooding my home every time it rains. I have two inches in front of my house. Now, my front porch is sunken down. I get water in the basement. My yard is just completely flooded. My garage is flooded. I have lived there now for three years. I have brought it up to certain people and nothing has been done about it. I am starting to get mold in my basement because of the water. My mother-in-law is also here. She owned the home prior to me. She has owned it for years, so this water issue is ongoing. I am just asking if we could have some type of help, some type of fix because the water is running out of the cemetery. I have videos. It literally comes from around the chapel right out down my driveway. There is a lot of water that comes in there. So, if you guys could do something to please help this situation because it is going to be a lot of money on my end. I would hate to take it any further and have to go a route of an attorney or something like that to get this issue fixed because this isn’t our problem. The water is coming from the cemetery.

Ms. Viele- You know I have addressed the problem best that I can. I have seen your video. It is dramatic. You should see it. It is like a river coming down Oakdale. It is terrible. I know what you are going through. I am a little bit further down and I still get water from that is coming into my yard but not to the extent that you do. I don’t know, the mayor is aware of it, I do believe.

Mayor- inaudible

Ms. Viele- The cemetery is aware of it. I don’t know what is going on. Mr. Mogg did address it tonight so

Ms. Karlovic-correct

Ms. Viele- They will hopefully get on top of it now. I know during the last big rain; I did call your house to see how you were doing and everything.

Ms. Karlovic- I know you have spoken to my husband.

Ms. Viele- ya, I have been over there trying to find out, but you think we are top of the hill there, but we are not on top of the hill. There is still a lot that comes down through the cemetery and all through there. Hopefully, we can address it.

Mr. Mogg- Well, that was the purpose I had her come down here tonight. We did discuss it at the cemetery board meeting. I was aware of it previously. We did the sexton change so, it kind of got sidetracked while we got everything else organized. I want to get this rolling again. I would like to work with the city, the cemetery and Heather and her husband to resolve this issue. We do have a plan. Right now, the cemetery is not in the best financial position. This year’s sales have been down probably twenty-five percent. Like I said, I want to work with the city and the cemetery. I think we can get this resolved for a fairly decent price without going into too much. I will start working on this to get this resolved for you. Okay?

Ms. Karlovic- Okay, thank you

Ms. Viele- Anybody else like to address council on anything? Okay, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lorrie Brown, Council Clerk William Williams, President