Regular Session October 3, 2022

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2022, in council chambers with President Pro Tem Bonnie Viele presiding. Approximately 45 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-Okay, excuse any absent officials. Mr. Williams isn’t here tonight. He is a new grandpa today.

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to excuse any absent officials. 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 (sorry, I don’t have the date) September 19, 2022, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- We received the Income Tax Comparison 21/22 thru September 30,2022, the Mayor’ s Court Report for September 22, showing a total of $3,975.00 and the Reconciliation of Bank Statements for month ended September 30,2022. That is all.

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

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to accept the communications as presented. There were no question or comments. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- Yes Madam President, the finance committee met at 6:00 tonight. The reason for our meeting was to discuss the pros and cons of a benefits package for salary personnel for the City of Hubbard. After discussion, which included input from the Mayor, the Safety Director, and an opinion from our City L:aw Director, we decided that we are going to hold off on making any motion for passage of that. We are going to sit back and take a closer look at it. Also, during the finance committee meeting, we decided budget time is coming up for the next year so, the finance committee will be meeting the first council meeting of each month beginning at 6:00 here in council chambers to discuss budgetary matters. Thank you

Mr. Viele- thank you

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Yes, our regular Park & Rec. meeting was held here in council chambers on September 20th. There was a general discussion regarding Kelly Tree Service from Hubbard doing the tree trimming that we had authorized a couple of meeting ago. Evidently, he is not able to secure to insure to cut trees in Hubbard. Not really sure why, but that is what was reported. It will be going back out to bid, and it will probably end up having to be tabled until next year. They did have a question, the committee did…Who cuts trees for the city?

Mayor- We relayed the information to them.

Ms. Cummings- Okay, thank you. The next thing, Mr. Agnone was in contact with Austintown Lock & Key. They will be coming approximately the first part of October to install the security cameras at Jones Field. Mr. Yuhaz, the maintenance worker for Park & Rec., will work until the end of October. There was also a discussion as to whether he will continue next year, or we will have to find someone else to start back up in April. Per John Clemente, Park & Rec. is still cutting the property at Hubbard Little Eagles field. He has spoken to the owner, and he is fine with just cutting the property and leaving as is for now. We don’t know what is going to happen in the future on that. Basically, that is all there was. Our next meeting will be held here in council chambers on October 18th. Thank you, Madam President.

Ms. Viele-thank you

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Yes, just to make everyone aware, next Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am is Shop Small Hubbard here in town. We will be coning off one lane of traffic, on this side of Main Street so, vendors and people have a little safety walking around. It gets a little crowded on the sidewalk. That will be a good time. I hope the weather works out for them. Also, just a reminder, the Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 3rd. Please contact the Mayor’s Office and let him know if you would like to sign up and put on the list to be in the parade. That is all I have.

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- That is me. The Planning & Zoning Appeals Board will meet Tuesday, October 11th at 7 pm here in city council chambers. They have two issues on the agenda which deal with garages. The Panning & Zoning Commission will meet Wednesday, October 12th at 7 pm here in council chambers. This later date is because of the Monday, Columbus Day holiday. They will be considering an application for a zone change. If approved, by the board, it will then come to council for consideration. Thank you.

U**TILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Madam President. The utilities committee is going to have a meeting October 17th at 6:00 pm to go over various items, in regard to utilities. I will have an ordinance and a resolution request. Thank you

Ms. Viele-Okay, thank you

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Madam President, the Street Resurfacing Program is complete on all or part of nine streets. The sidewalk construction on Myron Street is continuing. They are progressing and the cement will be poured shortly. We are going to have a leaf pickup program this fall starting in November. We are looking for leaf rakers. The street department needs help. We hire leaf rakers and want to put a rake in your hand, $12 an hour. Call the Mayor’s Office and catch up with them for your application. That is all I have Madam President.

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

Ms. Viele-Okay, no report, we will move on to

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- No report on the cemetery but I would like to call a cemetery board meeting for next Thursday, October13th, 5 pm at the cemetery office. That is all I have thank you.

Ms. Viele- Our Fire District report usually Mr. Williams does that, and he is not here tonight. He will catch up at the next meeting.

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

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Thanks Madam President. Today, we were up at the school with the Police Chief and Oakley. One of the teachers had passed away in a crash. We were up there to provide some support to the students. It is just a tragic thing, and our hearts go out to everyone involved. Just trying to get through everything. We are also working on the budget for 2023. We are going to start doing that and have that for Mr. Villano by the end of the month. We are also coordinating with Shop Small Hubbard and the motorcycle ride for Paul Gardner. It is the same day so; we are going to coordinate so they are not going to set up in front of Wings Express Reloaded with booths. They can have some parking for motorcycles for that ride. That is all I have.

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you

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**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano- Not in attendance

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha— Not in attendance

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

Ms. Viele- Okay, thank you. Do we have a motion to accept?

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

Mayor- I would like to have the Cemetery Board know that we have received, even though the Mayor’s Office, official Mayor’s office correspondence, how good of a job Hubbard Cemetery is progressing and how things are looking and maintenance and the personnel interacting with the public. I just want that to be read at the next board meeting. Thank you

Mr. Mogg- I have also received phone calls and letters from individuals stating the conditions are far and above improving out there. That is always good to hear. You always get people calling and complaining. It is nice having people call to compliment you. I have passed that on to Stanley and his crew because they are the ones doing it. Thank you

Ms. Viele- Good to hear. Okay, next we have the mayor’s report.

Clerk-We got to call the roll.

Ms. Viele- Oh, I got to call the roll. I am sorry, call the roll.

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, Madam President. Coming before council tonight, we request to go out for bid for the Lead Service Line Project. This is a project that has been months in the making. Governor DeWine has specifically mentioned the City of Hubbard in the H2Ohio program. This is a very important piece of legislation. It is only the first step in providing safe drinking water throughout the State of Ohio. We are just doing our small part in it. The thirty residents in the beginning portion of the legislation for the replacement and alternates listed will be a great improvement through H2Ohio Grant and also the Revolving Loan Fund from the Ohio EPA to provide additional assistance for the city to do that. I thank council for their continued efforts and also our water department and numerous other departments and personnel to make this a reality. During caucus, I welcomed our new Wastewater Superintendent Matt Barca to our team of management throughout the city. Matt has been an employee at the wastewater treatment plant holding the necessary license for plant operations and now he is taken over the role of Superintendent. We welcome him. Foust as mentioned, Jerry Crowe, Foust Construction is currently on Myron Street finishing up the sidewalk. Another long process through the Ohio Department of Transportation an Eastgate TAP Grant to provide safe reliable opportunities for seniors to be able to get from Eagle Creek onto the sidewalk system. Also mentioned, paving has been completed. We met with MS Consultants today to make final arrangements and fix any problem areas throughout the city on the paving program. We were also at the tank today on Christian Avenue to walk through a number of things to get our water tower back in service. The painting has been completed. They are finishing up a number of different things. The next step in the process will begin, hopefully, on Thursday and then a week from then we will have our tank back in service for the residents of the City of Hubbard. Hopefully, we will never have to do another Tank Rehabilitation Project, especially in my lifetime. In the next few weeks, I will be meeting with Eastgate and Ohio Department of Transportation to discuss electrical infrastructure. Not only here in the city but also throughout the state and some of the issues we are having with the gas stations wanting to put in the industrial fast charging EV stations. I

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have made contacts already and tried to figure out a plan moving forward. We have already had two requests for charging stations out at Truck World and also Flying J. This is something that is happening all over the state. ODOT is trying to get ahead of it along with a number of other government organizations that help with funding opportunities because the bottom line is infrastructure needs to be upgraded. It needs to be maintained. It needs assistance from outside our capabilities for something that is this advanced. Obviously, as we all know, everyone wants to have…if somebody does want to have an electric vehicle, they need to have residential charging station. There is also the commercial side of it as well. There are two different sides of it. It is something we are actively working on. I think if we take a measured approach, as far as what we know is going on residentially, as well as commercially, we can address the problem. That is something I am working with Eastgate and ODOT on. Also, in the next coming weeks, there will be a Mahoning Valley Policy meeting that are having members from Jobs Ohio come up to meet in the next few weeks. Hopefully, I will be able to be in attendance and look for more economic development opportunities and also funding opportunities for infrastructure as well. At this point, I would like to change course from a Mayor’s Report about the city and city operations to be able to take a minute and ask Pastor Rob McFarland to step forward:

Presentation of Proclamation to Pastor Rob McFarland

Pastor McFarland not only serves his own church community, but he is always involved in our City Transformation Team and our Pastoral Group that is actively working for the good of the community. Him and his family have always gone to every Memorial Day Celebration that I can remember even when I was a child. He was always there. That is all thank you.

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

Mr. Mogg- I do have…I am sorry

Ms. Zambrini- No you go first. I hate to change the subject. Mr. Mayor, on Grandview Avenue where they fixed that culvert last year and they did a nice paving job and then they had to dig that back up at some point. I was walking and I think the patch job I think…it was…it wasn’t very good patch job? Is that going to be improved? What is going to happen with that?

Mayor- There was a waterline break there. The temporary patch is there and the perm

Ms. Zambrini- It is a temporary?

Mayor- Yes, the permanent road cut still needs to happen after things settle.

Ms. Zambrini- Okay, I just wanted to make sure that wasn’t…because that kind of mars the surface of that really nice job.

Mayor-Yes

Ms. Zambrini-Okay, thank you.

Ms. Viele-Mr. Mogg

Mr. Mogg- My comment was in regard to the charging stations. There is a lot of people aware that the Shell Station in Girard opened charging stations. They had six charging stations. After opening them, they were having like fourteen blackouts a week.

Mayor- I believe total.

Mr. Mogg- total

Mayor- I believe twenty. Is it correlated?

Mr. Mogg-Right. Is it correlated like the mayor said? Does it have anything to do with it? Who knows? Now those charging stations are limited to charging two cars at a time. They had to do

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that. Last month, I saw on the news that the government is now proposing to help with the upgrading of power grids in municipalities along certain sections of highways. Thirty-five states are going to be involved in this. Just thinking about it, with Interstate 80 running clear across the United States, I am thinking Hubbard is going to be involved in this. It is something that needs done and we will do this. That is all I have. Thank you.

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- The agenda was up here. We have four items on the agenda. 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? Okay, we will move on then.

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Ms. Viele- I have one request here from 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 a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids for the city of Hubbard 2022 Lead Service Line Replacement Project. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 19-22 First Reading

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

Ms. Viele- Seeing no action on the ordinance it will flow to a second reading

Ordinance 20-22 First 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 the resolution it will flow to a second reading

Ordinance 21-22 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUBBARD AND THE HUBBARD EXEMPTED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE GUIDELINE AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Hallapy with a second by Mr. Kerr to suspend the second and third readings of ordinance 21-22. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

It was moved by Mr. Hallapy with a second by Mr. Kerr that ordinance 21-22 be passed as read. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

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**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 22-22 First Reading

AUTHORIZING A SEWER TAP AND SERVICE FOR DOMINQUE CUPP AT 3363 CREED AVENUE, HUBBARD TOWNSHIP, OH

It was moved by Mr. Kerr with a second by Mr. Hallapy to suspend the second and third reading of Ordinance 22-22.

Ms. Viele- It is actually a resolution. Not an ordinance. So, correct that right?

Mr. Kerr- No this one is an ordinance.

Ms. Viele- Oh, a sewer tap is? Oh, okay. Sorry about that.

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

It was moved by Mr. Kerr with a second by Mr. Hallapy that Ordinance 22-22 be passed as read. There were no more 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 want to speak up, come up to the microphone? Seeing No hands. Next adjournment.

**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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