Regular Session October 2, 2023

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2023, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 32 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 September 18, 2023, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- We received the Mayor’s Court Report for September 23 showing a total of $2,560.00, the Income Tax Comparison 22/23 through September 29th, and the Reconciliation of Bank Statements for month ended September 29, 2023. That is all, thank you.

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- Sure, yes, the finance committee held a meeting this evening prior to the council meeting. As a result of our discussion, we have come upon…made the following points: any compensation requests will come after union contracts are settled. This year’s budget, the 2023 budget, is holding steady heading into 2024. Individual budgets and department budgets for 2024 have been turned into the Auditor, who is anticipating having a purposed budget in place at the next council meeting. I would like to call a finance committee meeting for Monday, November 20th at 6:00 pm here in council chambers. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Yes Mr. President, I just want to do a quick update on all the vandalism at Mattinat Park. I spoke to the officer that took the police reports. He had given me a list of things that he was still looking to receive from the park & Rec. Board. I passed that on to the board. I did just speak to the Chief of Police, he said that they do have two people of interest and they are looking at possible charges. That is all I have right now, thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- No report Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- The Hubbard Planning & Zoning Commission will meet Wednesday, October 11th. They will be meeting on Wednesday because of the Monday holiday. On their agenda is the consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for outside storage on Moore Street. The Hubbard Planning & Zoning Appeals Board will not be meeting this month because they have no business to conduct. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

U**TILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Mr. President. In the past we have announced at numerous meetings, if anybody has any problems with their utility bills, their water or electric, they can contact 330-534-3054. They will be glad to help you with those issues. We are having a utilities committee meeting October 16th, at 6:00 pm. That is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Mr. President. We have a street sweeper doing a sweep all through town. We are going to have a leaf pickup program this year, this fall. We are looking for people to help rake leaves with the street department. Call the Mayor’s Office at 534-3090, we usually start the beginning of November, all through the month of November. October 11th, a week from Wednesday, the 2023 Street Paving Program will start. They have been out and marked the streets, but the paving will start next week, just a little later than we normally get them. That is all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

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

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- No report Mr. President

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**FIRE DISTRICT-** Mr. Mogg- Under the fire board, I have a couple of things that are coming up with the fire department. This Friday, at Penguin City Brewery, the Eagle Joint Fire District will be represented in a Chili cook off which will be benefiting Friends of FIDO. Friends of Fido is an organization that helps take care of the dogs that get dropped off at the pound and stuff. They just want to make sure they have enough food and are taken care of and walked. It is a great organization. Like I said, that will be this Friday, October 6th at Penguin City Brewery 5 to 8 pm. The fire department will be holding their Fire Safety Open House on October 18th from 4 to 8 pm at the station. Next fire board meeting will be next Wednesday October 11th here in council chambers at 6 pm. That is all I have.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

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

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

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha- I have nothing to add. Thank you, Mr. President.

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- Robin, I did have a question. I think I know the answer. I just want to make sure. Did the committee come to a consensus on how future request for changes in the compensation for the non-union positions?

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Ms. Zambrini- We did not come to a consensus on that one. That is up still for further discussion.

Mr. Williams- I mean, so okay you didn’t decide that it is just going to be done the way it has always been done, or didn’t come to

Ms. Zambrini- we didn’t come to a…no we did not.

Mr. Williams- Okay

Ms. Zambrini- come to a consensus. I am sorry, we did not.

Mr. Williams- Okay, that is all I had, anyone else?

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, Mr. Williams, President Williams. I first want to thank a city resident, John Marshall, for running into a neighbor’s house as it was on fire to wake them, on South Main last weekend. It was a resident who served on council, John Marshall, a number of years ago. He was at a neighbor’s house and noticed there were flames and ran into the house, woke the people up, and got them out then the fire department arrived a couple of minutes later. I just want to acknowledge that. Last week, I attended a mayor’s meeting of all the local mayors here in the valley. There was all the different counties represented along with the regional chamber, the Port authority. There is a lot of stuff going on. A lot of positive things are going on. Before that meeting, I received a call from a company that wanted to relocate to Hubbard and bring light manufacturing jobs to Hubbard and utilize one of the warehousing style facilities we have on Myron Street. I think a lot of times we have other municipalities or Lordstown or wherever it might be, get a lot of attention. It seems like it is starting to finally trickle out into the other communities where they might be able to relocate some actual industry and jobs but also have people who live in those communities. That is something that is really important to us. That people want to live in Hubbard. They want to be here. They feel safe here and I really think it is starting to resonate. It was very evident at the mayor’s meeting that I attended as well. As Jerry mentioned paving, Parkview from Tulip to Melody, Moore Street from Elmwood to Gary, Fifth from Church to Prescott, W. Water from Stewart to N. Main, Scott Street from Grandview all the way to Christian, Parkview the dead end off of Hager and Hall Avenue from Scott to the bus garage. We have a very large paving project that Kirila contractors is coming in to do next week. Please be aware and if you see people parked on the road, when they shouldn’t be, please give us a call because the contractor wants to come in and do work effectively. Unfortunately, if people are parked on those streets or parked overnight or during the day or whatever it might be, it does impede them of that. So, we ask people not to do that. As also Jerry mentioned, we need leaf rakers. We have one application.

Mr. Williams- I am surprised you got that.

Mayor- I am surprised we got that as well. Our program cannot work without the seasonal part-time workers as they come in and help. We have a small street department. We have someone who is a seasonal worker now, that is going to stay on with us from the cemetery. We have some people but if we don’t have enough people that means we move slow. We can’t do multiple crews and go across the city. It is $14 per hour. It is part time. We want people to call the Mayor’s Office to come in and fill out an application. Hopefully, it works out because it is going to benefit all the residents. Our SCOPE Center is moving along. It is the Hubbard Municipal building housing a SCOPE administered senior center that is truly moving. There were multiple meetings that were held within SCOPE. They’re getting to a point now where they are putting their budgets in place so they can hire a part-time administrator. Hopefully, as soon as we get any of that information, we will put it out there. We would like to see a Hubbard

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resident get hired by SCOPE to be back there for our seniors. I think it is a great thing. Our senior van is operating Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from nine until noon. Finally. If a senior needs a ride, all they have to do is call during those days 534-3812 or they can call and leave a message, and someone will get back to them. Maybe we can help a senior out, that is what it is there for. Shop Small Hubbard is October 14th from ten in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. Hopefully, people will come to Hubbard and see everything that we have to offer, and experience all the great things that we have downtown. Lastly, a reminder that trick or treat is on Halloween, October 31st from 5 to 7. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you Mayor.

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 any of our three 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? No one.

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Mr. Williams- We have no requests for legislation so we will move onto

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 6-23 Second Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CITY OF HUBBARD 2023 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Resolution 6-23 it will flow to a third reading.

Ordinance 15-23 Second Reading

AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING “TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROHIBITED” OF CHAPTER 333” OVI: WILLFUL MISCONDUCT: SPEED” PART THREE “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mr. Hallapy with a second by Mr. Crowe to suspend the third reading of Ordinance 15-23. 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 Ordinance 15-23 be passed as read. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Ordinance 16-23 First Reading

ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION COORDINATOR TO $1,000.00 PER MONTH WITH PARTICIPATION IN OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Ms. Viele to suspend the second and third readings of Ordinance 16-23. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

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It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Ms. Viele that Ordinance 16-23 is 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-**

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 to the microphone and state your name and address. You will have three minutes unless extended by council vote.

Jeff Sanson, 603 Moore Street. Thank you for your service to the community. I want to take your focus away a little bit to some national issues, but these national issues affect our community. That is why I am bringing it up. For the first time in my life, I am worried about freedom and liberty. Our country has descended into a fascist tyranny. Journalists are being imprisoned for the reporting on the January 6th protest and the stolen 2020 election. People are being imprisoned for years and even decades even though they never entered the capital or were even in the city at the time. All the while, there have been few convictions of the rioters who caused two billion in damages in 2020. The maximum sentence was five years. Moreover, there are some cities and states that were actually paying them. Our federal and state governments have been infiltrated by the World Economic Forum and the Chinese Communist Party. I have here two books written by Klaus Schwab. This one is Covid 19-The Great Reset and The Great Narrative. He is the head of the World Economic Forum. This organization as well as the Chinese Communist Party is why our representatives at the federal level as well as the state level are not representing us. They are working for them. The infiltration extends to the US Military, the Federal and State Bureaucracies, and major US Corporations. This is the only explanation for the draconian policies implemented by our governing bodies. The Code of Con and the Climate Change Con are being used to frighten and threaten people into giving up their freedom. You recall the lockdowns, the school closures, the mask and vaccine mandates, cancelation of funerals, separation of loved ones in nursing homes. It appears it is going to be tried all over again. They will likely use another pandemic or climate change as an excuse to lockdown people in their homes once again. When Joe Biden took office, the first thing he did was shut down the energy production and congress passed massive spending bills driving up inflation. He opened the borders and has allowed millions of illegal immigrants to enter the country. Moreover, the government is housing and paying them a monthly stipend including cell phones. All this is wreaking havoc on city, state, and school budgets. At the same time, we have an exploding homeless population and rampant crime in the cities. The latest example being the looting in Philadelphia. Nevertheless, the federal government is sending 180 billion dollars to Ukraine. Compare that to the government response to East Palestine and the fire in Lahaina, Maui where residents got a mere $700 from the government. Any historial will tell you the natural progression of any government is nepotism. Ladies and gentlemen, we are at war in this country and the enemy is our own government. You as our community leaders need to understand and act accordingly. Whenever you get any communication from higher authority about climate change or UN agenda 20/30 you need to take that seriously. They don’t have our best interest at heart.

Mr. Williams- Um your three minutes is up unless

Mr. Sanson- Can I have an additional two minutes?

Mr. Williams- Is there anyone on council who wishes to extend his time?

Ms. Zambrini- I will motion to extend his time for two minutes.

Mr. Williams- Okay, is there a second?

Mr. Mogg- I will second it.

Mr. Sanson-Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Wait a second, they have to vote on it.

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Mr. Sanson- Okay

Mr. Williams- We have rules, and we follow them.

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Mr. Mogg to extend Mr. Sanson’s time by two minutes. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Williams- the floor is yours.

Mr. Sanson- After two years of investigation, it was determined that the SARS CO V-2 virus originally involved in Fort Beatrice, Maryland was leaked from the Wuhan Laboratory for Virology. Intentionally or unintentionally is irrelevant. The CCP locked down their cities but allowed international flights out of their cities. In October 2019, there was an exercise called elect 201 that war gamed out the exact events that happened in 2020. There are mountains of evidence proving the Chinese and Italian governments interfered in the 2020 election. Hacking dominion voting machines and changing votes. Until now the federal courts also compromised and refused to hear the lawsuits brought forth by President Donald Trump and his orders. That will change when the President will be able to present his evidence at his trial that is coming up next year. The Biden administration has banned the production of the incandescent light bulb. Think about that. In a free society why would it be banned? They also have proposals to ban gas stoves, gas furnaces, gas generators and gasoline cars as well as beef. Why am I bringing all this up? I want to make you aware that there is an agenda afoot, and it threatens all of us as a community. I want to make you aware of it and when you go to whether it be county level or like to what the mayor’s had to be aware of it and react to it. Thank you.

Mr. Williams-Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address city council this evening?

My name is Chip Silvidi. I live at 309 Princeton Avenue. I am here because my son had to work, and he had written a letter, and he wants me to read it. Good evening, my name is Mark Silvidi and I live at 303 Princeton Avenue. I stand before you tonight to seek a solution to my property flooding. Every time it rains my driveway becomes a pond with a river flowing through my walkway and pouring into the driveway next door. About ten years ago, I brought this issue to the first ward councilman then the issue went to the service director, most recent to the mayor. I was told a solution was in progress and that the engineering department was looking into it. I was also told that the county was involved as well. When it rains, water comes flowing down the street from Elmwood down on my property. For many years, the city has paved on top of the road over and over. No curbs have ever been put in and the old pavement was never removed before laying more. The road lays at a higher elevation than my driveway as a result of over paving. My entire driveway is cracked and manipulated by the water damage. Furthermore, my gym is in the attached room has been flooded also. The walls all have significant water damage. The water level rises so high it comes in through the doors below the walls and washing out the ground below the driveway. My door frame and door have been damaged by the flooding too. The door is waterlogged and swollen out of square. This is a new door and frame. I have a drain in the center of my garage. The city covered the drain outlet at the end of my driveway. The garage floods until it seeps into the ground a day later. My property and property next door take on flooding every time it rains. The damage is only getting worse. How can we resolve this issue? It was brought up many of times. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you. Mayor, are you aware of this?

Mayor- Yes, we had MS Consultants do a hydro analysis last year. Kevin and I went and used the recommendations from the hydro analysis. It is unfortunate for the property owner because of the lay of the land where they are at the bottom of the hill and also partially on the city. We have a project hopefully, getting underway that the catch basin at the bottom of the Water Street at Princeton does not drain any water coming from Elmwood down. So, all the elevation above it, all the water does run down and there is nothing for the city to collect it to get it in the system. So, we have a couple of ideas to add to the existing catch basin and run

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some drainage up because unfortunately they are not the only house that takes the water from a higher elevation. We have definitely done a lot of research on it. Hopefully, finding a solution that is both feasible for the city to do and also satisfactory to the resident.

Mr. Silvidi- Can I ask another question?

Mr. Williams- Not really, no. Well lucky for you, I kind of know this situation since I grew up at the corner of Elmwood and Water. I spent a lot of time on Water Street. It is flooding the garage, right Chip? I can tell you this much, I remember when they built that garage and I can remember hitting them trees there with my dad’s car (but we won’t go into that) but that garage never got any water before until we started paving the road and it wasn’t…and the question that…when was the last time they paved that?

Mr. Silvidi- The county put some strips in last year.

Mr. Williams- Okay, but the one paving project I was there. I did question our assistant engineer who was supposedly overseeing the project. They didn’t grind the street like they were supposed to, and the street is definitely too high. I mean the way the street used to be the water went right down and into the catch basins.

Mayor-sure

Mr. Williams- on Water Street. I know Chip knows I feel for them because for probably the first ten years of my life every time we got a hard rain my parents had three feet of sewage in the basement. I know this has been ongoing. I hope this is not drug out too much longer. I appreciate you taking a look at that. Anyone else wish to address city council this evening? If not, I would entertain 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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