Regular Session December 4, 2023

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 5 people were in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

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

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

Mr. Williams- Ms. Cummings did get in touch with me today, her husband was coming home so she was not able to make it tonight and Mr. Villano is not feeling well.

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

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the minutes of the November 20, 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 November of 2023 showing a total of $970.00, the income tax comparison 2022/2023 through November 30, 2023, the Reconciliation of Bank Statements for month ended November 30, 2023, and from the Ethics Commission, I received a request for an updated list of city elected officials. So, if anyone has had a change of address since last year if they could please let me know. This has to be in by Friday so they will receive it by Friday. Thank you, that is all.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- I don’t have too big of a report but I just want to make a comment on the tax comparison for 2022/2023. At the end of November, it was looking like we are going to end the year pretty close, if not more than last year which is really great. This year appeared to be very good as far as income tax collections. On a second matter, I won’t be able to be here for the next council meeting, but I will be here for the swearing-in. I want to wish everyone here a very Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you and Merry Christmas to you. I will miss you next meeting.

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- Not in attendance

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Yes sir, as most of you saw we had our Christmas parade Saturday night. It was awesome. I mean it really went off well. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation in the lineup procedure. There were no hiccups, no problems. Everyone was very compliant. I really appreciated that. It was really nice to see non-Hubbard businesses perform or participate in our parade this year. It was great. We had one out of Liberty, a couple out of Liberty. It was really nice. Big thank you to the Mayor’s Assistant Debbie Madeline. She fielded the majority of the calls for the parade. She got the paperwork to me in time which was great. I mean I left after getting everyone organized up there and drove down West Liberty Street. I was amazed at how many people were lining the street, but the weather was nice. It was 55 degrees, but it was really awesome to see. That is all I have, thank you.

Mr. Williams-Thank you.

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- Yes, Zoning Commission and the Appeals Board will not meet this month. Neither one has any business to conduct this month. We did have a short Zoning Committee meeting before this meeting, and I have two pieces of legislation that came out of that meeting. Thank you.

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

**UTILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- No report at this time Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Yes Mr. President, the repairs to East Liberty, West Liberty and Mackey Street are completed. They were completed last week. They are under review. The leaf pickup program is still ongoing and fortunately, the weather looks favorable for this week and hopefully into next week to get it done before more snow comes. There is an East Water Street program going on or project. The water flow problem is being addressed. There is going to be a catch basin and storm sewer line put in. I would like to thank the Mayor and our Supervisor Kevin Lyden for following up on that project. Last ahh, the next street committee meeting is scheduled for Monday December 18th, to discuss the 2024 Street Resurfacing program. That is all I have, thank you.

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, thank you.

Mr. Williams- Okay, how about fire district?

**FIRE DISTRICT-** Mr. Mogg- The fire District just a small one. They had a resonant heater go down in the fire station. They had to have it replaced. That is the one that houses the ambulances and the trucks. Nick Ceaser, the local heating guy, took care of that for the department which was awesome. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13th at 6 pm here in council chambers. All are welcome to attend and follow us on Facebook. That is all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Thank you.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Yes Mr. President, as you may or may not know from Friday December 1st, we had one of our officers Sergeant Moffitt was responding to a domestic violence call on Youngstown Hubbard Road, was involved in a crash. He was transported to Sharon Regional where he received some stitches. He is going to be okay, probably be off maybe a week so you know that was the main thing. On the other side, we lost one of our…well, it was our newest car we lost. It is probably going to be totaled in the crash which brings up another issue. The last payment of the lease was due at the end of the year, which is the end of the month here. We have the insurance issue, having to pay for the car or whatever. So, we need to replace another car hopefully. We do have another one that we ordered earlier this year. It is supposed to be delivered in December. This month and then the build out after the first of the year. So, I imagine, sometime hopefully the end of January we will have the (I keep wanting to call them explorers)

Mr. Williams- Don’t call them explorers.

Mr. Bancroft- Explores. Ford Explorer Police package will come in. We will just have to deal with the short fall with the cars because we have got nine and with the parades, we use them all at the intersections. We will just work through that and deal with it, you know, as we can. That is all I have.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

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**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano-

**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha- I have no report. Thank you, Mr. President.

**AUDITOR**- Mr. Villano- Thank you Mr. President, our 2022 Audit was released by the state today so, it is available for public review. Thank you. That is all I have.

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.

Ms. Zambrini- I do. I have a question.

Mr. Williams- Go ahead.

Ms. Zambrini-For Mr. Bancroft, was anybody cited in that accident?

Mr. Bancroft- Well, we called the State Highway Patrol in. They are handling it. I don’t know. I haven’t seen the crash. I haven’t seen anything so

Ms. Zambrini- Okay, it was just a collision. I am not aware of how it happened.

Mr. Bancroft- yeah. The officer was turning left, apparently turned left in front of somebody and we are at fault in the crash. That is all I know.

Ms. Zambrini- Okay

Mr. Bancroft- I am sure there will be a citation issued.

Ms. Zambrini- okay thank you.

Mr. Bancroft- I haven’t seen it personally.

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, President Williams. I want to echo the same sentiments to thank everybody for the parade. Our police and our service departments: the police for providing the security in blocking the roads. We utilized four of our dump trucks to also provide blocking at the roads. It worked out really well. A number of the residents complimented on how safe they felt being out on the street. The amount of presence we had with the police department with also our street department as well. There is time to get trees here in City Hall. Obviously, we have a few of them up. I appreciate those civic groups that have done that. We are still accepting letters of interest for the park & rec. board. We will run that through the end of the month. So, by the end of December will be our timeline for a member to then get on park & Rec. As also mentioned, our storm water projects that are still underway. Drummond Avenue some catch basin work was completed there. Also, on Water Street. We will be looking at a deficiency on North Main near Spring Street as well that Kevin had found. We are working at some of those things. One of our big big things that has hung on for a long time is now completed. Our police storm detention system has now been repaired and is fully functional so, that is completed. December 13th is a Wednesday; we are going to have an open house along with SCOPE and myself to bring those seniors and members of the community back into the senior center for a meet and greet with SCOPE. Also, to come in and have coffee and donuts with myself and those members of SCOPE. They recently hired and are in the process of hiring a site manager. She is local. She is from the Orangeville area. She has managed other SCOPE Centers and other senior centers throughout the area. She has a great knowledge of the operations and what needs to happen. So, SCOPE is hiring her (the parent company), and we will be able to have members of the community come in and meet her and the Director of SCOPE, Mike Wilson, who has been exceptional for us to be able to make this a reality. That is coming up Wednesday, December 13th from ten until noon. Thank you.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Williams- Thank you mayor.

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

Mr. Williams- I would just like to compliment you mayor on the hard work you put in to get this SCOPE center in here. I think it is going to be great for our seniors. It is great to see that area getting back to use. Anyone else?

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

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS-**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Ms. Zambrini- I have something.

Mr. Williams- Go ahead Robin.

Ms. Zambrini-I would just like to ask the mayor if there is an update on the service director quest to find a service director.

Mayor- We are currently…I am sorry, myself. I have someone who has been asked and I am waiting his reply. I spoke with him this evening. Unfortunately, the first candidate did not work.

Ms. Zambrini- okay

Mayor- The first candidate there were too many hurdles to officially work out so that did not work but there is an ask that is on someone’s table right now. They are talking it over with their family.

Ms. Zambrini- okay

Mayor- Hopefully, I can make that announcement at the next meeting.

Ms. Zambrini- Okay, thank you very much.

Mr. Williams-okay

Mr. Crowe- Mr. President, I did want to ask the mayor about that park & Rec. position. Is there two positions open?

Mayor- The city has one position, and the school and School Board are responsible for another.

Mr. Crowe-for Park & Rec.?

Mayor- They had one of their two members resign. This is specific to the city’s…one of the city’s appointments.

Mr. Crowe- Okay

Mayor- I have no idea what the school is doing.

Mr. Williams- anything else?

Mr. Crowe- I don’t know if anybody mentioned, it has been a little over a month or two since Handyman finished that project in front of that. That place is beautiful. You go by there at night that is really…I mean the lighting and everything. That was a really nice improvement.

Mr. Williams- The nicest thing is he used the correct brick.

Mr. Crowe-yeah

Mr. Williams- Well, it looks like that Western Reserve brick that we were trying to do with the

Mr. Crowe- That and the parade are the two things…I got to see the parade and two big pluses for our town. That is all I have, thank you.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams- Thanks Jerry. Mayor, Water Street, did that get taken care of?

Mayor- There is still a piece of equipment that is there, but I know it was opened up. They were doing the work. I believe Utilities will be finishing up.

Mr. Williams- Very good. Thank you for that.

Mayor- years, years, years in the making

Mr. Williams- thanks mayor, thanks Kevin. Anyone else? How about if we do Executive at the end of the meeting because we are not going to take any action when we come out, so people won’t have to sit and wait for us to get through. Okay?

**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. I see no one.

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Mr. Williams- one moment please. Mr. Mogg

It was moved by Mr. Mogg with a second by Mr. Kerr to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation expressing councils concerns and objections to the disposal of liquid waste resulting from hydraulic fracturing including disposal of brine injection wells and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Williams- Okay, Ms. Zambrini you have two?

Ms. Zambrini- I do.

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Ms. Viele to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance authorizing the 2024 monthly hospitalization rates for elected officials, police employees and AFSCME union employees and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

It was moved by Ms. Zambrini with a second by Ms. Viele to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance authorizing the board of control to enter into a contract with Quasar Energy Group for sludge hauling and disposal at the Hubbard City Wastewater Treatment facility from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 at a cost of $112.66 per wet ton and declaring an emergency. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Williams- Okay, Ms. Viele you have two.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance to establish restrictions and limitations relative to the use of a laser within the City of Hubbard. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to have the law director draw up the necessary legislation for an ordinance to establish requirements relative to the use and operation of all unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or a small, unmanned aircraft system (small UAS) within the City of Hubbard. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

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**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 17-23 Second Reading

ADOPTING FINAL LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATION AMENDMENTS IN THE 2023 BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on ordinance 17-23 it will flow to a third reading.

Ordinance 18-23 Second Reading

ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUBBARD, OHIO AND ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS CITY FUNDS FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Williams-Since there is no action on ordinance 18-23 it will flow to a third reading.

Resolution 8-23 First Reading

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE 2023 NPP POWER POOL PARTICIPANT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMP)

Mr. Williams-Since there is no action on resolution 8-23 it will flow to a 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 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. I don’t see anyone.

Mr. Williams- So, at this time the mayor has requested that city council convene into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with our local ASFCME union. Is there anyone who might make that motion?

Mr. Crowe- I make the motion we adjourn the regular meeting and go into the executive session.

Mr. Williams- So are you requesting to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G for the sole purpose to discuss contract negotiations with the local ASFCME union?

Mr. Crowe-yes

Mr. Williams- Okay, so we have a motion by Mr. Crowe. Oh, do we have a second?

Mr. Hallapy-second

It was moved by Mr. Crowe with a second by Mr. Hallapy that council convene into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G for the sole purpose of consideration of the following: preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations of bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment specifically with our local ASFCME union. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Williams- Lorrie would you show going into executive session at 7:26 pm

# EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Williams- Can I have a motion for council to go back into regular session at 8:23 pm?

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It was moved by Mr. Crowe with a second by Mr. Hallapy for council to return to regular order of business. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Williams- Okay, we are back in at 8:23. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Lorrie Brown, Council Clerk William Williams, President

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  December 4, 2023

Roll Call:

Viele Zambrini Mogg Kerr Hallapy Crowe

Cummings- not in attendance

ASFCME Contract Negotiations

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