

HUBBARD COUNCIL MINUTES
June 13, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

The Hubbard City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers with Mayor Marshall Simmerman presiding and the following Council members present: Randy Smuck, Tracy Below, Chad Ball & Scott Cross. Absent: Wes Kix.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion by Smuck, seconded by Below to approve the agenda. AMVA. (All members voted aye).

CONSENT AGENDA-Motion by Ball, seconded by Smuck that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved: Minutes of the May 9th regular meeting, bills as presented, Clerk's Financial Report. AMVA.

RESOLUTION #712- *Resolution Approving Transfer from Emergency Fund to General Fund.* Motion by Ball, seconded by Cross to approve transfer. Roll: Ayes – Smuck, Ball, Below, Cross. Absent: Kix.

RESOLUTION #713-*Resolution Setting the Wage for City Employees.* Motion by Cross, seconded by Smuck to approve 4% raise. Roll: Ayes – Smuck, Ball, Below, Cross. Absent: Kix.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Chad reported that a new director has been hired for Rural Iowa Waste Management Association. Discussed curbside recycling procedures and requirements.

Randy reported that the Firemen's Dance was successful. They are working on another fundraiser for extrication equipment. No report for Ambulance or Hardin County Emergency Management.

Tracy reported the park bathrooms have been vandalized as well as the new electrical panel at the basketball court. Recommends installing cameras at the park and recreation areas.

Clerk stated the new website for the city is live, not complete but functional.

Mayor informed that Public Works is currently requesting bids for street repairs and the library is purchasing new tables for the meeting room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Andrew Inhelder with MSA Professional Services informed council the contractor working on the Sewer Phase 3 project has received one top hat but is waiting on the second. Sinkhole on the south side of the Y intersection and manhole box will be repaired soon. Water Main Extension project is complete but will need to be regraded and reseeded in some areas.

Discussed and reviewed final plans for the pool and bath house. Fundraising is up to \$780,000. Will be notified by the end of July if we received a grant and will be applying for another grant. Will be going out for bid soon.

Sand volleyball court was completed just in time for Hubbard Days. Received many compliments on the improvement.

Invitation has been extended to complete the final application for the Iowa Economic Development Grant.

NEW BUSINESS- Council did not go into closed session to discuss/evaluate employees. Council agreed the city employees are doing a great job.

Helen Granzow and Richard Dreifke's terms expire June 30, 2022 and have decided to step down. Mayor recommended Joyce Schnormeier and Richard Read to fill the openings. Motion by Ball, seconded by Cross to approve library board appointments. AMVA. Jerry Swenson has moved away from the community, Mayor recommended Jeff Brinkmeyer to fill the vacancy on Board of Adjustments. Motion by Smuck, seconded by Smuck to approve the appointment. AMVA.

Fire Department representatives presented extrication equipment pricing. Equipment available now will cost \$41,288. New equipment will be available in January and would trade in what is available now for an additional \$6,193. They were able to raise approximately \$21,000 through the Firemen's Dance and would like to use a certificate of deposit to purchase the equipment. They are planning another fundraiser to cover the cost of the upgrade. Motion by Smuck, seconded by Below to approve the purchase. Roll: Ayes – Smuck, Ball, Below, Cross. Absent: Kix.

Discussed shortcut to Hubbard sign. It has been difficult to obtain quotes that include installation. IDOT will be installing a sign along Highway 65 for westbound traffic. Will continue to seek bids.

Discussed diseased and dying ash trees and removal. Will contact DNR to get a count of ash trees. The city cannot take or put any trees on the former burn pile within city limits. An exception is only granted by the DNR for severe storm damage but still cannot take trunks or logs. It was also discussed there are many trees that need to be trimmed. Property Maintenance ordinance states that trees cannot overhang less than 15 feet

above streets or less than 8 feet over sidewalks, this is the responsibility of the property owner.

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Smuck, seconded by Below that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. AMVA.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor