

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Taylor, Knisely, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, and Koebel. Minutes from August 3rd were approved. Councilman Otte made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending court action with no Council Business to transpire thereafter. Councilman Zilch seconded. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Before the beginning of the agenda, Mayor Sanchez presented Sargent Anthony Emrich with the Employee of the Month award for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the force. Mayor Sanchez noted Sargent Emrich's effort in the prison break and his compassionate efforts with a bike trail incident.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and Probation Service Fund 232, and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Stout requested that a representative from the Probation Department or the Judge come to the next council meeting to answer questions.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this is an adjustment to the General Fund for the donation to the Fire Department from the JEFF Fund. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Otte and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3866

First reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (City Council). Mr. Grahl explained that this was the annual notification that the Budget Commission notifies the council of the rates for the next year.

First reading of a resolution suspending Sections 941.03 (D) and (I) Prohibition of Alcohol in a Public Park subject to the State Permit regulations from September 23rd thru September 24th, 2017 for the purpose of a Charity Fundraiser solely at Rodger Young Park in honor of former Fremont employee Mike Piero and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2017-2023

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Internal Equipment Service Fund. Mr. Grahl explained this budget adjustment was for the upgrades at the basketball courts at Rodger Young Park. This is for the climate control equipment and security cameras in the area that it will be stored. Mayor Sanchez explained that the security monitors will have a direct feed to the Police Station. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3867

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Koebel stated that Chief Bliss is working on new Block Watch Committee. Chief Bliss will present to the council as soon as it is in place.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated that Farm to Table was very nice and thanked Kristy Bilger for her efforts. She encouraged everyone to attend the Farmers Market this weekend for the Dignity and Respect Celebration.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz stated that Rec. Department is accepting applications for Fall Sports Programs. Last day for the Pool is August 27th. She stated that the new scoreboards for Rodger Young Park are due to be delivered tomorrow. Installation will be within the next couple of weeks. The Tree and Beautification Committee are excepting August nominations are due by August 26th. Please call Rick Heimbaugh at 419-307-8924 or Bev Rich at 419-334-9981.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing this evening.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor is calling a committee meeting for Generation Atomic to speak at 6:45 p.m.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch calling for a committee meeting for discussion on the Medical Marijuana zoning regulations on September 21st along with the discussion of food vendors at the parks.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. invited everyone to Farmers Market this weekend along with the Dignity and Respect Event. At 3:00 p.m. there is Community Event at Roger Young Park. She explained that the Damn Farewell Event will be on August 18th through the 20th to give citizens a chance to get photo ops at the dam before it is torn down. They will be selling rubber ducks as a fundraiser event and the monies will be going to Relay for Life. St. Johns Church will be giving away school supplies during the Dignity and Respect Event in the Share & Care parking lot. Following all the day events the Rotary is hosting an event Blues, Brews, & Brats.

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Department Heads

Mr. Frost congratulated Sargent Emrich on his award.

Chief Bliss also congratulated Sargent Emrich. He also introduced Sam Long, a senior from Ross High who was in the audience for a project for his Eagle Scout.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez thanked Downtown Fremont for an excellent Farm to Table Event. He mentioned that the City of Fremont will be hosting a New Year's Eve Event this year. Fremont Speedway, Sandusky County Visitors Bureau, The Strand, and the City of Fremont are in the process of raising funds for the event.

This still in the early planning stages, but an event is in the works with Terra State to do a day event for families and children. The idea is to encourage citizens to stay in Fremont for their celebrations. He will share more information as they come.

Mr. Melle congratulated Sargent Emrich on his award and wished everyone well at the County Fair.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl thanked council on suspending rule 4 and he also congratulated Sargent Emrich.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz welcomed new business Century 21 which is located at 308 E. State Street and wished them best wished on their business venture. She thanked the Street Department and Director Bill Guhn on installing a street sign. She also congratulated Tony Emrich for his excellent work with the Police Department.

Mr. Koebel also congratulated Sargent Emrich stating that he had sent a picture to Uncle Jimmy and that he was very proud of him also. He also commented on his visit at El Roy's. He encouraged citizens to patron Downtown Fremont.

Mr. Taylor echoed the sentiments of everyone on Sargent Emrich's Employee of the Month Award. He also complimented Justin Burel on his Fundraiser to help the children of Fremont with participation fees.

Mr. Zilch asked if it was possible to put a reminder on the water bills about the trash services. He would like to remind citizens that Republic will only pick up trash and recycle that fits inside of their containers or the bags that you can purchase. If it doesn't you need to contact the company so you can purchase the tags. He encourages everyone to get out and enjoy the weather and the weekend festivities.

Mrs. Stout also congratulated Sargent Emrich. She continues to thank the Street and Park Departments for their continuous good work.

Mr. Otte stated that he was excited to hear the news about the New Year Eve festivities that are in the planning stage. He stated that he had relatives that visited recently and how much they were appreciative of the city that we live in. He stated that if it was possible to get golf carts down to the dam festivities he would offer to call the golf course.

Mr. Knisely wished all local fall sports athletes the best of luck this fall season. He reminds citizens to continue to support our downtown area and local businesses.

Mrs. Hafford shared that she had the opportunity to seat in on a juvenile hearing this week. The juvenile was involved in the disturbance on the Fourth of July at the park. She was asked by Judge Smith to attend as president of city council. She stated that the juvenile apologized for his actions and was very compassionate and mindful of how he spoke. She was very impressed with the procedure and the young man apology to the city.

Public Comments

Council entered into Executive Session.

Council re-entered back into regular session.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Taylor motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.