

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
*August 18, 2016*

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: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Otte, Koebel, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on August 4th were approved.

Before the reading commenced, Councilman Otte invited John Damschroder to speak to council about the economic development and how to attract business and residents to the city. He suggested that our city slogan "Where People Come First" is authentic to any national search would find about our community. He suggested that we have an opportunity to not only be Fremont, Ohio but to be Fremont America.

Second 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 9, 2016 thru September 11, 2016 for the purpose of a Charity Fundraiser solely at Rodger Young Park in honor of former Fremont employee Mike Piero and declaring an emergency. Mr. John Frazier, David and Patrick Piero addressed the council with a plea to pass the resolution pertaining to the Mike Piero Memorial Foundation Fundraiser. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion failed 5 yes votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,169.53 to Foster Auto Body Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1986)

Council showed no objection to the liquor license stock transfer that was presented concerning Walgreens gas station.

Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on September 12th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated she and Mrs. Reiter have been working of a couple of areas concerning economic development.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely reported thanked Dr. Tracy McCaudy for her presentation during the committee meeting pertaining to the school levy being placed on the ballot in November. He also announced that on September 1<sup>st</sup> Cory Stein from Terra State would be making a presentation.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers presented the new Republic Trash Hauling containers that will be in place October 1<sup>st</sup>. He introduced Tim Wasserman who explained that the citizens of Fremont will have a choice of three options for container/bag service. The containers are 95 or 65 gallon rolling containers. There will be more information posted on the city web page and mailed to the citizens.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Kirsty Bilger reminded everyone of the Farmers Market this weekend. There will be a Car Show, the Farmers Market and a Dignity and Respect Event. There will be a school supply give a way along with Pro Medica giving health screenings. There is a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and Paramount Cinema will be having a food drive to watch a movie

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez requested a special meeting on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. pertaining to alcohol ordinance.

Mayor Sanchez also asked for volunteers from City Council or the public to help with the Dignity and Respect Event on Saturday.

Mr. Grahl acknowledged the city for receiving an award from the State of Ohio for Exemplary Financial Reporting. He thanked the entire staff for

Mrs. Elder congratulated the Hayes Center and she thanked Mr. Damschroder for his comments.

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Council Comments

Mr. Otte stated he attended the Block Watch and that they would be marching in the Labor Day Parade. He stated he attended the Sandusky County Park District amongst the discussion where the bike trail and its impact on the city.

Mr. Knisely wished the Fall Sports team in the area good luck. He thanked the Piero family for attending the council meeting. He also encourages people to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Tom Kerns for providing the water truck and workers for keeping up the maintenance on the planters in Downtown Fremont. She mentioned that the Sandusky Fair starts on Tuesday, August 23rd. She ended her comments with this statement: "In matters of Style swim with the current, in matters of Principle stand like a rock".

Mrs. Stout she also thanked Mike Piero family for attending the council meeting. She thanked former council members for attending and complemented the Fremont Police Department for the excellent job they have been doing.

Mr. Koebel thanked Denny Otte for attending the Block Watch meeting. He thanked Mr. Frazier for the work he's done on the fundraiser for Mike Piero.

Mr. Taylor thanked Dr. McCaudy for her presentation. He commented on the mural on the Share and Care Building and how nice it looked. He also said congratulations to all who participated in the Fremont Got Talent.

Mr. Zilch reminded everyone about the fair and that school would be starting next week.

Public Comments

Terry Lombardo addressed the council and asks that they consider allowing all-terrain utility vehicles in the city.

Fred Recktenwald asked Kathy Stout and Angie Ruiz why they were against the ordinance for alcohol in the park.

Both stated their reason.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Otte, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.