

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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February 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: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Ruiz, and Stout. Councilman Zilch was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on January 21st were approved with corrections. Mrs. Ruiz asked that three items be added to the agenda and council approved.

First reading of a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the resolution was the administrative portion of the CHIP grant that WSOS administers. The resolution was supposed to be signed by January 31, 2016. He asked council to suspend rule #4 so that it could be taken care of. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1970)

First reading of a resolution designating Stephanie Martin, City Council Clerk, as designee for elected members of Fremont City Council for Public Records Training as required by R.C. 109.43(B) for the years 2016-2019, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1971)

First reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$64,751,878.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2016 Fiscal Year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$13,529,224.00 for Fiscal Year 2016, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Revolving Loan Fund 265, and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch will be held on March 14th at the St. Paul's Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. She also commented on the Beautification Committee and the loss of two members Carol Dixon and Joanne Hoffert.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee - Chairman Otte reported that a Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the city's budget. We will hold another meeting on March 3rd beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated that she had a very productive meeting with Mayor Sanchez and hopes to report more on the Economic Development Advisory Board they hope to form.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch was absent, but Mrs. Stout reported the Design Committee per the Mayors recommendation would like to appoint Tom Culbertson, Sue Wiersma, and Mary McCue to the committee. She made a motion to approve the Mayors appointments and Tom Knisely seconded. The council approved 6 yea votes.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Koebel reported February 20th two events will be held. Try hockey for free and the Minon characters will be at the Rec. for skating and picture taking. Signups for Little League baseball, softball, and Spring Soccer are still going on and the Model Train Show Swap Meet on February 28th. The Home Show will be held at the Rec. on March 4th.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor reported that the light at State and Wood will be up and running soon.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers wanted to address the question posed by Mrs. Ruiz about the dam. He stated that the city is still awaiting the permit from ODNR and that he believes that we are slated to start per the timeline already established which will be this fall. There will be a public hearing on March 15th at 7:00 p.m. on the Environmental Study. He will update at the next council meeting. He also wanted to let the council know that the Beautification Commission truly lost two great ladies in Carol Dixon and Joanne Hoffert. They worked very diligently at keeping the city beautiful.

Chief White nothing to report.

Assistant Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. wanted to remind everyone of the February 25th update in collaborating with WSOS. There will be two 40 minute sessions beginning at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. She also complimented the Beautification Commission and the ladies who had passed away.

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Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wanted to encourage all council members to attend the Public Records Training Session. He believes that everyone would benefit from attending.

Mayor Sanchez reminded the public that would be a Finance Committee meeting prior to the next council meeting to continue discussion on the City's Budget. He stated that it was very refreshing to attend the Block Watch Meeting and see all the elected officials and the increase in numbers of participants. He encourages the citizens to attend the meetings.

Mr. Grahl wanted everyone to know that council has the monthly finance report in their possession. If the public would like to review it they may do so at his office or on the city website.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel was approached by a citizen to see if there is anything the city could do to help senior citizens with their water and sewer bills. He wanted to bring it to the attention of the administration. He also wanted to know if it was possible to advertise the Block Watch Meetings in water bills or on the website in a way to bring it to the attention on the citizens. He reminded citizens that the Hayes Presidential Center will begin celebrating their centennial in May and to keep those events in mind.

Mrs. Stout stated that she is one of the elected officials that have attended the Block Watch Meetings. She thought they were very informative. She encourages everyone who could to get involved.

Mrs. Ruiz complimented the Fire Department on the article that was in the paper. She stated that no casualties have been reported with the fires that that department has handled. She is very proud of the department. She encouraged everyone to attend a Sunshine class; they are very informative and informational. She thanked Mayor Sanchez for allocating monies towards Block Watch and for the publicity the committee has received.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone who donated water for the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. A total of over 1,000 cases were collected. He also thanked those people who donated food-Lees Chicken, Depot, and McDonalds...they recognized the effort of everyone who was helping. He encouraged everyone to attend the WSOS updating event.

Mr. Knisely thanked the administration for the great job that they are doing. He also thanked the fire department, police department, and everyone working for the city for the great job they are doing. He also encouraged people to shop downtown Fremont.

Mr. Otte commented on the Block Watch Meeting that he attended. He was encouraged on how the crowds have grown over the last two meetings. He stated it was great to see citizens of Fremont taking back over their city and streets. He stated he would be attending the Sunshine Meeting on April 8th trying to learn more about city government.

Mrs. Hafford mentioned that the council had received an invitation to attend an Eagle Scout Award for Diego Jacobo. The invitation came after the last council meeting, but she wanted to congratulate him on his success.

Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.