

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

January 19, 2017

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: Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout and Taylor. The minutes for council meeting held on January 5th were approved.

Before the reading of the agenda items, Mayor Sanchez honored Beth Lewis with the Mike Piero Employee of the Month. Mayor Sanchez recognized Ms. Lewis years of service and heartfelt effort of going above and beyond the call of duty to help in whatever way she can. He also recognized Ken Dumminger for his years of service to the community and read a Proclamation for the City declaring January 19th as Ken Dumminger Appreciation Day for his countless contributions to the City of Fremont.

Councilman Otte made a motion to into executive session to discuss the negotiation with council business to transpire after, seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Upon reentering in to council session, Mr. Otte made two separate motions to reject the Fact Finders Negotiation Report on the Police Dispatch and also the Police Command; both were seconded by Mr. Knisely. Both motions were rejected by 7 yea votes.

Second reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone Parcel 13-32-00-0009-02 owned by Terra State Community College in the City of Fremont from "C" – Conservation District to "PUD" – Planned Unit Development. The Mayor thanked Dr. Webster and his earlier presentation and believes it will be a great opportunity for Terra Community and the City of Fremont.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Bureau of Workers Compensation for a Safety Intervention Grant and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-1999

First reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,161.31 to Rumpke of Ohio Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that the resolution was for payment for the disposal of sludge. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Koebel. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2000

First reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,372.94 to AT&T, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained the AT&T needed to have a 2016 Purchase Order. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2001

First reading of resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Fire Marshall for the Fire Equipment Grant and declaring an emergency. Chief Foos explained that the deadline for filing is January 31st and asked that Rule 4 be applied. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz 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. Res. 2017-2002

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported that she met with the Director Cody Bischoff and Steve Stotz and that they were working to improve the Rec. Center and the parks.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor stated that the light at North and Rawson was up and functioning.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Mr. Zilch made a motion to reappoint Justin Smith to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Mr. Otte seconded. He was approved with 7 yeas votes. Mr. Zilch then made a motion to keep Tom Lewis on the board and Mr. Knisely seconded. He was approved with 7 yeas votes.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte reported that there are ongoing negotiations with City Police employees.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout that there are several new businesses that will be opening soon. She asked that once they are open that the citizens please patronize them.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers nothing further to report.

Chief Foos nothing further but thanked the council for suspending rule 4.

Chief Bliss also thanked the council for recognizing Beth Lewis. He said that she is one of the most dedicated employees on the staff.

Kristie Bilger reported that Downtown Fremont is starting its membership drive and encourage anyone that was interested in becoming a member to contact here. She reported that June 17th will be the first Farmers Market. The first car show will also be on that date.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez he wished his wife Jessica a Happy Birthday. He stated that the Freezing for a Reason would be this Saturday at Misty Meadows. He asked for donations to help the cause and to keep him out the water.

Mrs. Elder reported that she attending the Martin Luther King Breakfast and the march. She appreciated all the hard work that went into making the day a success. She thanked the NAACP for continuing to honor Dr. King.

Mr. Grahl stated that December Report for council would be posted soon. He stated that the Auditor of the State is requesting that the city enter their financial information into the state data base to generate a Financial Health Indicator Report. He stated that there are 16 indicators and he would email a copy of the report when it is released.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch stated he also attending the NAACP presentation and he echoed Mrs. Elder's comments on the event.

Mr. Knisely wished Mrs. Sanchez a Happy Birthday and congratulated Beth Lewis and Ken Dumminger on their outstanding service to the City of Fremont. He continued with requesting that we continue to shop in Fremont and thanked all that have made the city great and continue to support Fremont.

Mrs. Ruiz Also thanked Ken Dumminger and Beth Lewis for their contributions to the city.

Mr. Koebel he also congratulated the two recipients and stated that the Martin Luther King meeting was wonderful and the talent was tremendous. He also wished Jessica Sanchez a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Taylor he commended the crowd that we had at the council meeting this night. He also wished Happy Birthday to Mrs. Sanchez and thanked Beth Lewis and Ken Dumminger for their services. He announced that next weekend at Applebee there is a fundraiser for the Humane Society called Short Stacks for Tall Cause on January 28th.

Mrs. Stout she also congratulated the two recipients. She thanked the street department for getting the light fixed.

Mr. Otte stated that he had recently spoken to Brenda Havens at the Sandusky Co. Visitors Convention that stated that more group tours were coming into Fremont in 2017. He stated that the key was for our citizens to be friendly.

Public Comments

Tera McDonald introduced herself and her non-profit organization Transpire Mental Health. The organization is offering a "Shutting Out The Dark" program. The program is developed to help individuals suffering from mental health issues, suicidal tendencies and prevention against suicidal actions. It was developed to focus on the prevention of suicides and create an understanding of mental health issues. They are currently working on a Community Health Fair to be held on July 30th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Fremont Fair Grounds.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President