

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

January 7, 2016

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:40pm in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council with President Jamie Hafford presiding. The following members answered roll call: Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Ruiz, Stout, and Zilch.

Mr. Knisely made a motion nominating Ms. Ruiz for Council President Pro-Tem. Mr. Koebel made a motion nominating Mr. Knisely for Council President Pro-Tem. On the motion by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Ms. Stout, Ms. Ruiz was elected Council President Pro-Tem 5 yea votes to 1 no vote.

On a motion by Mr. Knisely, nominating Stephanie Martin as Clerk of Council, seconded by Ms. Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes to 0 no votes.

On a motion by Mr. Knisely, to approve the Council bylaws as currently written, seconded by Ms. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes to 0 no votes.

The minutes for council meetings held on December 17th and December 21st were approved.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$62,463.00 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$408,985.56 to Oriana House, Inc., and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. A brief discussion was had regarding the services already provided by Oriana House, Inc. in anticipation of the grant approval by the State. Now that the grant has being approved by the State, there is a need to suspend rule 4 and get Oriana House, Inc. paid for the services they provided from July through December 2015. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 0 no votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Ms. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 0 no votes. (Res. 2016-1965)

There was a discussion about a liquor license transfer for Bamboo Steakhouse and Sushi, Inc. Mr. Melle described the liquor license transfer as a TREX liquor license transfer for economic development which is applied for through the Ohio Department of Commerce. A discussion was had about the application and the transfer process. No council action was necessary. Mr. Melle just wanted to bring the liquor license transfer application to Council's attention with possible further Council action needed in the future.

Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported there would be a First Responders Public Skate at the Rec Center on January 30th with free admission. He also reported the Rec Center now participates in the Silver Sneakers Program, there would be a blood drive at the Rec Center on February 1st and there was currently a membership drive where you can receive a 15% discount on paid-in-full memberships.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz reported there would be a Blockwatch meeting on January 11th at the Rec Center at 7:00pm. Mr. Grahl added Roger Kuns from Northcoast Security would be attending the Blockwatch meeting as a guest speaker.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairwoman Stout nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Since new committee assignments were not yet made, there were no other committee reports.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel welcomed the new members of Council along with the new Mayor, Safety Service Director and Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Ms. Stout welcomed the new members of Council along with the new Mayor, Safety Service Director and Executive Assistant to the Mayor. She also mentioned there will be no Christmas Tree pick-up done by the City. You can drop off your old Christmas Trees in the designated areas at Birchard and Eastside Parks.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed the new members of Council along with the new Mayor, Safety Service Director and Executive Assistant to the Mayor. She also thanked Council for electing her Council President Pro-Tem.

Mr. Knisely thanked Mr. Koebel for nominating him for Council President Pro-Tem.

Mr. Zilch welcomed the new members of Council and administration and thanked the existing members of Council.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle welcomed the new members of Council and administration to the City. He mentioned the Martin Luther King Day march and breakfast and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Melle also provided his condolences to the family of Brandan Biggert who recently passed away.

Ms. Elder congratulated the newly elected officials. She wished everyone patience and encouraged cooperation with each other.

Mr. Grahl also congratulated and welcomed the newly elected officials. He was grateful Ken Myers agreed to return as Safety Service Director and stated Mr. Myers years of experience will be a huge benefit to the new administration.

Mayor Sanchez mentioned he was very thankful for his staff and has enjoyed getting started this week. He welcomed the other newly elected officials and he thanked Judge Hart for coming to swear in the newly elected officials.

Department Heads

Chief White welcomed the newly elected officials and administration.

Chief Foos also welcomed the newly elected officials and administration.

Mr. Myers stated he never thought he'd be back at the City and retirement was great but he's very excited to be back. He invited Council to visit the administration throughout the year.

Mr. Thatcher welcomed the newly elected officials.

Judge Hart thanked Council for approving the warrant for payment resolution for Oriana House. The NO-BARS program provides a great service to the community especially with the heroin epidemic.

Public Comments

County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge Smith wished all the new officials well.

County Commissioner Thatcher stated he was looking forward to working with the City on issues such as water and sewer.

Andy Brandon, 247 St. Thomas Drive, congratulated the new City officials. He offered the services available through his business, Thrift Financial, for charitable opportunities for people within our community.

Chris Liebold, candidate for County Commissioner, introduced himself and described his background and experience.

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On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Ms. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes and 0 no votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President