

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

June 1, 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: Taylor, Knisely, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Stout. Councilman Koebel was absent. Minutes from May 18th were approved.

Before the regular readings, Robert J. Knopf, Jr. and his team from Mobilitie made a presentation to the council concerning their intentions to provide wireless boxes to improve networks and infrastructures coverage for the city. The team explained that they have partnership with AEP and changes have been made to their services and benefits. The council asked questions of the Mobilitie team and thanked them for their presentation.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 for services to improve and renovate the Wilson Avenue Water Tower Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the bid was the lowest that came in and asked that council suspend rule 4 so that Seven Brothers can begin doing the work. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion failed 5 yea votes to 1 no vote. A discussion was held amongst council on the suspension of Rule 4 then a motion was made by Mr. Otte to reconsider the suspension, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3857

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported that the pool at the Rec. Department will open on June 3rd. There will be a Youth Softball Tournament this Friday through Sunday at the fields at Rodger Young. A membership drive is taking place for the summer along with a Summer Raffle to receive year around membership. Please call the Rec. Department for further details. She also thanked Habitat for Humanity who helped plant flowers at the Tschumy corner. The group also worked on the Habitat for Humanity home on North Buchanan.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that a representative from Terra State would be at the second meeting in July to give a report of the college.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor stated his wife attend a safety council meeting and learned that anyone breaking ground should call the Ohio Utility Protection Service to avoid any mishaps from digging.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing this evening.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated that several items are taking place right now in the city and look for a report in the near future.

Department Heads

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Mrs. Hafford wished Chief Bliss a Happy Birthday in his absences.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle stated that he was a part of a meeting held earlier in the day with Judge Burkett and Mayor Sanchez on the security of the building. Judge Burkett is willing to help fund the project, so he asked council to look for upcoming ordinances in the near future concerning as much.

Mrs. Elder wished Judge Hart good luck in his next career venture

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch said “Go Cavs!”

Mrs. Stout also echoed the Go Cavs statement and also wished Judge Hart the best of luck. She also reminded citizens that the first Farmers Market will be held on June 17th.

Mr. Otte publicly thanked Adam Young and family for planting flags at the cemetery at Whittlesey. He also stated he was looking for donations for mulch for the area. He also stated that the Birchard Ave. Historical Association will be holding a meeting on June 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Birchard Park and on July 1st a block party at Mayor’s Park. He stated that he was a judge at the faceoff competition at the Rec. Department and that it was a really neat thing to see. He encourages citizens to utilize the Rec. Department facility. He stated that the parade was a great success and thanked the Beautification committee on their work on the planters in front of the businesses.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that she enjoyed the Memorial Day parade. She stated that her ward has a new business located at 800 East State Street names Simply Soups, Salad, and Sweets. She wished them the best of luck in their business venture. She again encouraged everyone to support Lees Shoes.

Mr. Taylor stated he had a great time at the parade. He then congratulated the Sheriff and his staff on the arrest of a person of interest in the Heather Bogle Case. He stated that he recently patronized Jimmy G’s and that it was excellent. He encouraged everyone to visit there. He stated that what he wanted to say when he broke down at the last meeting was that life is short and you don’t know how many lives you’ve touched. Please take the time to tell someone you love them.

Mr. Knisely also congratulated Judge Hart for his years of services. He complimented all the city departments, administration and staff. He stated that the Parks were looking great and that we should try to keep the restrooms clean.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Otte motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.