

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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May 18, 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, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Stout. Minutes from May 4th were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Mid-Ohio Sludge Management, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,800.00 for 2017 Spent Lime Lagoon Cleaning, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3852

Third reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend Chapter 1157, Zoning Certificates and Permits; Section 1157.03, Agreement ensuring payment of City Income Tax and Chapter 1163, Violations, Notices, Nuisance Abatement and Penalty; Section 1163.99 (A) (2), Penalty of the Codified Ordinances. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3853

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Probation Services Fund 232, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3854

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with 7L Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$61,822.55 for services to improve and renovate the Rodger Young Basketball Courts in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3855

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 July 15th thru July 16th, 2017 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. Koebel asked Mr. Frazier to speak before a motion for suspension of rule #4 was put before the council. He stated that there were no incidents from last year's fundraiser; money was donated as scholarships for Ross, St. Joe, and the Rec. Department. Questions were asked how long it would take to get the liquor license and Mr. Frazier said 30 days. Mayor Sanchez stated he believed events like this bring the community together and that the event was a huge success. He said we need to support those people who are stepping up like Mr. Frazier that spearhead events like this for the best for the community. 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 Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Res. 2017-2012

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,378.00 to ProMedica Memorial Hospital HealthLink and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez said that the bills were for physicals for the new firefighters. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2013

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$7,741.60 to K.E. McCartney & Associates, and declaring an emergency. Bill pertains to sewer flow monitoring. The bills for this project were paid, however the fourth bill in the series was not issued and the purchase order was closed out. This is for services already rendered. 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 Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2014

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,234.96 to SWS Environmental Services, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated this was in reference to the Oil spill at Tireman. The City has to step in and take immediate action. The money will be reimbursed from the company. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2015

First reading of an ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont Chapter 131 The Police Department Code Section 131.01 Composition, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the ordinance needed to be changed because the Police Department is under a re-structuring phase. Captain Conger explained that the reconstruction will guarantee that a command officer is on every shift. The position is a tested position and that they have officers that have taken the test. The increase has already been placed in the budget for this change. A discussion was held amongst council on the suspension of Rule 4. 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 Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3856

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Angie Morelock, Public Relations and Communication Director at Vanguard. Mrs. Morelock gave a brief update from the school year. She stated that the school held its graduation and Career Passport ceremonies this week were 400 students participated. She stated 90% graduated with their industry credentials. June 5th there will be a career camp at the school, registration deadline is May 22nd. The mobile technology bus will be unveiled at the Sandusky County Fair. Mrs. Morelock said that 2018 will be the 50th anniversary of the school and to look for special events related to the event.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

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 nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported Director Cody Bischoff is doing a great job at the Rec. Department. Swimming pool opening target date is June 5th. The Haunted Hydro will hold Monster Makeoff events at the Rec. from May through September. She thanked Whirlpool Company for their donation of a Washer and Dryer to the Rec. Department. The Tree and Beautification committee received the Tree City Award for Fremont. Always looking for new members and will be replanting the planters on Sunday morning. She also stated that one of the baskets on the bridge is missing.

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Department Heads

Mr. Frost stated that things are going well in all the City Departments. He stated that all the Department Heads are doing a great job, but he praised Tucker Fredericksen for the hard work that he does and encouraged others to take time to get to know all that he does. Chief Foos nothing at this time.

Captain Conger nothing additional at this time.

Tucker Fredericksen stated that the West State Street project will begin and notices have been sent out to business owners and citizens in the immediate area. This project will last several months.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont, Inc. Ms. Bilger stated that the planters that are in front of the business will be planted at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The first Farmers Market will be June 17th which will include a car show and that the 39th Camel Back Run will also be that day. The Street Safe Event will also take place on this date. On June 24th there will be live pro wrestling match downtown. Tickets can be purchased at the Strand. Mr. Otte suggested that Ms. Bilger encourage merchants downtown to stay open longer.

Bob Gross stated that the Presidential Center is looking for help with the grounds cleaning and he will be picking a date for elected officials to participate.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez thanked council for passing the ordinances at tonight's meeting and moving forward. He thanked Councilwomen Stout and Ruiz for organizing the TEAMACOG meeting that was held at the Water Reclamation Center. There were more than 60 surrounding cities leaders at the event. He also stated that the Parks Department has the parks looking great. He thanked Mr. Reckenwald for his help in looking at the Balleville Annexation Agreements. The Mayor also stated that if anyone wanting to discuss water rates please come to his office to discuss. He thanked the employees of the city for their services, but he stated that good is not good enough and we will continue to strive to make this city better. Mr. Frost stated that Captain Conger and the Mayor took 8th graders to the Police Training Center in London, Ohio. There is a video on Facebook that everyone should take a look at.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Mayor Sanchez for speaking at Kiwanis. She complimented him on moving forward for the city. She echoed Mayor Sanchez statements on the TEAMACOG meeting. She thanked Jeff Lamson and Tucker Fredericksen for the rolls they played on explanation of the Water Reclamation Center. She also thanked Kathy Stout for her help to make the event successful. She thanked Lees Shoe Store for keeping up their yard and cooperation with the City Engineer with their signage.

Mr. Otte stated that the Historic District Association around Birchard Ave. held their first meeting. Greg Kuhns is spearheading that Association. He stated that the Whittlesey Street Cemetery is looking nice and they are looking to add a decorative fence and flowers. He wished the farmers good luck and a great return on their hard

Mr. Koebel reminded citizens that on May 29th the Memorial Day Services will be held at the Court House beginning at 10 a.m. A service will be held at St. Joe Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. He commented on the VFW club and wanted to recognized the bar top of the club which hold dog tags of World War Veterans. He suggested that everyone take a look at the top. They have Taco Night on Tuesday.

Mrs. Stout said she was very happy to participate in the TEAMACOG meeting in our city. She thanked Mrs. Ruiz for her organizing the event. They attended an executive session of the TEAMACOG

Mr. Taylor stated that on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. the Green box Derby will be taking place at the Fairground hill. He also extended his condolences to the Howey-Beckley Family for Randy.

Mr. Knisely thanked Mrs. Morelock for her presentation. He said the city is looking great and thanked the employees for all they do. Keep shopping Fremont Ohio. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Mr. Zilch echoed Mr. Otte sentiments of the Whittlesey Cemetery. He stated that they are trying to get a Facebook Page established to inform citizens when they will be working there. The next phase is to push back the brush the fence line. Reminded the citizens to be aware of the children this summer.

Public Comments

Sara Satornino, 711 Birchard Ave. addressed the council as a concerned citizen, and representing Sierr Prime to oppose the granting of the building permit for storage units to be placed adjacent to 102 Pinnacle Drive. She updated the council on information that they have received. She asked that the council to deny the building permit for the storage units and that city council amend the zoning in the area until this matter is resolved.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.