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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 Jamie Hafford called the meeting to order at the Hayes Presidential Library and Museum. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Koebel, and Knisely. Councilman Otte was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on April 27th were approved.

President Hafford started the meeting with a presentation from Mayor Sanchez and Chief Bliss. Chief Bliss introduced the recipients of the Civilian of the Year Beth Lewis and Officer of the Year Christian Ortolani. Mayor Sanchez presented both recipients with certificates for their outstanding performance.

President Hafford then introduced the Director of Development for the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Kathy Boukissen. Mrs. Boukissen thanked the council for having the council meeting at the center. She then highlighted some of the events that will take place during the centennial event which will be held over the Memorial Day Weekend. Some of the events that will be held over the weekend are: ribbon cutting, Hayes Home open, Guided tour of the ground, The Ohio State University marching band, Beard Contest, Barbecue Celebration, Marine Brass Quartet, and a dedication for the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trade Center at Terra State Community College. She also thanked Mike Dukeshire and his volunteers for coming out and helping to get the grounds cleaned before the events that will take place the weekend of Memorial Day.

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the OSS Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1977)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to extend the Residential Refuse and Curbside Recycling Contract 90 days until September 30, 2016 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 921 Streets and Public Services Code Section 921.08 Industrial Wastes; Rates for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Zilch asked that the ordinance be explained. Jeff Lamson explained that the rates were based on the new facility and to recover our cost. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3809)

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch next meeting will be May 9th at 7:00 p.m. The location will be held at the Pontifex. Chairman Ruiz reported that the speaker will be Stephanie Miller. She is with the Division of Forestry with the State of Ohio. She will be speaking on tree relationship to crime prevention. Chief Bliss will also be speaking. She also announced that the Arbor Day Tree Planting by the Beautification Committee took place at the Dorothy L. Kerns Cancer Center. She also made mention of the tree that was planted at the Hayes Library and Museum Center. The seedling came from Oklahoma City and survived the Oklahoma bombing.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that the superintendent of Vanguard Mr. Greg Edinger will address the council sometime in June.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout said that the committee is working on a few projects and hopefully she will have something to report at the next meeting.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported that the ice rink is closed. Little League Baseball and Softball practices have started, along with spring soccer practices. He reported that there will a Blood Drive to be held on May 7th at the Rec. Center and encouraged those who could to participate. The AAU basketball will be at the Rec. Center on May 20th – 22nd. On June 3rd – 5th will be the Fremont Frenzy. June 25th will have a Jenny Run and on July 2nd there will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor reported that the downtown area was starting to take shape with the resurfacing and the new driving patterns.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers stated that resurfacing had started in the downtown area. He stated that the city had just received the 2016 ODOT Salt order and it the resolution will be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Chief Bliss thanked the council for allowing him to make the presentations at the meeting tonight.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. Kristy wanted to thank Ken Myers for talking to the business members downtown about the repaving along with Bill Guhn with the Street Department. She was very thankful for the improvements downtown.

Elected Officials

Jim Melle stated that holding the meeting at the center was very neat and was looking to seeing the Ohio State Band perform in Fremont.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Mr. Myers for his help today and for all that volunteered today to clean up the ground.

Mayor Sanchez said that he attended the Opium Conference on Monday and Tuesday. He thought that it was very informative and came back with some employment strategies along with information pertaining to Narcan and the use by our officers. He has been met with Chief Bliss and Tom Stierwalt concerning our Drug Task Force. He thanked Kathy Stout for her help with the Economic Development Committee and that work she has done so far. He stated that the city has partnered with the County's Economic Development and he is expecting big things for the City of Fremont. He is very optimistic about the changes in the downtown area. He stated that he has received several

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complaints from citizens concerning the trash ordinance in our city. The Law Director Mr. Melle and the Zoning Inspector has been working diligently to put a plan together to monitor the ordinances and the trash clean up. Mayor Sanchez stated that he had the privilege of giving a Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer. He said that the church leaders are the leaders of our community. Our community is a very faith based community that wants to do what is best for our city. He will begin working closely with the ministerial organization to take action to make the City of Fremont better. Mayor Sanchez stated that he had spoken to Justin Smith about having the meeting at the Presidential Library and Museum; and Mr. Smith thought it would be a great idea to introduce and to thank past city council members and elected officials for their service. Mr. Smith then introduced the following past council members: Gary Nosserman, James Melle, Robert Zilles, Mike Koebel, Tom Knisely, Nancy Stoner, Rex Damschroder, Julie Kreilick, Mark Stultz, Don Nalley, Karen Waggoner, Ronald Stout, Kathy Stout, James Weaver, Angie Ruiz, Bob Gross, Tony Taylor, Bob Marker, and Rick Zilch. Elected officials that were present were State Representative Bill Reinke, Tom Stierwalt, Barbara Anstead, Tracy Overmyer, Jim Moyer, Sheriff Kyle Overmyer, School Board Member Scott Miller, and Council President Jamie Hafford. He thanked everyone for their past and present services to our city.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel wanted to thank Mike Dukeshire and the Fremont Ross Football team for their efforts with today's clean up. He thanked Richard Farmer who owns Fremont Speedway that also helped, along with Scott's Lawn Care and many citizens of Fremont. Mr. Koebel stated that approximately 40 people attended the ceremony for the National Day of Prayer. He is excited to see the over 200 Hayes family members come to Fremont at the end of the month for the Centennial celebration. He also is excited about the resurfacing and painting of the downtown area.

Mrs. Stout congratulated the officers on their awards. She stated during the Centennial celebration there will be a Chicken Barbecue held on the grounds; presale tickets are now available.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that she purchased a presale ticket and to contact Jackie for tickets. She added her congratulations to the award winners and the past and present officials that served Fremont. She stated that although the resurfacing may be an inconvenience now, she is confident come Memorial Day Weekend our city is going to be proud of what has been accomplished with the beautification of the downtown area. She wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day, and then thanked Mr. Gross for his assistance of making sure everything was in place to hold the city council meeting at the center. She also wished everyone a Happy Cinco De Mayo.

Mr. Taylor thanked the Hayes Library and Museums for hosting the council meeting tonight. He thanked all that were introduced for their past services to the city along with the police presentation. He then mentioned that the Music Festival will be held downtown and that the city auction will be held on May 7th.

Mr. Knisely wanted to congratulate the Citizen of the Year and the Officer of the Year. He congratulated all the council members that were introduced and thanked the Library and Museum for allowing the council meeting to take place at the center. He encourages everyone to support the downtown and local businesses and wished everyone a Happy Cinco De Mayo.

Mr. Zilch mentioned that the essays are due on May 13th for the Rutherford B. Hayes contest. Vintage Baseball will be the begin June 5th at the center.

Public Comments

Bill Reinke State Representative for the 88th district and wanted to compliment everyone on the meeting tonight. He wanted to mention just a couple of things: Seneca and Sandusky counties are trying to get together and put a plan together to curtail the drugs that are going on. He spoke on workforce development stating that there are jobs available and a positive thing that is happening in Sandusky County. Downtown development happening in Fremont is great. He mentioned the Capital budget in which Senate bill 310 past yesterday that will give 2.9 million dollars back to the district. He stated that next Wednesday the State would be recognizing the Hayes Center for their 100th anniversary. The center is the oldest and the first presidential library in the nation. He is very proud of how everyone is working together to make all of these great things happen. Please let him know if there is anything he can do.

President Hafford asked city officials if the city was doing anything about the highly published Ezekiel virus and any studies from our Health Department. Mr. Myers stated that spraying takes place when the mosquitos become active. Mayor Sanchez said although the city is not spraying the city is larva sizing in the catch basins of the city.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.