

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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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 Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Gross, Knisely, Ruiz, Kreilick, Koebel, Stout, and Michles.

The minutes for council meeting held on May 7th were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance amending the personnel policy and procedure manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 5.18 regarding City Recreation Passes for non-union employees and certain elected city officials. On a motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3765)

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$6,113.29 from General Fund 101 to Walsh Trust Fund 701.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order to GMP Amendment No. 3, with the construction firm MWH Constructors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$431,000.00 for commissioning and startup costs in accordance with Alternate #1 in Exhibit K for improvements to the Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Lamson explained to the council that the change order is necessary for the startup of the plant. He asked for a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting at the next council meeting where MWH would make a presentation and give further detailed information. The council had many questions concerning the change order and agreed to wait until the committee meeting to hear a more detailed explanation.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a 2015 Zamboni 546 Ice Resurfer from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$95,635.45 and declaring an emergency. Molly Bauman explained the importance of purchasing another Zamboni. She explained that the ice season brings in approximately \$230,000.00. She stated that the urgency was placed on the ordinance because it takes 300 days from placement of the order to delivery. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Koebel, seconded by Ruiz. Motion failed 5 yes votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$95,635.45 from Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 to Recreation Fund 211 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 and Recreation Fund 211 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint Ken Myers to serve as Safety Service Director for the limited purpose of initiating, investigating, interviewing, and potentially disciplining Officer George Dorsey; thus avoiding any appearance of a conflict with current Safety Service Director Robert E. Ward, Jr. and declaring an emergency. On a motion to remove item #8 from the agenda by Koebel, seconded by Kreilick. Motion passed 7 yes votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development-for fiscal year 2015 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Allocation Program and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Kreilick, seconded by Ruiz. Motion passed 7 votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Res. 2015-1954)

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely read a statement from Superintendent Greg Edinger of the Vanguard-Sentinel CTC. Some of the highlighted points were the 12 different career clusters the school had to offer and the recognition of their students at state competitions. The school has graduated over 1,200 students in various careers.

Finance and Labor Committee - Chairman Michles has scheduled a bond review for city council for the second meeting in July. He is working with Mr. Grahl on this endeavor.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reported that her hopes were to receive recommendation plans from the Toledo Design Center pertaining to the Downtown Area very soon to report back to council.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Gross thanked Tucker Fredericksen for his working in developing a plan for the permission of chickens housed inside the city limits. He appreciated all the questions and input at the committee meeting that was held earlier in the evening.

Recreation Committee - Chairman Koebel reviewed the dates for the concert in the park. The pool has an anticipated opening date of June 6th. The Recreation camp will take place on June 8th. Swim lessons begin June 15th.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Kreilick thanked Mr. Bryan Canzoneri and his associate for a very informative committee session held earlier in the evening.

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Mr. Gross thanked the Elks Club for sponsoring the soccer shoot out. He announced that there will be an AAU Basketball tournament this upcoming weekend. The event will be held at the Fremont Rec. Center and Lakota High School. He stated that the Sandusky County Art and Music Festival was a success.

Mrs. Ruiz reminded the citizens that the Sixth Street Project will begin June 1st. She wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Mrs. Stout also wanted to remind citizens of the Memorial Day holiday and thanks all those who had served and sacrificed for this country. She thanks Mr. Ward for correcting the street signs on Stilwell Ave.

Mr. Koebel echoed the sentiments of Memorial Day. There will be a Mass at St. Joe Cemetery for the Veterans at 9:00 a.m., along with the courthouse ceremony and the parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. He stated that Craig Wendt was at the council meeting earlier to explain his plan of action for the house at the corner of State St. and Wood, but he was called away. His intentions are to renovate the entire house and make it into a triplex.

Mr. Knisely stated he hopes to have a report from St. Joe and Ross High Schools at the next meeting. He stated that the parks are looking wonderful and that the city does a great job at keeping up with the maintenance. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and he that he was proud to be a citizen of Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Kreilick wanted to thank the citizens for their support and appreciation for the job that the council does. On a lighter note, she said she recently so a picture of Lucy Hayes with a chicken coop on the property. Perhaps that will have a play on whether the city would allow chicken in city limits. She wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and thanked those that have served the country.

Mr. Michles stated that those Veterans that have died for our country need to be honored for their service. He thanked council for increasing the dialog and listening to both sides of items brought before council. He thanked Tucker Fredericksen for inviting him to a Safety Committee Meeting. At the meeting a citizen brought concerns pertaining to impaired vision community members. He stated the committee was open to the concerns and would look into it further.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. He then made reference to the Supreme Court Case and that the city had prevailed in the appeal case.

Mr. Grahl echoed everyone else's sentiments about Memorial Day.

Mayor Ellis congratulated Mr. Melle on a great job at the Supreme Court Case. He thanked the Fire Department and the collaboration of department that helped. An informational letter is going out to the sewer customers in the Ballville Township. The water and sewer department will let them know that the city is working on a proposal to see if the city can be competitive to Rural Water and provide services to the township in a cost effective manner. It is at the early stages, but he wanted the council to know.

Department Heads

Mr. Ward stated that the Sixth Street Water Project will be on the left side of the road. Also, as of June 1st there will be no parking on Ohio Ave.

Mr. Smith stated that the very first Farmers Market will be June 20th. On that same date there will be an open house at 315 Garrison for the Downtown Fremont Inc. Mrs. Bilger commented on the Community Block Development Grant. She the grant deadline is June 26th. She would like to make a presentation at the next council meeting. President Leake asked Chairman Stout if she would like a committee meeting added to the agenda. The presentation was set for June 4th at 6:45 p.m.

Chief Schneider wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and thanked those that sacrificed their lives for ours. He referenced the retirement of Dwayne Martin and was happy to welcome his replacement Matthew Shen to the community.

Mrs. Bauman stated that 39 local teams will be playing in the tournament this weekend.

Mr. Sanchez nothing to report.

Mr. Lamson stated to the council if they had any questions about the item on the agenda or wanted to come down and tour the facilities, please contact him.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Public Comments

None

President Leake wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and thanked everyone who came out and supported the NAACP Academic Awards at the Fremont Middle School. 300 attendees were present at honored those who have made the Honor Roll.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Ruiz, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.