

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
June 4, 2015

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, Stout, and Michles. Councilman Koebel was absent.

The minutes for council meeting held on May 21st were approved.

The council meeting began with a presentation to the city of Fremont from the President of the Beautification Commission, Rick Heimbaugh. The award was for 30 year Tree City USA. Mayor Ellis accepted the award for the city of Fremont and thanked the members of the Beautification Commission for all their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Ruiz also thanked the Commission for filling all the flower pots in the Downtown Area with flowers.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101. On a motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3766)

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$6,113.29 from General Fund 101 to Walsh Trust Fund 701. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3767)

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yes votes to 1 no vote. (Ord. 2015-3768)

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a 2015 Zamboni 546 Ice Resurfacer from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$95,635.45 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Michles shared some background research on the zamboni that the city currently has. He also shared information on rebuilt machine. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely. Motion failed 4 yes votes to 2 no votes.

Second 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.

Second 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 execute on behalf of the City of Fremont a settlement agreement with ALCO in a form approved by the Law Director involving property located at 223 Prospect Street, formerly Clauss Cutlery. The amount of the settlement is the balance of the escrow account, \$113,270.00, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frederickson explained that this was the last step that needed to be taken to settle with Clauss Cutlery. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3769)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with MK Painting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$237,500.00 for the Walnut Street Water Tower Painting and Repair Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frederickson reported to council that MK Paintings bid was the lowest of the 3 bids that were received. He encouraged the council to suspend rule #4 so that the project could be started. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3770)

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely read a statement from Dr. Traci McCaudy of Fremont City Schools. Some of the highlighted points were that 260 seniors graduated, 45% are going to a 4 year college, 26% are going to a 2 year college, and 4% to the Armed Forces. The seniors received approximately 1.9 million in scholarships.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles has scheduled a bond review for city council for the first meeting in July.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout reported that there was a committee meeting earlier and thanked Mrs. Bilger for explaining the process for the application for Community Block Grant they are seeking for Downtown Fremont.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mrs. Stout wanted to thank the city crews for the work they have been performing. They are filling pot holes, taking down trees, and cleaning up messes. She appreciates their service.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked the Beautification Commission once again for their outstanding work for the City of Fremont.

Mr. Gross wished Jeffery Barnett and the rest of the Ross High School track team along with Mr. Grahl and the St. Joe track team for having great seasons and moving onto State this weekend. He wanted to let people know students are out of school and to be careful.

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Mrs. Stout nothing this evening.

Mr. Knisely congratulated the schools and their spring sports season. He stated that the city is looking great, and that he was proud to be a citizen of Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Kreilick stated that she felt her role in city council was to be a check and balances to issues that were put in front of council. She did not believe that the council job was to just say yes to what is presented, but to question and perhaps give a different point of view.

Mr. Michles echoed Mr. Gross sentiments about cautiousness with the warmer weather.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing this evening.

Mayor Ellis nothing this evening.

Mrs. Elder congratulated the track teams going to State and wished them all the best. She shared an incident with the council concerning the intersection off of Hayes Ave. Just wanted to encourage everyone to be careful at that intersection.

Department Heads

Mr. Lamson nothing this evening.

Chief Foos stated that the village of Gibsonburg received a 911 artifact, and antennae that came off of one of the towers during the attacks. The village will be making a memorial and the memorial will pass through Fremont on Friday, June 12th. They will receive a police escort and a Fire escort.

Mr. Ward nothing to report.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Mr. Smith nothing to report this evening.

Public Comments

Sarah Daniels, wife of Police Officer Lester Daniels brought a letter to light from Attorney Roger Hatford. The letter questions Mayor Ellis questioning of a Magistrate concerning a case that she is involved in. She wanted to know why the Mayor would be involved in her court case. The council stated that it had no authority over her complaint and that she needed to address the Law Director or the Mayor.

President Leake wished Good Luck to all area athletes attending the State Track Meet in Columbus and he also congratulated the area graduates of our local high schools and those graduating from college.

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

Clerk of Council

Council President