

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

*July 2, 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, Koebel, and Michles.

The minutes for council meeting held on June 18th were approved.

Before the regular council meeting a presentation from the Fremont Police Department. Captain White presented Officer Derrick Weissinger with the Office of the Year Award and Katie Schwartz with the Citizens of the Year Award.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 7 yes. (Ord. 2015-3775)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Water Operating Fund 510 and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the expenditure and directing the Mayor and the Safety Service Director to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment to the contract with the construction firm MWH Constructors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,618,847.94 for the Fremont Ballville Dam Project, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely. Motion filed 5 yes votes to 2 no votes.

### Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz congratulated Officer Weissinger and Ms. Schwartz on their awards.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated he would have a report at the next meeting. He also congratulated Weissinger and Schwartz.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles stated there will be a committee meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. pertaining to the city's bonds.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout stated that she spoke with Down Thyme Cafe chef Keith Mosser and he stated that all permits and they are looking to start construction any day now. She thought it was exciting news for downtown.

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

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported on the free Family Fun Nights will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. The time will be from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The Battle of the Fort Stephenson will take place July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. This event is part of the NCAA exposure event. The swim championships will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. He thanked those people who helped sponsor the fireworks display – Crescent, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, Dairy Queen East and West, Engler Printing, Foster Auto Body, Freeman Company, Green Bay Packaging, Dumminger Photography, Fremont Exchange Club, Frickers, Fort Stephenson House and Apartments, Jake's Auto Service, John Halm Investments, May Electric, McDonald's, Krogers, Military Antiques, Mosser Construction, North Coast Security, Pro Medica Memorial Hospital, Tackle Box, TNC Treats, LLC., Valley Electric, Hal & Diane Hawk, Chris Knight, Roger Hafford, Ralph Peters, American Auto Sales, Baumann Auto Group, Chuds, and Burns Iron. He thanked them for a contribution of over \$10,000.00

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Kreilick reported that a committee meeting will be held before the regular meeting pertaining to the Ballville Dam GMP. It will go to a second reading on July 18<sup>th</sup> and anyone wishing to express concerns could do so.

### Council Comments

Mr. Michles thanked those who donated money for the fireworks and also Ken Dumminger for putting them on. The Street Department repaired a problem by transferring the tubing from one side of a building to another which saved the city money. He congratulated those receiving awards from the Police Department and wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Kreilick echoed Mr. Michles comments and wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Knisely wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and encourage the citizens to go out and enjoy the day.

Mr. Gross also spoke with Mr. Dumminger and wanted to acknowledge those people who actually work with Mr. Dumminger with the presentation of the fireworks – Brian Edwards, Charles Baxter, Ron Berger, Chris Kaizer, Jeff Diamond, Joey and Denny Dumminger, and Ken Dumminger. He also stated he did not want to see any delays on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ordinance read tonight.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Mr. Dumminger for his service. She agreed with Mr. Gross on moving forward on the Ballville Dam project. She also invited the council to attend a Farm Bureau Policy Development Breakfast Meeting on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Down Thyme Cafe. She wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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Mrs. Stout wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and wanted to also echo the sentiments of Mr. Gross on moving forward. She congratulated the officers and encouraged those to attend the Rec. Family Night. Mr. Koebel wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and congratulated the officers of the evening. He asked if he was correct in stating that the City of Fremont was involved in a lawsuit pertaining to the Ordinance on the agenda. Mr. Melle said that he would not comment on the matter because they were in litigation.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Grahl thanked Mr. Koebel for listing the contributors to the fireworks and Mr. Gross acknowledges the crew. He congratulated the officers and wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he and Mr. Melle filed the City of Fremont claim for the Rock Salt Settlement. The settlement will be distributed on the claim filed, the city filed \$150,000.00. Funds will be distributed back to Street Department.

Mayor Ellis stated that the price for salt has gone down to \$54 a ton. He thanked member of council who participated in the Hometown Event. He updated the council on the community Policing Group by letting council know that the United States Justice Group will provide facilitation services to the group at no cost to the city. The tentative time frame will be September. He wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and hoped to see them at the parade.

Mrs. Elder wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked the officers that were honored that evening. Officer Weissinger is a neighbor of hers and wanted everyone to know he works hard to educate the children in the community to understand that policemen are their friends.

Department Heads

Chief Foos commented on the diesel exhaust system comment from the last meeting. He appreciated Mr. Michles concern on the situation at the station. He stated that in 2013 the department filed for a Federal Assistant to Firefighters Grant to replace the diesel exhaust system. The city was not successful obtaining the grant. The department is attempting to acquire a Bureau of Worker Compensation Grant that he is confident that the department will receive. Several council members questioned the Chief on the purchase of the necessary equipment now. The Chief assured council that they would receive it. The Chief said that it was his choice to choose to try to get grant money. The last thing he wanted to say was thank you to Mr. Dummerger for his work with the fireworks. He then warned everyone to leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Mr. Smith thanked those citizens that attended the Hometown Fremont Meeting. The next stage will be a presentation with the Toledo Design Center hopefully in August.

Mr. Fredericksen wished everyone Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sanchez wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comments

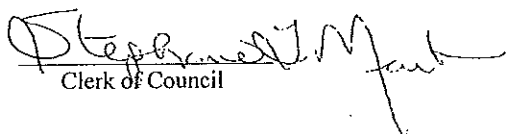
Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. She wanted to follow up with the council on the first Farmers Market. She stated over 5,000 people attended. The Toledo Design Vision Share Plan had an open house on the same day with about 75 people attending. Next Farmers Market will be July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Williams 463 Riverside Drive Mr. Williams wanted to ask questions about his property on Stilwell Ave. and curbing problems he is having. He stated that he has an ongoing issue at 1215 Stilwell and has voiced his concern to the city. He is asking for the city to repair the curbing in front of all of his property. He stated he has written letter to both the Safety Service Director and the Mayor. Mayor Ellis stated that Mr. Ward is looking into the situation and will respond to Mr. Williams concern as soon as possible.

C.J. Burel 501 N. Brush St. Pastor Burel questions the responsibility of the curbing and the sidewalk in front of his church located at 601 Bidwell Ave. Mr. Fredericksen said that he would be happy to help Pastor Burel with the project.

President Leake congratulated the award recipients and wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

On motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President