

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

July 16, 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: Knisely, Ruiz, Stout, and Michles. Council members Gross, Kreilick, and Koebel were absent.

The minutes for council meeting held on July 2nd were approved.

Second 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.

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution adopting the Sandusky County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles thanked Mr. Stephen Szanto for his educational presentation on Bonds and Debt Services for the city.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout reminded the citizens of the upcoming Farmers Market and the Farm to Table Event slated for July 31st

Council Comments

Mr. Michles remind citizens to be mindful of the children playing and those people enjoying the outside.

Mr. Knisely stated that he thought the city was looking great and he was proud to be a citizen of Fremont.

Mrs. Ruiz read a statement pertaining to the Fremont Ballville Dam. She stated that 72 dams were removed in the United States with 5 of them being in the state of Ohio. She stated that the Sierra Club was worried about the soil; the Save The Dam Committee was worried about the silt. She stated that the construction company removing the dam is experienced and capable of doing so. She believes that enough studies have been made pertaining to the above mention groups concerns. Mrs. Ruiz stated the council voted to remove the dam with a vote of 4-3, now is the time to work together and proceed with what has already been decided. She believes that more delays will cost the citizens of Fremont more money.

Mrs. Stout thanked the city workers for their diligence while working with all the recent rain that we have had. She stated that the city crews are cleaning the sewers and also spraying for mosquitos.

A woman got up before council without stating her name and said she was tired of the drug trafficking at Eagle Manor and Little Bark in Fremont, Ohio. She stated that she is fed up with all the activity and no one in the city doing anything to stop the problem.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

Mayor Ellis first echoed Mrs. Stout's comments about the city crews and all the rain. He then read a notice pursuant to the Fremont City Code Section 111.02 of a special meeting for city council on Monday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting is to act on the third 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.

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Department Heads

Mr. Ward stated that city crews are working on the Sixth Street Waterlines and there have been complaints about rusty water. Please call Water, Sewer, Maintenance and they will come out and flush the lines. With the massive rain he wanted people to know that they have a company that comes in to clean the sewers that will keep the capacity of the lines clear.

Mr. Smith nothing to report.

Assistant Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Mr. Sanchez nothing to report.

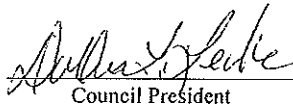
Public Comments

Kristie Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. Thanks Mrs. Stout for announcing the Farmers Market to be held on Saturday the 18th and the Farm to Table Event on July 31st. She has tickets available and the event will be held on Arch St. from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

President Leake thanked Mr. Szanto for his presentation. He also thanked the city crews for their work with dealing with all of the rain. He commented on Mrs. Ruiz statement that he believes that those people opposing the dams' removal have the right to pursue any avenue that they chose if they are not happy with an outcome for the council. He believes it is the American way to exercise their rights. He stated his views have not changed and believed if the dam was structurely sound we should have looked into repairing the damn.

On motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 4 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Stephanie J. Martin
Clerk of Council


Allan Leake
Council President