

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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November 5, 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 Leake called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Knisely, Michles, Stout, Kreilick, Ruiz, Gross, and Koebel. The minutes for council meetings held on October 15th and October 27th were approved.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing encroachment of a property located at 215 North Ohio Avenue in the City of Fremont by approximately 8' on the west side of 215 North Ohio Avenue into the east side of North Ohio Avenue and declaring an emergency. Mr. Koebel shared with the council that he had spoken to the owner of the property and his intentions where to build over three quarter of a million dollar project and he would like to start before winter. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mrs. Kreilick. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mrs. Ruiz and Mr. Michles asked questions of both the owner and Mr. Ward. Mr. Michles stated that neighbors came to council earlier in the year about the property with no objections to expansion. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Kreilick and seconded by Mr. Michles. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2015-3791)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained it is an increase in the Engineering and the General Fund and the Clauss property. He requested suspension of rule 4 so a contractor could be put in place for the demolishing of the building. Mr. Koebel questioned why the building needed to be torn down. Mr. Smith explained that WSOS had toured the building but determined it was not the right fit and too many repairs need to be done. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2015-3792)

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz reported there will be a Block Watch meeting on the 16th at the East Side Fire Station.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely is waiting for Dr. McCaudy to get with him to speak at a meeting.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout nothing to report this evening.

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

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported that the Rec. Department is offering an event called Silver Sneakers for Senior Citizens. He reported that the Ice Rink is in full swing and sign ups are going on now for Winter activities.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Kreilick nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel he suggested that she reaches out with the new Mayor to attend and discuss the drug situation in Fremont. He then read a statement concerning the elections. He congratulated all those who were successful with their campaigns and thanked those who would be moving on with other careers. He spoke on the Ballville dam issue and stated that the citizens of Fremont had spoken. He thanked those who participated in the democratic process.

Mrs. Stout thanked the Parks Department for their work and also the Fire and Police Departments.

Mrs. Ruiz also congratulated those winning in the election. She stated she wanted to see Fremont move forward and welcomed the opportunity to work with the new Mayor and new members of council.

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Mrs. Kreilick had nothing this evening.

Mr. Knisely wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gross encouraged Mr. Tucker to go back and discuss with the Design Review Committee. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe traveling.

Mrs. Ruiz also wanted Mr. Tucker will get together with the committee and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Stout echoed the sentiment of other council members concerning the Design Review Committee. She wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mr. Koebel mentioned the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Central Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. on December 1st. He then read a statement from Terra State Community College that stated the report was misleading and based on misinformation.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Grahl wanted the council to know that the overall temporary budget may be misleading and will discuss this at the committee meeting on December 3rd. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ellis congratulated the Tree and Beautification Committee graduation ceremony from the Ohio Department Tree Academy. He personally congratulated Mrs. Charlotte Urban and stated he recommended that the Tree Beautification Committee budget for next year be increased to \$6,000 to beautify our community.

Department Heads

Mr. Smith nothing this evening.

Chief Foos looking forward to the tree lighting ceremony on December 1st and encourage everyone to come out.

Chief White wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and be sure to come out to the tree lighting ceremony.

Mr. Ward nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing this evening.

Mr. Koebel commented on Major Burke who represented Fremont at the Veteran Day Service on November 11th. He said it was a powerful presentation.

Public Comments

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. stated that there will be a tree lighting ceremony November 27th. She thanked Billy and Deb Bennison for donating the tree. She also thanked B&W Crane and KF Excavating for putting it up at no cost. That is the kick off of the holiday season downtown beginning at 6:00 p.m. Saturday will also be Small Business Saturday. The kickoff for the Santa Claus house and Down Thyme Cafe Restaurant is up and serving Thanksgiving Dinner. The Holiday Parade will be held on December 5th at 4:00 p.m. This will be the 25th year for the parade.

President Leake thanked the Design Review Committee and Mr. Tucker for coming out tonight. He wished Happy Thanksgiving to all.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President