

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO  
*Journal of Council*  
*December 3, 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: Ruiz, Stout, Gross, Knisely, Koebel, and Michles. Councilwoman Kreilick was absent. The minutes for council meetings held on November 19th were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease for the following described property (The Tree Farm Property) pursuant to Revised Code Section §721.03 and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Mandatory Fines Fund 252, Fines & Forfeitures Fund 253, DOJ Equitable Sharing Fund 254, Water Deposits Fund 520, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Demolition Security Fund 713, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance revising sewer rates beginning January 1, 2016 and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Oriana House, Inc. that began July 1, 2015 and will be terminating June 30, 2017 and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Res. 2015-1963)

Second reading of an ordinance to make temporary appropriation in the amount of \$107,557,488.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2016 Fiscal Year January 1 thru March 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis introduced Kathy Boukissen, the Director of Development at the Hayes Presidential Center. Mrs. Boukissen thanked the City of Fremont for their contributions and help to the center. She explained that in 2016 the Hayes Center will be the first Presidential Library that will have a Centennial Celebration. Family member of President Hayes from all of the country will be in Fremont for the celebration. This will be a great opportunity for the City of Fremont. The center is already in the process of putting together a new 1.3 million dollar project to enhance the center. The center would like to have The Ohio State University Band at the Memorial Day weekend celebration. She would like the city to consider contribution \$10,000 towards bringing in the band.

Committee Reports

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 Elks Lodge 169 Hoops Shoot will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rec. Center. Signups for all winter events are in full swing now.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Gross reported that there are two vacancies on the Zoning Board. Anyone interest should submit an application. He would also like to hold a LRO meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the next council meeting.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reported that Mr. Smith is continuing to work on a few projects and working on items where grants are available. He is continuing to work with businesses in the community to enhance Fremont.

Finance and Labor Committee - Chairman Michles reported there was a Finance and Labor meeting prior to today's council meeting to discuss the temporary budget.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated Dr. McCaudy would report to the council during the first of the year.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that the Beautification Committee was getting ready for the parade and asked that everyone support the parade. She also invited everyone to attend a Block Watch meeting on the December 14th at the St. John's Church at 7:00 p.m.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mrs. Stout thanked the crews for the getting the Christmas Lights up and how great the tree looks in front of the Fire Station.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Mrs. Boukissen for her presentation about the center and is looking forward to the Centennial Celebration.

Mr. Gross nothing this evening.

Mr. Knisely sent sympathy and prayers to the Stan Root family. He also said that Downtown Fremont is looking great. He encouraged citizens to shop Downtown Fremont first.

Mr. Michles commented on the manhole covers on Buchanan Street and asked Mr. Ward if they were concrete. He said that the work looked really good.

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Elected Officials

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl echoed Mrs. Ruiz sentiments and encouraged people to attend the Block Watch Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ellis thanked the Girl Scouts, Domestic Violence Committee, and the Fire Department for the tree lightening ceremony.

Department Heads

Mr. Smith nothing this evening.

Chief White nothing this evening.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Mr. Ward nothing this evening.

Public Comments

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. thanked those who attended the tree lighting ceremony on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Parade will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the parade and an anticipated 50 floats will be in the parade.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.