

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

November 17, 2016

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 Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Stout. The minutes for council meeting held on November 3rd were approved.

When asked if there were any additions to the agenda, Councilman Otte made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review negotiations of public employees with no council business to transact thereafter. Councilman Zilch seconded, and the motion carried 7 yea votes.

Before the agenda readings, President Hafford read a public notice from the Fremont City Planning Commission announcing a public hearing to be held on January 5, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 323 S. Front St. Fremont Ohio at 7:15 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to review the Commission's recommendation to allow an amendment to the zoning code and approve the proposed concept plan submitted by Terra Community College.

Third reading of an ordinance to make a donation of city dirt in the amount of \$11,500.00 to Rimelspach Farms and Produce Co. (Rimelspach) for the benefit and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3827

Second reading of an ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Fremont, Ohio and to amend or enact sections of the Traffic, General Offenses, and Fire Prevention Codes to conform to enactments of the General Assembly. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3828

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$366,762.00 for the Granular Activated Carbon Replacement Project and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained that granular activated carbon was lastly replaced in 2005. This ordinance will allow for a new layer to be placed in the plant and save the city money by making a lump sum payment now. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3826

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Muni Court Computer Fund 235, CCA Grant Fund 241, Ohio CDBG Fund 260, Sewer Operating Fund 570, Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and Internal Equipment Fund 601, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that the budget is being amended due to the Workers Comp. flux. The city can receive a 2% discount if the premiums are paid before January 3, 2017, with an estimated savings about \$5,000. Adjustments are made to each city department that have workers compensation premium. Mrs. Ruiz asked Mr. Grahl to explain the budget adjustments for City Council for the purchase of a new computer for the Council Clerk. He explained that the Auditor office is also seeking new computers for his department, along with upgrades necessary for the City's timekeeping and payroll software. Mr. Grahl explained that the other adjustments included upgrading the infra structure for the IT system to connect other city building to the one system. He also explained the Municipal Income Tax Fund increase due to House Bill 5 and the higher than expect contract service expenditures for RITA. The county community work program and handicap accessible doors at City Hall, Recreation Center and the Police Station are part of the CDBG Fund increase. There is also an increase in the Zoning department to alleviate the property on State Street. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3829

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte reported that a Finance and Labor Committee meeting was held in regards to the budget and the main source of revenue and distribution of income tax.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reminded everyone of the Holiday parade on December 3rd.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Ruiz announced that basketball registration is open at the Rec. Department. The Rec Department will have a Black Friday sale offering a 20% discount on membership. Beautification Committee converted all the planters to winter scenery.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announce that tentatively at the January 5th meeting Greg Edinger would give the council an update.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing to report this evening.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers stated that leaf pickup has begun. There will be a second round in the city. If you wish to bag your leaves please call the office and they will be picked up.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle thanked the Mayor for organizing the Heroin event that was held the night before.

Mayor Sanchez thanked the Auditor for doing a good job of explaining the budget adjustments and he thanked city council for suspending rule 4. He also commented on the event that was held and thanked everyone who attended. He stated that the City hired two new employees – Steve Stotz will be in the Park Department and Cody Bischoff at the Rec. Department.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl echoed what the Law Director and the Mayor said about the Forum. He thought it was a very powerful and emotional event. He also thanked the council for the budget adjustment and the suspension of rule 4.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mr. Taylor also agreed that the Forum was very powerful and he appreciated everyone honesty.

He believed that forums like last nights could bridge the gap and get help to those who need it. Mr.

Taylor explained that November was “No Shave November” for Men’s Health Awareness.

Mr. Zilch said that the Forum was very inspirational. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Stout also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She encouraged anyone who is seeking help for a loved one or an addict to speak to someone to start the process and use the resources that were discussed at the Forum.

Mr. Otte said the city was looking good but reminded the citizens that the blue garage and recycle containers are not supposed to be left out in the streets. He also encourages the city to get the inspector to take a closer look at some properties that needed cleaning up. Thanked the Mayor for organizing the Forum and great report in the News-Messenger. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Knisely stated that the city is looking great. He asked that Mr. Myers give an update on the Ballville Dam project.

Mrs. Ruiz also thanked Mayor Sanchez for organizing the Forum. She also thanked the Mayor and Larry Tullis for organizing the Veterans Parade. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Public Comments

Pastor C.J. Burel Brush Street also thanked the Mayor for the very heartfelt moving session.

He mentioned that he had spoken to the Mayor about the large number of homeless people in the city.

Pastor Burel wanted to know if the city did anything to help or thought on that problem. Mayor Sanchez said that there is a Sandusky County Homeless Coalition and he will reach out to them to see what resources may be available. He mentioned that in the past he has network with the shelter in Sandusky and also the Cherry Street Mission. He would research the problem and come up with a solution for those who need that resource.

President Hafford announced that the council would be entering into Executive Session.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.