

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

November 3, 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: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Knisely, Koebel and Otte. The minutes for council meeting held on October 20th were approved.

Before the regular meeting, there was a presentation from Kathy Boukissen, Director of Development of the Hayes Presidential Library. She thanked the council for their financial support in bringing the Ohio State University Band to Fremont for the Centennial. She then presented the council with a token of appreciation in the form of a framed picture of the Ohio State performance.

Third reading of a resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Management District. Tim Wasserman updated the council and gave an overview of the Solid Waste Management Plan. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2016-1994

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Water Operating Fund 510, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this was an appropriation and then the money would be moved into the Water Replacement/Improvement Fund. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2016-3824

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer from Water Operating Fund 510 into Water Replacement/Improvement Fund 541, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2016-3825

First 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. Mr. Melle explained that this ordinance basically just cleans up ordinances to reflect the changes in the state.

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 a resolution appointing two (2) representatives to serve on the City of Fremont's Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that ORC requires a housing council to be in place for the city's Reinvestment Areas. Representatives recommended from City Council are Kathy Stout and Dan Henning. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2016-1995

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reported that she and Mrs. Ruiz took two members of the Toledo Council of Government on a tour of our city. They were very impressed with our area and offered their services to help our city grow.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Ruiz announced the winners of the Halloween decorations for the Beautification Committee: 1st place went to Rick Wood Family at 1819 Court Street, 2nd place Donny C. at 336 Rawson Ave. and 3rd place 1114 Hamlin St

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report this evening.

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

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

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on November 14th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers stated that the city employees have been doing a great job. Streets, Fire, Parks, Water and Sewer Maintenance, and Police Departments have been receiving compliments. November 13th the Disc Golf will be having a tournament at Walsh Park. He stated that leaf pickup will be delayed one more week since there are still leaves on the trees.

Kristy Bilger thanked everyone for the Farmer Market Season. There will be a Tree Lighting on November 25th at 6:00 p.m. It is also the Santa House season. November 26th is designated as Small Business Saturday. December 2nd and 3rd is the Holiday weekend for the City and the Holly Jolly Parade will be December 3rd. She also mentioned the Veterans Parade on November 12th.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wanted everyone to exercise your right to vote.

Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl asked Mr. Otte about the Finance Committee Meeting that he would like to have on November 17th at 6:30 p.m. to review of the major operation funds of the city. Mr. Grahl wanted to do an overview of the major sources of revenue for the operation funds and what the amounts are.

Council Comments

Mr. Taylor encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He asked that you please educate yourselves on the issues and the candidates. He also gave his condolences to the Jim McGrady family.

Mr. Zilch also encouraged citizens to vote and to remember to thank a Veteran on November 11th for their sacrifice to protect our freedom.

Mrs. Stout thanked all the city crews for doing a great job.

Mr. Otte echoed what everyone else said about voting.

Mr. Knisely also mentioned that everyone should get out and vote. He stated that the city is looking good and thanked the administration for all their hard work. He ask that we continue to shop downtown Fremont.

Mrs. Ruiz congratulated Ben Fitzpatrick for receiving the Fire Fighter of the Year Award by the Fremont Exchange Club. She also complimented Chief Foos stating it was a reflection of his leadership. She also encouraged everyone to vote yes on the Fremont School Levy.

Mr. Koebel congratulated all the local athletes on their fall sport seasons and wished good luck to the winter athletes. He mentioned that Veterans Day is November 11th at the courthouse and that on November 12th there will be free breakfast for Sandusky County Veterans and their spouses from 8 until 11 a.m. He also gave his condolences to the Jim McGrady family. A memorial service will be held for him at 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. He complimented the administration on the wellness of Walsh Park and the upkeep and activity that takes place there. He also asked that citizens keep the leaves out of the streets.

Mrs. Hafford also gave her condolences to the McGrady Family. He and her father started a business together and the families have been involved together her whole life. Mr. McGrady was a great historian of Fremont Ohio and wanted Terry and Cecilia that they have her deepest sympathy

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Otte, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.