

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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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: Knisely, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Otto, and Taylor. Minutes from October 5th and October 9th were approved.

Before the regular meeting readings, Ms. Jennifer Spittler owner of the Copper Penny is trying to get her Sunday Sale Liquor License that is on the ballot and just wanted to ask for the councils support. Mrs. Ruiz commented that she visited the Copper Penny and stated she didn't think that it would cause any problems and saw no reason why they shouldn't be granted their request.

Third reading of an ordinance declaring a Medical Marijuana Dispensary a permitted use as long as it is located within a B (2) General Commercial District pursuant to the Zoning Code 1135.05 Business Uses to be categorized as a retail business or service, not otherwise specifically mentioned herein, and declaring an emergency. Prior to the vote, council members Kathy Stout and Angie Ruiz read from a letter sent to the council by Gibsonburg Mayor Steve Fought and his support for the ordinance. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3871

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$15,000.00 to Poggemeyer Design Group and declaring an emergency. On a 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. Res. 2017-2029

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Fines & Forfeitures Fund 253, Water Operating Fund 510 and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained all the adjustments to council on the ordinance. The major adjustment was explained that the city is working with a vendor to view and audit the telephone system. A combined savings of approximately \$62,000 has been identified by Spyglass.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,959.60 to Tidewater Products, Inc. and declaring an emergency. On a 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 Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2030

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Edward Kelly and Son's Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$260,140.00 for the 2017 Durbin Street Storm Sewer Improvements, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained to council that the project has been on hold since 2016 and that the county will help with the financial obligation on the project. The project is designed to redirect the flow to help with the flooding in that area. The contractor is ready to start as soon as possible so he is asking for council to suspend rule 4. Mayor Sanchez commented on the flooding situation and agreed that the project should not be delayed and further. On a 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 Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3872

First reading of a resolution approving the creation of a Housing Advisory Board and authorizing the Mayor to appoint its members and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Mayor Sanchez invited Dr. Webster from Terra State College to answer questions from council. He explained that the board is to serve the city in a variety of ways. Predominate to provide the city with a comprehensive plan regarding new housing in the community. In the future Terra will be housing over 200 students on the campus. The board would review the project and be part of the plan. Mayor Sanchez stated to council that he has been in conversation with Dr. Webster and others on how this board could be beneficial to the city. He stated that the board would reach out to experts that can help work in an advisory way for strategic growth of the county and the city. On a 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. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Res. 2017-2031

Liquor license TREX from Down Thyme Cafe to Moonshine Entertainment. On a motion to show no objections by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 no objection votes.

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated that she has enjoyed working with the Mayor, Mr. Frost, and Mr. Gross on Economic Development for our city.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reminded everyone of the Halloween Event called Trunk or Treat that will be held on October 28th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot. She reported that the Tree and Beautification Committee is accepting application for Fall and Lawn judging.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

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Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. stated the Farmers Market will conclude this weekend with the Harvest Happenings Event. There will be a parade of Clydesdale horses and many other interesting things going on. Kristy stated that she attend a Main Street USA event at the State Capital. She collaborated with many representatives and thought the event was very helpful to her and to making our downtown area the best that it can be.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost reported that the Thompson hill project is complete. He also stated that the city's departments are doing a great job.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foss joked that the only thing the police are first in is the department head reporting.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing further to report.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez stated that there will be a Cruzin' Car Show at Rural King this weekend beginning at 4:00 p.m. The expectation is over 150 cars will be present.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Taylor commented on the tour of the Water Reclamation Center. He stated that it was a great event and was thankful that it was put together. He said that the Classic Car Show this weekend would be a very fun event along with the Trunk or Treat event at the Rec. Center.

Mr. Zilch stated that Trick or Treat is on the 29th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Stout also stated that it was nice to see all the people at the Reclamation Center event. She commented on the cleanliness of the building and what a great job that Mr. Lamson and his crew are doing.

Mr. Otto thanked the fire and police departments for responding to a call for his Aunt. He asked administration about a box outside your house that only emergency personnel can get into the home.

Chief Foos said that the city already has a program in place and it is a minimal cost to place the box outside in your home and the only people who has access is the Fire Department.

Mr. Knisely thanked those involved with the development of Downtown. He thanked everyone for continuing to do a great job for the city of Fremont and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Mrs. Ruiz commented on the number of activities going on in our city. She announced that there is a new business on the eastside in the Applewood Plaza called Anytime Fitness. The Fitness Club is a 24 hour club and the person to talk to is named Brian. She encouraged everyone to enjoy themselves with all the festivities and Trick or Treating.

Mr. Koebel stated that he had the privilege of pick up some ladies from San Antonio, Texas and taking them to The Lady of Pines for a retreat. He gave them a tour of the city and they were amazed on how nice the town was. He asked questions about the Jackson Annex. Mr. Frost said there was no information, but Chief Foos said that the owner is cooperating with inspections. He asked about the stop light at Croghan and Front Street along with Hayes and Front and if they were going to be made 4 way stops. Mr. Frost said that they decided at the Traffic Safety meeting to postpone the decision on the Croghan Street until the Railroad has made it's adjustments on State Street. He said there was no discussion on the Hayes Street. He said that there was discussion on making Hayes a two way traffic but decided against it. Mr. Koebel asked about a mattress that on State Street across from Grace Lutheran Church. Mr. Frost said that the city will pick it up. He reached out to the Veterans to have their dog tags remanufactured for a cost of \$25.00 and put them on the bar table at the VFW.

Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.