

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:45 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, and Koebel. Councilmen Otte and Taylor were absent. Minutes from September 21st were approved.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revolving Loan Fund agreement with Jeff Fox DBA Fox's Painting & Paper and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revolving Loan Fund agreement with Gregory and Debra Kohler and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency for Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,500.00 to Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

First 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.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with National Light and Power in an amount not to exceed \$34,342.00 for the West State & Justice Street signal upgrade CDBG Project A-F-16-2BP-1, and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout stated that a committee meeting was held earlier and two new treatment programs will be coming to the Fremont area – Choices and Surepath.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz stated that Rec. Department is planning a Halloween Event called Trunk or Treat. The event will be held on October 28th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the parking lot. Registration for the winter sports is underway at the Rec. Center. The first weekend of ice skating is scheduled for the 27th of October. She reported that the Tree and Beautification Committee is accepting application for Fall and Lawn judging. Mrs. Ruiz thanked Steve Stotz and his department for picking up brush and helping to bring water to all their landscaping sights.

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

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Koebel stated that Chief Bliss is working diligently on a new program for Block Watch Committee.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Superintendents Dave Perin and Jon Detwiler from Bishop Hoffman and Fremont City Schools. They share the same vision for the community and believe that is what is best for all the kinds in Fremont is good for Fremont. Total enrollment for Bishop Hoffman is 435 and for Fremont 4,200.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. stated the Farmers Market would be Oct. 7th entitled Remember When. There will be viewing of the new apartments downtown and the opening of The Garrisons Beer Garden from noon to 6 p.m. which will be a hog roast. October 7th is the 10th anniversary of CoCo Beans in the Downtown area and October 14th will be the 15th anniversary of Rileys Closet. On October 8th Live Edge will have a Brunch Buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She mentioned that the last Farmers Market – Harvest Happenings on October 21st, they will be doing a parade of horses and they will have Clydesdale horses at the event.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost reported that the Ballville Dam Project is 99% completed for phase 1. He stated that grass has been seeded and the logs have been removed from the ice

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Chief Snyder stated that the hydrant winterization program has started. He reminded everyone that October 8th is Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Lamson invited the council and the community to attend the Open House of the Water Reclamation Center on October 14th from 9 to noon. There will be tours of the facility, information about the project, and refreshments.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez stated that the Mike Piero Event was a success and he hoped Chief Bliss would recover from the loss of the event and attend the next council meeting. He stated that he will be at the Advance Auto Parts store on the Eastside to help give away 150 pumpkins to children on Saturday October 7th.

Mr. Grahl acknowledge the hard work of the citizens of Fremont who are making repairs on their homes whether it is roofing, porches, sidewalks along Rawson Ave. He can see the efforts to improve their homes and the neighborhoods.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel stated that the Mike Piero Event was very nice turnout. He especially enjoyed the game between the Fire and Police Departments. He said that the Ice Control Structure looks very nice after the logs were removed. He encourages the citizens to stop in the VFW to take a look at the bar top when they are downtown for the Farmers Market on Saturday. He stated he like the new look of the minutes. He also asked that consideration be made to open up the sluice gates and let the water through at the dam. The report from the administration was that the gates were welded shut.

Mr. Zilch stated that Tuesday, October 10th was the last day to register to vote in the November election. He stated that Mr. Eric Vaughn was in the audience if anyone had question on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary. He thanked the city as a member of the Yacht Club for the ice control structures because the logs do not go down the river anymore.

Mrs. Stout apologized for not attend the last meeting. She was in Florida helping her mother with repairs after Hurricane Irma. Mr. Knisely thanked both Superintendents for coming to speak at the council meeting. He encourages everyone to continue to support Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Ms. Bilger for her effort in making Downtown Fremont such a success. She stated that she loves her job at council and enjoys doing it. Mayor Sanchez thanked Mrs. Ruiz for the enchiladas that she brought for his birthday. Then Mrs. Ruiz said that she and Mayor Sanchez were very lax, but it is Spanish Heritage month. Mayor Sanchez said that they will be in the elementary schools during the month to support.

Public Comments

Zach Pinkerton is a student ministry pastor at Grace Community Church introduced himself and shared with council what they had to offer students outside of the school. Every Wednesday night opened to between 350 and 400 students. Their new facility has basketball, pool tables, x-boxes, a cafe and more. The facility is a safe place for students to hang out and invited everyone to visit.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 5 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President