

## THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

### *Journal of Council*

*October 6, 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: Stout, Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, and Ruiz. The minutes for council meeting held on September 15th were approved.

Before the readings began, there was a presentation by Doug Bryant and Pastor Jose Rios. The two wanted the council to be aware of the organization Fremont Youth for Christ and their effort to help youth that are in the Juvenile Justice Center to give the youth an opportunity and a place to be mentored, receive support and direction in order to increase their chances of being successful. Their idea is call "Break Out." Currently the program is housed at Share and Care facility.

Second reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. 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. Res. 2016-1990

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont, to enter into the Bridge Inspection Program Services for PID no. 102544 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained that the city is responsible for 10 bridges in town. The State pays for the inspection with no cost to the City, however if repair is needed it will be the City's responsibility. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Otte and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2016-1991

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency for Fiscal Year 2016 community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and declaring an emergency. This is an annual grant program through WSOS. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2016-1992

First reading of a resolution Fremont city Council previously approved Ordinance No. 2016-3814 which approved cooperation with ODOT for a Micro-Resurfacing Plan and now hereby issues a Final Resolution approving the project and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2016-1993

First reading of a resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Management District. Mr. Myers explained to council that the three largest counties must all agree on the plan. Mr. Wasserman will be more than happy to come and explain.

On a motion to the Liquor License Transfer, council showed no objections.

#### Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Ruiz informed the citizens that Soccer, Fall Volleyball, and AAU Basketball will be in full swing at the Rec. Department. The ice rink preparations have begun, and that the first public skating is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. On October 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Halloween Skate and movies.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Tim Cullen, Superintendent for Bishop Hoffman Central Catholic who informed the council on the school. He explained that the school is diversified and open to everyone. He was very proud of the fact that with only 30 graduates last school year, the seniors received over \$50,000 in scholarship offers. Their Mission Statement is "To Reach and Teach the Mind, Body, Heart and Soul of Each Child to Bring Them Closer to God." He distributed the Fall Report for the school.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

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 October 10th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout mentioned the Manufacturing event at Terra that will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> for freshmen students.

#### Department Heads

Mr. Myers informed council that the ice control structure has 13 of the 15 pillars are finalized. He thanked Bruce Chambers for his drone work and displaying the process. He updated the council on the project and the conference call, and will keep the council posted when progress is made.

Mr. Schneider announced that the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> will be Fire Prevention week and reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors dates. He also stated that the Fire Department will begin visiting schools for Fire Drills.

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Kristy Bilger informed the council that the Farmers Market held on October 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success and thanked the Fire Department for bringing their 1928 Fire Truck. The market was the History Market. On display were some WWII Jeeps, older vehicles, and thanked everyone who attended the Farm to Table on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The last Farmer market will be October 15<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Pro Medica. There will be trick or treating, pumpkin carving, and painting. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> season of the event.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder asked Mr. Myers about the old green trash cans. The old cans can be placed on the curb and they will be picked up by Republic.

Council Comments

Mr. Taylor mentioned the Fun Day with the Cops and the event was a success. He mentioned the production of Young Frankenstein at the Community Theater and mentioned the Hurricane and his prayers for those in the path.

Mr. Zilch stated that it is getting dark, please watch out for kids. He stated that the Farmers Market was great.

Mrs. Stout complimented on the Farmers Market and the Farm to Table Events. She mentioned that the deadline for registration is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Otte mentioned his trip to the Amish country. He was very impressed with the carpentry and trades that are displayed in the towns. He wanted to encourage students to look into trade and craftsmanship. He encouraged parents to instill a work ethic in our youth today. He encourages the zoning commission to look into some of the housing units in the city that need attention.

Mr. Knisely thanked the city employees and encourage people to continue to shop downtown Fremont.

Mrs. Ruiz mentioned the new recycling bins and that the city of Fremont will benefit from it. Register to vote and consider voting for the school levy and our schools.

Mr. Koebel he also echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Ruiz concerning the schools. He also agreed with Mr. Otte on the trade skills and keeping the appearance of our community up.

Mrs. Hafford announced an event being held on October 9<sup>th</sup> called The Stand. The event is aimed on bringing attention to addiction. The event will be held at Birchard Park.

Public Comments

Tom Kerns 1520 Finefrock spoke about the school levy. He stated that he deemed this the opportunity to update our schools and a way to increase the economic development of our community. He said the project is very expensive but this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the State to help pay for the project. Please consider voting for the school levy.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Taylor, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.