

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

September 1, 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, Otte, Koebel, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on August 18th and August 22nd were approved.

Three items were added to the agenda, voted on and passed.

Before the readings commenced, Mayor Danny Sanchez presented Jack Ferguson with the Mike Piero August Employee of the Month Award.

First reading of a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail dispensary facilities within the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle addressed the council concerning the moratorium and the blocking of anything happening with this law that goes into effect on September 8th. The State does not have rules and regulation in place so the moratorium is in place for a year. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. (Res. 2016-1988)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign, and enter into contracts for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funding for 2017 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained that this was our annual application to apply for grants with the county for projects. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1989)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Zee Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$330,120.00 for the Haynes Street Waterline Improvements O.P.W.C Project and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen stated that the pricing for this project was just awarded and wanted to get the project under construction. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3822)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Midwest Compost, Inc., for an amount of \$410.00 per truck load for disposal of sludge from the Water Reclamation Center, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Taylor asked how many truck loads the city had per week. The answer was 5. Mr. Lamson stated that this would be less expensive than the pressing method we are currently using. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3823)

Council showed no objection to the liquor license stock transfers that was presented.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor called a committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. to discuss high electric bills.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch called a committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss an ordinance concerning.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on September 12th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout nothing to report.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Corey Stein from Terra State Community College. Mr. Stein reported that classes were back in session and that many activities are taking place. There are community education classes, and life learning classes offered. He discussed all grants and classes that are offered. He spoke on camps that were offered for the youth. Over the Memorial Weekend the Skilled Trades building was renamed the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trade Center. He spoke about the Northcoast Inland Trail. He thanked the college staff and the students for the great effort that they have put forth to make Terry State Community College the place that it is now.

Department Heads

Mr. Schneider reminded everyone that on September 11th a memorial service will take place in Gibsonburg for the dedication of their 911 service memorial and the city of Fremont would be planning a part in the ceremony.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing else to report.

Kirsty Bilger commented on the Dignity and Respect Event that took place downtown. It was very well received and a great time was had by all. The Lowes project has been completed. She reported that there would be an open course 5K Color Run this Saturday during the Farmers Market. On the 17th there will be a Jeff (Joint Effort for Fellowship) Night with several service clubs holding a food drive through October 31st. The Farmers Market would be used as a drop off point for food.

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Elected Officials

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Mayor Sanchez reported that the city will be putting out more information concerning the Trash Contract.

The Aggregation Program will have more information put out. Mayor Sanchez addressed Councilwoman Ruiz and explained that she felt her frustration concerning Rule 4 suspensions, but he assured her that they are trying to do the best job that they can to get the ordinances and resolutions to the council. Sometimes they items come up and in order to receive grants and help the city, it's necessary to submit the items and ask for suspension of Rule 4.

Council Comments

Mrs. Stout said that October 7th the Economic Development will be hosting a SMART Manufacturing Event for Freshmen High Students to be held at Terra. They are still looking for volunteers to help at the event. Please contact Karen at the Sandusky County Economic Development Office.

Mr. Otte stated that the Weekend Addition has free listings for events happening around Northwest Ohio. He said that was just a suggestion for organization to put in about fundraisers and events.

Mr. Knisely congratulated Mr. Ferguson on receiving the Employee of the Month Award. He thanked all city employees and administration for making the city the fine outstanding place it is.

Mrs. Ruiz addressed Mayor Sanchez concerning the suspension of many ordinances and resolutions. Commented on how nice the downtown area looks. She wished everyone a Happy and safe Labor Day.

Mr. Koebel congratulated Mr. Ferguson. He reminded everyone to support the fall athletes in our area. He reminded everyone of the Mike Piero Foundation Fundraiser this upcoming weekend and encouraged everyone to go down and support.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Mr. Ferguson. Wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and to remember September 11th. He asked people to be mindful of words that are said. When people do wrong and you say mean and hateful things, you need to remember that they still have families.

Mr. Zilch reminded everyone of the parade on Monday and Happy Labor Day.

Mrs. Hafford let everyone know that the memorial balloon relief took place last Sunday. It was a great event and a wonderful turnout. She said there were many inspirational speakers and it was very nice to see people come out and support the event. Her hope was to educate everyone on addiction. A rally will be held September 10th at the Share and Care Building. There will be speakers, a walk, and raffles. The Event is called Bridging the Gap.

Public Comments

Andy Brandon 247 St. Thomas Drive Parkers Purpose Organization is having a dinner at Down Thyme Café on September 24th. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds will go to benefit Parkers Purpose.

C.J. Burel thanked the city of Fremont for the benefit that was hosted by his son to help offset the cost for Ross High Athletes. The amount raised was around \$500.00. He said Big Burels Bar-b-que would be open for business Labor Day. He commented on the downtown looks.

Fred Recketenwald asked a follow up question about the liability of the dam. Mr. Melle said that there is insurance and the city is responsible at this time.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.