

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

January 2, 2014

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. In the absence of a President of Council and a President Pro Tem, the Clerk of Council called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Gross, Knisely, Kreilick, Koebel, Leake, Ruiz, and Stout.

Following roll call, the clerk turned the meeting over to the sitting council to elect a President Pro Tem.

Two council members were nominated. On motion by Gross, seconded by Knisely, Ruiz was nominated to fill the position. Leake was nominated by Koebel and seconded by Kreilick. Upon the roll call, Ruiz was elected by 4 yea votes.

The minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting were approved as written, received, and corrected.

On motion by Knisely, seconded by Leake, motion to re-appoint Joyce Huntley as clerk of council, motion carried 7 yea votes.

Ruiz then asked council members what they wanted to do regarding any possible changes to council's bylaws. On motion by Knisely, seconded by Gross, to keep the bylaws as is until further notice, motion carried 7 yea votes.

Ruiz then asked council about adding or deleting items to the agenda. Gross moved and Kreilick seconded a motion to go into executive session pursuant to ORC Sec. 121.22 (G)(4) for the purposes of preparing for, conducting, reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms of conditions of their employment with no business to result from the session. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for new school signage provided under the safe, accountable, flexible, efficient Transportation Equity Act, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$6,641.00 to the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA), and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1915)

Committee Reports

Since committee assignments were not yet made, there were no committee reports.

Council Comments

The mayor said snow removal within city limits were going well, but blowing was creating problems. He said he distributed a memo that explains an increase in the city's 2014 water rates. More discussion will be forthcoming, but these figures are the minimum the city can charge. He said he will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Jan 16 to discuss details of the rates.

Law Director Jim Melle distributed to council a copy of all the lawsuits against city, which he is obliged to do according to state law. He noted that the list is getting shorter.

Auditor Paul Grahl and council members Leake, Kreilick, Knisely, and Gross each congratulated new council members Koebel and Stout, saying they look forward to working with them. Gross also commended city crews for their work removing snow in the city.

Stout thanked all for their welcome, saying she looks forward to serving residents of her ward.

Koebel also congratulated Ruiz on her election success.

Ruiz thanked those who supported her and commended city crews for snow removal.

Public comments

None.

Council then went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. and returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President PRO TEM