

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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February 6, 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. President Pro Tem Angie Ruiz called the meeting to order.

New Council President Dallas Leake was then sworn in by Mayor Jim Ellis. Then Leake took his seat as President of Council.

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

The minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.

Leake then asked council about adding or deleting items to the agenda. Koebel moved and Kreilick seconded a motion to add items #13 to the agenda. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Then Kreilick moved and Gross seconded motion to add item # 14 to the agenda. Motion carried 6 yea votes.

Fremont School District Supt. Dr. Traci McCaudy made a presentation to council regarding the travel plans of the Safe Routes to School program. The program consists of non-infrastructure and infrastructure projects. Non-infrastructure projects include education, encouragement activities and enforcement activities. Tom Anway of Fremont schools explained the non-infrastructure projects. Tucker Fredericksen, Fremont city engineer, addressed the infrastructure projects, which include looking at each school's needs such as sidewalks for students to use, appropriate signage, and painting at street crossings. These items are included in the second grant application for this program. The school district has partnered with the city to receive the first grant. Second grant application is due March 3.

Tiffany Shaver, of WSOS CAC Inc. explained the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for City of Fremont. CHIP provides home repair/rehab to low-income residents in the city. A policy manual has to be adopted by city council and while there's one in place, some changes are needed due to changes in requirements by the funding source.

Second reading of an ordinance amending Sec. 131.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont regarding age limits and residency requirements of original appointees of the Fremont Police Department.

Second reading of an ordinance amending Sec. 133.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont regarding age limits and residency requirements of original appointees of the Fremont Fire Department.

Second reading of ordinance amending Ord. 2012-3605 from an amount not to exceed \$57,000,000 to an amount not to exceed \$64,000,000 for improvements to the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the mayor and the safety service director to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment with the construction firm MWH Constructors Inc. to allocate a portion of the \$64,000,000 designated in Ordinance 2014-_____ for an amount not to exceed \$5,866,955.73 for Phase 3, Component 1, and for an amount not to exceed \$51,201,045.42 for Phase 3, Component 2, for improvements to the Fremont water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,417.32 to Midwest Compost Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1919)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for the purchase of equipment, construction projects, street and bridge materials and repairs, and yearly supplies and services, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,687 to Mannik Smith Group, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1920)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$11,970.70 to Gabel Construction Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1921)

First reading of a resolution authorizing changes to and approval and implementation of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1922)

First reading of an ordinance to make a temporary appropriation in the amount of \$453,600.00 to Fund 261 Community Housing for expenses and expenditures for the City of Fremont FY 2013 CHIP during the period January 1 to March 31, 2014 for the City of Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3685)

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First reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with WSOS CAC Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$111,250 for administration and implementation of the CHIP and home program for the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as grant Nos. A-C-13-2BP-1, A-C-13-2BP-2 and S-C-13-2BP-1 require and, declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3686)

First reading of a resolution to provide all customary city services upon annexation to that parcel in Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, Ohio proposed for annexation by Sandusky County commissioners Res. 2014-37.

Committee Reports

Knisely thanked Supt. McCaudy for her informative presentation.

Leake asked council members to submit their request for the committee on which they'd like to serve. He also announced the procedures for the proposed annexation, which is in mayor's office for public review.

Council Comments

Koebel congratulated Leake on his appointment to the seat as President of Council. He added that he wants a return of the hard drives of computers of previous mayor's and administrators. Melle said the hard drives were sent to the state Attorney General. Then Koebel added that council does have not enough time for council/public to review the before mtg. Mayor said this meeting is to provide information before comments to the state are to be submitted. Comment period is set by law.

Stout congratulated Leake on his appointment and thanked city crews for snow removal.

Ruiz, Gross, Knisely, Kreilick, Melle, Grahl echoed Stout's comments. They also added that, in light of recent deaths of two Toledo firefighters, thanks are due Fire Chief Foos for the work of his departments.

Mayor Ellis reported on a new rental housing development off Buchanan St. by Herman Kittle properties in partnership with WSOS. He also selected MWH Constructors to evaluate options for the dam, which will be presented to the city for its examination such as hydro electric power and a drought plan. Kreilick asked questions regarding potential payment if the dam is removed through the use of water rates.

Safety Service Director Bob Ward reminded sidewalks must be cleaned by city ordinance and snow must not be thrown into the streets; three snow plows are broken, and due to cold temperatures, residents should keep an eye on the water meters, which get frozen. He added that there are three job openings now in city.

Fire Chief Foos reported the construction of two fire trucks ordered all on track and he will be able to inspect the trucks in March. He promised to keep council updated on the progress.

Then, Leake reminded residents to honor council's rules (three minutes per person) for public comments.

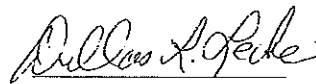
Public comments

Joe Michles of 1614 Birchard Ave., wanted to clarify information regarding the dam he said is being reported but which he believes is incorrect. He asked Tucker Fredericksen about the structural evaluation of the dam, who said the report on the dam's evaluation states the dam is stable. Funds to repair the dam may be available through a Dam Rehabilitation Act, which is federal funds, through the Great Lakes Restoration program and Lake Erie. He said he is expecting information shortly which will explain how the funds can be used. Then he asked what Stantec did for the city for \$11 million it was paid. The mayor told Michles he should make a public records request for the information because he, the mayor, does not have that information.

Leake thanked everyone for their good wishes as well as those who have helped him with the transition including the Democratic Party. He said he looks forward to working with the group.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Ruiz, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President