

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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February 20, 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 Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

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

The minutes of the February 6 meeting were approved as written and received.

Leake then asked council about adding or deleting items to the agenda. Gross moved and Kreilick seconded a motion to add items 11 regarding the city's 2014 budget to the agenda. Motion carried 6 yea votes.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3687)

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3688)

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 5-1 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3689) Kreilick voted no.

Third 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 2014-3689 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 5-1 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3690) Kreilick voted no.

Second 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.

Second 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.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and execute an application and, if successful, enter into a contract with Safe Routes to School funds through the state of Ohio, Dept of Transportation, in the amount of \$440,000.00, 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. 2014-1923)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a loan for construction, maintenance, and operation of a state water project or wastewater project on behalf of the City of Fremont for construction of Phase 3 of a wastewater treatment facility up to the principal sum of \$57,068,001.15 and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the safety service director to sign an agreement with the Ohio Dept. of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont, OH, to enter into the Bridge Inspection Program Services for PID No. 97103 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and execute an application and, if successful, enter into a contract with Safe Routes to School funds through the state of Ohio, Dept of Transportation, in the amount of \$30,000.00, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Stout, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1924)

First reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$40,270,478.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2014 fiscal year January 1 through December 31 for the City of Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency

Mayor Jim Ellis addressed council on the proposed budget agenda item saying that he would like council to have a meeting on March 6 at 6:30 so that he could explain the budget. Council agreed to meet at that time.

Committee Reports

Knisely reported that at the last Rec board meeting, the director announced that revenues have increased by \$16,000 to date and that the ice rink will close March 30.

Council Comments

Kreilick explained that she voted no on the two ordinances because the dollar amounts originally determined for the project were the same as noted in the ordinances.

Gross said he appreciates residents attending the March 19 public hearing on the dam.

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Ruiz said thanks to city crews for the tree that was removed from near her property.

Stout and Knisely thanked city crews for snow removal, both adding that they found public hearing on March 19 very informative.

Koebel asked mayor if progress was made regarding getting a videographer for council meetings, Mayor said he has spoken to several people who are interested in the job. Koebel added that he learned that the depth of frost in the ground is 4 feet, which has led to many water line breaks.

City Treasurer Holly Elder reported that an Eric Schmidt has approached her regarding the videotaping job. She added that council has to consider what it's willing to pay someone for the job. She said Vanguard career center could use its video students to do interships at city council meetings.

Mayor Ellis also thanked city crews for doing a good job on snow removal. He pointed out that one of the frozen lines was under newly constructed Fifth Street but city crews were able to fix the broken pipe without digging up the street. He reported that the Rec Dept has launched a GO program at Rec Dept that involves 50,000 cards to students in the county and added that he appreciated all council members attending public hearing on March 19. He said he has distributed information to all council members that cautions council about information regarding removal of the dam. He said he's in negotiations with Army Corps of Engineers. He said that the report from this group rejects Stantec's claim of loss of wetlands. He added that residents have no basis to say city has money to remove/repair the dam. In fact, the cost is unknown at this time.

Safety Service Director Bob Ward requested residents to clear catch basins in front of their homes to allow melting snow and rain to run off. He said that the real issues now are potholes. Street crews are doing best they can, he said, and added that a contractor is in town now removing trees.

Fire Chief Foos reported that he has been concerned about fire hydrants covered by snow and appreciated the newspaper's article that notified the public of this problem. He said he just received information about the state program that invites city leaders to participate in a firefighting exercise. Council members should let him know if they want to attend.

Public comments

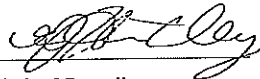
Joe Michles, 1614 Birchard Ave., pointed out that he has shared information from an email that he has received regarding funds to help city with reservoir and dam work for an ice structure, trench by reservoir, silt removal from dam and its removal.

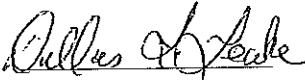
Mark Chudzinski, Old Plank Road, said he attended March 19 public meeting and feels there is inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the EIS report. He said he does not believe many of the claims in the report.

Fred Recktenwald, 1504 McPherson Blvd., reported that he found one city that has hydro electricity from a dam which provides that community with only about 4 percent of the city's needs, and that regarding the reservoir not having enough water for the city, there were only three occasions of low flow in the area in the past 60 years. He said that even considering the worse low flow day and plugging in actual usage, the reservoir will have lots of water for the city.

Leake said he appreciated the work of city crews to keep city functioning during the snow storms and appreciates information on dam shared at this meeting. He added that the Fremont NAACP has scholarship dinner on March 8 at VFW to help students attend college, the Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest is Feb 27 and encouraged everyone to attend.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


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