

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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March 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 Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

Newly appointed council member-at-large, Joe Michles, was sworn in by Leake.

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

The minutes of the February 20 meeting were approved as written, received and corrected.

Leake then asked council about adding or deleting items to the agenda. On motion by Gross to enter into executive session and seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. Executive session was requested to discuss negotiations with no action resulting.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3691)

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1925)

Second 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. On motion by Kreilick, seconded by Michels to amend the amount in the ordinance to \$58,068,001.15, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1926)

Second 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. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1927)

Second 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.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$13,500.00 to Lynnwood Kennels, Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Stout, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Michles, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1928)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to give consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont for the resurfacing of the portion of SR 412 which is within the city limits, for PID No. 88503, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1929)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with the construction firm MWH Constructors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$10,700,000.00 including preconstruction stage compensation in an amount not to exceed \$355,740.00 for the Fremont Ballville Dam 2013 Project in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion by Michles, second by Ruiz, to amend the ordinance to include language to say explore options to repair or remove the dam, motion carried 7 yea votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$9,355.50, and declaring an emergency. This funding from a grant wiersma applied for in 2013. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1930)

Committee Reports

Leake distributed committee assignments then asked those members who were past committee chairpersons to report on committee work.

Koebel said the Rec Dept will host the Fremont Home Show March 7-9 and encouraged residents to attend.

Council Comments

Michles said he wants to work with all council members to improve the city and he's willing to share whatever information he has.

Kreilick welcomed Michles to council and her nephew who is a BGSU student.

Gross thanked the police department for breaking up a meth lab in the city.

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Ruiz commented on rule 4 saying she knows that this has been a problem in past, but she wants the community to know that this council is well informed as to reasons for using rule 4

Stout thanked the mayor, Ruth Gegorski and others for explaining the use of rule 4 and congratulated Police Chief Tim Wiersma on the department's acquisition of the new K-9 officer.

Koebel reminded everyone about the NAACP's scholarship dinner on March 8.

Knisely and all other council members and city administrators welcomed Michles to city council.

The mayor said he met with county commissioners regarding the consolidation of the county courts. Discussion centered on Ballville residents going to the court in Clyde court while those from Sandusky Township would go to Woodville's. This, he said, would have great impact on the community and there may not be a need for a full-time judge. He added that he is looking into applying for a grant to pay for studying the possibilities. He said he has already applied for disaster relief reimbursement of up to \$700,000 and, while the city has already been approved, he is not sure about the amount the city will receive. Also, he informed council that the former Players Club has opened, but its operations have changed. Law Director Jim Melle clarified that the city neither approves nor disapproves of the business, the city is allowing the state's Attorney General to make the decision. He said he has discussed with Dan Henning the possibility of Henning returning to videotape council meetings for the same fee as before. He asked that council meet at 6:30 p.m. before next council meeting to hear a presentation from MWH Constructors and added that the city is hiring someone who could help with the responsiveness to water department's calls.

Wiersma thanked the state for its assistance in dismantling the meth lab discovered within city limits.

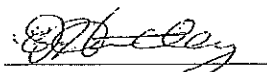
Public comments

Fred Recktenwald of McPherson Blvd suggested council tape-record its meetings.

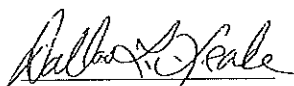
Leake welcomed Michles and reported that Tom Kashmer has informed him that his Scout Troop plans to build a bird-watching kiosk. He also thanked the mayor for his budget presentation at the meeting prior to the council meeting and thanked the police department for its work in keeping the city safe.

Council then entered into executive session at 8:49 p.m. and the regular council meeting was re-convened at 9:15 pm

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Gross, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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Council President