

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

March 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, Koebel, Kreilick, Michles, Ruiz, and Stout.

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

Leake then asked council about adding or deleting items to the agenda. On motion by Michles, seconded by Koebel, to table # 2 on agenda and have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at next meeting, motion failed 2 yeas votes to 5 nays.

Third 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. On motion by Kreilick, seconded by Ruiz, to amend the total amount of the 2014 budget, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Michles voted present. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely motion carried 6 yeas votes. Michles voted present. (Ord. 2014-3692)

Second 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 pre-construction 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.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor and safety service director to enter into an employment contract with the International Association of Firefighters representing lieutenants, captains, and firefighters of the city department, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Kreilick, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2014-3693)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor and safety service director to enter into an employment contract with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees representing all full-time employees in the Parks Department, Street Department, Water Treatment Plant, Water Pollution Control Center, Water and Sewer Maintenance Department, Engineering Department, and Water Service technicians in the Utility Billing Office, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Stout abstained. On motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Stout abstained. (Ord. 2014-3694)

### Committee Reports

Michles explained that he voted earlier because he felt he did not have enough information about the budget to make a decision. Koebel said the ice rink at the Rec center will close March 30 and the Go campaign the Rec center is conducting starts April 1. He added that there is a dog park at rec center available now and that two seasonal workers will be hired at the center soon.

Kreilick reported that she appreciated the information provided at the committee meeting prior to council meeting.

### Council Comments

Koebel thanked MWH Constructors for the information they've provided regarding the repair/removal of the Ballville Dam, adding that he is looking forward to seeing their report. He also thanked the mayor and administration for their work to develop the current budget.

Stout thanked city crews again for snow clean up recently, and explained that she abstained from voting on the AFSME contract because she is a member of that union and her son is a president of local group.

Ruiz thank community for support of families of the recent murder victims.

Gross thanked the police department for their response and handling of the shootings and murders.

Knisely also thanked the police department for their work in the murder investigation and to MWH for their earlier presentation.

Kreilick said she respects and appreciates Michles for his concerns and also respects city administration and, since most of council doesn't have that personal knowledge about the topic, she feels she has to put faith into the city administration to do its best.

Michles expressed condolences to family of murder victims, saying he hopes the community continues to support the family. He also thanked MWH for the earlier presentation.

The mayor said that on behalf of citizens he sends condolences to the families of murder victims, saying that the deaths really hit home and hurt the community. He also thanked the police department for capturing the accused quickly and thanked the the clergy association for the memorial service. He reported that the city and county will compete in a blood drive on March 21, that Devin Pollick has resigned from the Rec center, and that the Rec director will present to council ideas on restructuring the department so that it complies with other rec departments, and he thanked MWH for its earlier presentation.

Safety Service Director Bob Ward said the Hayes Avenue project will begin shortly; that trees are being taken down around city and wood from trees on homeowner property belongs to the homeowner. He added that Matt Demchader was hired as a...

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Police Chief Tim Wiersma said he appreciates the positive comments about the murder investigation and that the investigation continues.

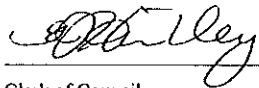
Asst. Fire Chief Snyder reported that information on the Feel the Heat program was distributed to all council members and that a visit to check on the manufacture of a new fire truck the department ordered will be made shortly and that all council is invited to attend.

### Public comments

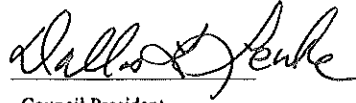
There were no public comments.

Leake sent condolences to the families of the murder victims, saying he appreciated the community's outpouring of support and the police department's ongoing investigations. He added that the community lost a familiar face recently with the death of George Mullen who worked at the School of Hope. He also thanked MWH for its presentation and welcomed back Dan Henning who has resumed videotaping council meetings.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President