

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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April 3, 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, Michels, Ruiz, and Stout.

The minutes of the March 20 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third 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. Mayor said the only firm cost now is the \$355,740.00. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Michles voted present. (Ord. 2014-3695)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 and Fire Equipment Fund 420, 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 Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3696)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the repayment of an advance of \$550,000.00 from the Fire Equipment Fund 420 to the Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, 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. (Ord. 2014-3697)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$13,492,448.38 for fiscal year 2014 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio, 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. (Ord. 2014-3698)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Fremont Fire Department to sign and enter into an agreement for mutual aid emergency services with member agencies of the Sandusky County Fireman's Association, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Michles, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1932)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the safety service director to purchase 100% for the Summer Fill contract and a minimum of 90% up to a maximum of 110% for the Winter Use contract of the estimated salt tonnage requirements of the City of Fremont for 2014-15 through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation's contract for sodium chloride, waiving competitive bidding, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3699)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,410.00 to Clemans-Nelson & Associates Inc., 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 Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1933)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor and safety service director to grant pay increases to, and modify the fringe benefits of, non-union employees of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Koebel, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3700)

First reading of an ordinance to accept the application annexation for the parcel being part of lots 1 & 2 of the O.E. Ball subdivision in Section 26, T-5-N, R-15-E, Sandusky Twp., Sandusky County, State of Ohio, containing 6.4819 acres, more or less, approved for annexation by the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners Res. 2014-37 and to adopt the recommendations of the assistant engineer for the interim zoning of the area to be B-1-2 General Industrial District.

Committee Reports

Koebel reported that the Rec Board's next meeting is scheduled to be at the Rec center on April 8.

Stout encouraged council members to participate in the tour on April 14. Mayor Jim Ellis introduced new Economic Development Director Joe Smith, who said he is excited about the Big Fremont project and looks forward to working with city employees and city council.

Kreilick reported that she had a second meeting with MWH Constructors regarding the Ballville Dam project which had developed some timelines for the project. She said a public hearing will be scheduled and the group will make a presentation to council at a meeting in June.

Council Comments

Kreilick welcomed Joe Smith, saying she looks forward to working with him. All other council members also welcomed Smith. Stout and Gross thanked the mayor for the update on the Heinz and Warren Buffet deal. Stout had some questions regarding the tree crews leaving a mess in homeowners' properties, and added she did not realize it was not crew's job to clean messes.

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Koebel had a question regarding mutual aid for police assistance similar to the fire department's. Police Chief Wiersma said he discovered that there is an agreement through a city ordinance, but the ordinance needs to be updated. He added that the city working on better sound system for council meetings and remind residents to be aware of children and others on bikes skates and added a reminder of the dog park at Eastside Park.

The mayor reported that WPCC loan was approved so the third phase can proceed now; the city chose to extend trash pick-up with Fultz; the city's 2-year election for electric aggregation runs out soon and a new 6-month contract will allow residents to opt out now.

Safety Service Director Bob Ward reported that there have been 215 applications for the open positions at the Rec Center and the Waste Water Treatment facility. He added that tours of the city departments are available to council members if they would like a tour.

Fire Chief Foss updated council on the construction of the two fire trucks ordered last year.

Public comments

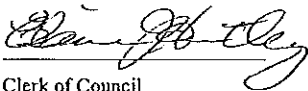
Larry Morgan, 1837 CR 71 Fremont, said he is concerned about out-of-state contractors who take his tax dollars out of the community. He's interested in seeing businesses which come into the city hire local residents. Mayor responded that city can only control some activities and cannot control who contractors hire.

Dan Sanchez, 113 N Buchanan St., said he attended the meeting with his aunt, owner of the Last Call bar where the recent triple fatality took place. He said on behalf of his aunt, he wanted to thank the city, council and Police Department for their support and work during the recent tragedy. He added there is no re-opening date yet for the business, but there is construction ongoing now at the bar.

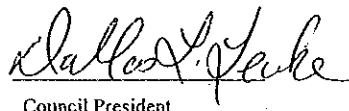
Melanie White, 1000 South St., and director of the local NAMI, asked that council and county residents support the mental health levy on the May 6 ballot.

Leake said he wanted to give a shout-out to Gross who got sympathy cards for the victims of the triple fatality signed by all council members; he encouraged all to support the mental health levy; said there is need for a council representative to the Beautification Commission and the Citizen's Relations Committee; Tom Kashner wants to put a kiosk at the reservoir and he will invite him to make a presentation to council. Ward added that he has had requests from Boy Scouts of America to also to do a project at the reservoir.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



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Council President