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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: Knisely, Koebel, Kreilick, Michels, and Stout.

The minutes of the April 3 meeting were approved as written and received.

Presentation by Andrew Brown, the Asst. Director of Sandusky County Park District to explain the \$3,055 grant the city received from the park district. The Rec Dept had applied for the grant for diving boards and racing lines for the pool. Brown explained that the park district has distributed more than \$0.5 million since the inception of the grant program and the city has received many grants as a result.

A presentation by Rec Center Supt. Molly Bauman explained the department's re-alignment of the Rec Dept. coordinator position to the actual job duties. She said a facilities/program supervisor position will be established then 2 recreation programmer positions will be added, all to replace the former position. This re-alignment will help the center to save money in the future and provide a possible succession plan. The facility/program supervisor will be supervised by the superintendent and will be paid up to \$45,000.

Second 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-I-2 General Industrial District.

First reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage of State Issue 1, the renewal of the state Capital Improvements Program, and declaring an emergency

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within sewer improvements Fund 590 in the amount of \$51,201,045.42 for Component 2 of Phase 3 improvements to the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Mid Ohio Sludge Management Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$106,260.00 for 2014 Spent Lime Lagoon cleaning, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the position classification plan and the employee compensation plan for non-union employees to include revisions to the positions of Recreation Facility/Program supervisor and Recreation Coordinator, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$12,000.00 to Mannik Smith Group, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage of the Sandusky County Mental Health levy, and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Koebel the Rec Board met and the Rec Dept will be interviewing for lifeguards and other seasonal workers soon. He encouraged interested residents to apply; that slow-pitch softball was added to the summer sports schedule and a job fair will be May 8 at the rec center.

Council Comments

Koebel reminded residents of community gardens across Streacker Sales on Fifth St. and added that those interested in participating this year should call the Rec center for information; he added that he was impressed with the recent tour of Crown Battery and that former resident Kevin Huntley is conducting a football camp June 18-20 for area students. He added that he will miss the next council meeting since he will be on a European tour at that time.

Stout reported that she was happy to see the Parks Dept cleaning up dead trees around the city and added that she learned much from the tour of Crown Battery.

Knisely also said he enjoyed the tour of Crown Battery.

Kreilick thanked Hal Hawk for Crown Battery, which hires many local residents. She also thanked the Michaels who have published a third book that shows a panoramic pictorial of the city of Fremont.

Michels remind residents to pay attention while driving so as to avoid children who may be running out into the streets due to the warm weather.

Mayor Jim Ellis said residents had until April 21 to pay city taxes because the RITA website crashed on April 13 d due to the volume. He added that the new Economic Development Director will be housed at the eastside Fire House. He thanked the service staff who helped make the office available; reported that the city received \$75,000 of disaster relief funds; encouraged residents to support

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State Issue 1 on the May 6 ballot, explaining that this is important to the city; also encouraged residents to approve the Mental Health levy on the same ballot.

Grahl reported all went well at city hall on Tax Day, Apr 15, for residents who needed help with income tax returns.

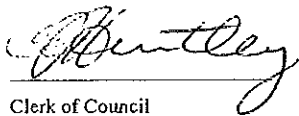
Safety Service Director Bob Ward reported that the Hayes Ave waterline extension project is three-quarters done; that mowing around the city will start soon; that vandalism is showing up again so he asked that residents lookout and try to stop it since it costs the city a lot for its clean up.

Koebel asked a question on behalf of a resident regarding what kind of work is ongoing in the Wood Street area to which SSD Ward said it was probably work by Columbia Gas.

Public comments

Leake said he will miss the May 1 meeting and that President Pro Tem Ruiz will facilitate the meeting. He added that Tom Kashner attend the May1 meeting to explain what he wants to do regarding a bird kiosk at the reservoir; that the Crown Battery tour was good and was happy to hear that the business hires local vendors.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 5 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



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Council President