

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

May 1, 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 Pro Tem Angie Ruiz called the meeting to order since President of Council Dallas Leake was absent.

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

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved as written and received.

Mike Van Der Laar of St. Ann's Scout troop addressed council regarding building a bird kiosk at the reservoir. He said he is a Life Scout working on his Eagle rank. He plans to build a kiosk with bulletin board that will include recent bird sightings schedules and other information at the reservoir. This area is a stopover point on their migration and it's great to have habitable areas for the birds, Birding brings thousands of people to the area. Reservoir will bring water birds and people to the area. He will do all planning and, with the help of his troop, will build the kiosk. The kiosk will be identical to those put up by Sandusky County Park District and will be made of treated lumber so it can last. It has to be done by his 18th birthday but hopes to be done by summer.

Travis Cook addressed council regarding building bird houses at the reservoir every 600 ft. around reservoir – about 20 altogether. These will be for tree swallows and bluebird nesting. He will use posts from ODOT since they are durable as well as stainless steel screws & hinges so that they don't rust. His troop will help build and plant the bird houses at the reservoir. He's getting people to sponsor each birdhouse to help pay for the \$25 per house cost. Sponsors should contact Travis at 419- 334- 697.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3701)

Second reading of a resolution by the Fremont City County endorsing and supporting passage of State Issue 1, the renewal of the state Capital Improvements Program, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes to one nay. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion failed 4 yea votes to 2 nays.

Second 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. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion failed 5 yea votes to 1 nay. Michaels voted no. At that point the mayor, and several others spoke on the need for these funds to available now to move the project forward, especially since the funds were already budgeted and approved in the budget. After re-considering the ordinance, Kreilick moved and Michels seconded a motion to allow council to vote again on the suspension of rule 4. On the re-vote to suspend rule 4 made by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3702)

Second 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.

Second 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. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Stout, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3703)

Second 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.

Second reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage of the Sandusky County Mental Health levy, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1933)

First reading of a resolution designating US Bank as a financial institution for depository of funds for Fremont, Ohio, pursuant to Chapter 135 of the ORC and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1934)

First reading of an ordinance establishing a new fund for the Police Dept. for the Dept of Justice Equitable Sharing Program, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize & direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a 2015 4300 SBA 4x2 truck from Nollenberger Truck Center, for an amount not to exceed \$66,012, 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 Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3704)

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First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Gen Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Criminal Justice Fund 255, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Gross, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3705)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to approve and sign amended rules and regulations of the Fremont Fire Dept, and declaring an emergency. Foos said rules and regulations are outdated and need to be addressed to comply with new Ohio laws.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize & direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a 2014 John Deere model 310SK wheel loader backhoe from Buck & Knobby's for an amount not to exceed \$81,573 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 Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3706)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to buy a 2015 Terra SFA 4x2 truck and dump bed full package installed with a pre-wet system from Nollenberger Truck Center for an amount not to exceed \$83,743, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3707)

Committee Reports

Michles called for a Finance Committee meeting on June 5 at 6:45 p.m. before the public hearing of the annexation request for Crown Battery property at 7:15 p.m.

Stout reported she met with Economic Development Director Joe Smith and hopes to push Big Fremont committee to start its work. She said she will meet with mayor soon to discuss that possibility.

Ruiz reported that Police Officer Ty Conger is holding a meeting at Pit Stop on May 3 at 4 p.m. to discuss unfavorable activities in the area of the Pit Stop such as the incident where a child found a gun in Stamm school area. Police Chief Wiersma advised that if anyone finds a gun, in spite of the urge to pick it up, he/she should not touch it, but should report it to the Police Department.

Council Comments

Kreilick thanked residents and the administration for information regarding the need for the mental health levy to be approved which helped her with her vote on the ordinance.

Knisely encouraged everyone to support the mental health levy and to vote on Tuesday, May 6.

Gross thanked the Safety Service Director for the tour of the city which improved his understanding of the city operates. He is concerned about the gun is found near the school and asked residents to pay attention when driving city streets so as to keep children safe. Also, he encouraged voters to approve the mental health levy saying that as a counselor he is concerned that the area has little resources to provide services to those who need mental health assistance.

Stout also urged voters to approve the mental health levy and thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their work to keep residents safe because she believed the two groups do not get enough praise.

Ruiz wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and reminded residents to be aware of children who may run into the streets. Also, she encouraged voters to support the mental health levy.

Law Director Jim Melle and the mayor also urged support of the levy.

The mayor thanked the Beautification Commission for the Arbor Day celebration as well as the group responsible for the World Day of Prayer activity. He also reported that ODNR had added 10,000 yellow perch to the reservoir and he complimented the spirit of cooperation among city departments.

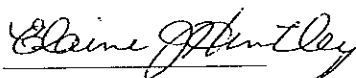
Auditor Paul Grahl asked that residents be aware of kids on streets and added his concerns about a child finding a gun near Stamm school then urged voters to approve the levy.

Mayor will see signs placed in area in 60 days.

Safety Service Director Bob Ward reported that the city has received the last chapters of Big Fremont plan and it's on target for a June 20 release.

Public comments

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President Pro Tem