

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

July 3, 2014

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:41 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President of Council Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

First order of business was the swearing in of the new council clerk. President Leake administered the oath to Stephanie Martin while her husband James Martin held the bible.

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

President Leake asked that if anyone had corrections to the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting that they are submitted to the new clerk for corrections as the previous minutes were submitted in a scanned format and could not be corrected until retyped by new clerk. The minutes will be approved and adopted at the next council meeting.

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with MWH Constructors Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$397,931.00 for consulting services in support of the project to improve the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Michels questioned the addition to the original contract. Mayor Ellis explained that the cost was a separate contract which would save the city \$200,000.00. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Michels, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2014-3718)

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order with the engineering firm MWH Americas Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$470,000.00 for construction services to improve the Fremont Water Pollution control Center in Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2014-3719)

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order with the engineering firm Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for an increase in the project budget amount not to exceed \$11,500.00 for the Ballville Dam Project NEPA compliance in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion failed 5 – 2. Michels and Koebel voted no.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriation within Sewer Improvements Fund 590 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing repayment of the advance of \$3,700,000.00 from Sewer Improvements Fund 590 to Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into an extension to the Sanitary Sewage Collection and Treatment Agreement between the city and the county through December 31, 2014, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained that the current sewer agreement with the county expired 7/1/14. The city was in negotiations with the county now and hopes to reach an agreement by the end of the year. The Mayor also stated it was his hopes to have Mr. Warren conduct a workshop with the city council on rate models. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion carried 6-1. Michels voted no. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion carried 6-1. Michels voted no. (Ord. 2014-3720)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. For an amount not to exceed \$104,761.73 for installation of a gas line to improve the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center Project in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. The Mayor explained the WPCG gas line was not sufficient to operate the new plant and the price in the ordinance was the best deal the city could get and that Columbia Gas would do the installation. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2014-3721)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Operating Fund 570 and Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency.

First reading an ordinance to transfer \$949,696.05 from Sewer Fund 570 to Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michels nothing to report

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick nothing to report

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely read a prepared report from Bishop Hoffman Catholic School Systems. The report stated that the school had a successful year and that student, staff, and parents worked together to develop and reach high standards in Academics, Athletics, and service to others and faith.

Law, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross explained that a committee meeting was held earlier that night and discussion was held about the Internet Café fees. After a variety of opinions the issue was tabled and will be revisited at a committee meeting on August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout stated that she was impressed with the Big Fremont presentation that was presented to the public by Mayor Ellis and Economic Developer Joe Smith. She said there was a lot of positive comments and two positive editorials in the newspaper. She said that it was a great start to the project.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel nothing to report

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Council Comments

Gross – Welcomed Mrs. Martin and also commented on the June 20th Mayors luncheon. He also asked the community support the 4th of July parade.
Knisely – Complimented the city on the appearance of all the parts, thanked Mrs. Martin for a job well done, and asked community to support parade.

Ruiz – Wished everyone a safe and happy 4th. Also stated that she witness a truck driving backwards down the street, she wanted to call the police but didn't. Chief Wiersma insured her that it would not be happening again they had spoken to the owner of the vehicle.

Kreilick – Eloquently stated that she had much pride in our country and the independence that we have today, the State of Ohio and Fremont. Hoping everyone enjoys their holiday and community activities that would be going on.

Stout – Welcomed Stevie to new position also echoed Mrs. Kreilick's pride in Country, State, and Community and said that the parade would be well worth the effort of attending.

Michels – Welcomed Mrs. Martin and reminded the audience that it is summer and to be extra careful to keep an eye out for bikers, joggers, and especially children.

Koebel – Stated that he would not be at the next council meeting he would be traveling out west. Wished everyone a happy 4th. Stated that we were lucky that Dan Henning worked well with the city in recording council meetings and parades for those who are unable to attend to see. And reminded those citizens with dogs to utilize the east side dog park. He also reminded citizens of the upcoming park concerts and applauded Mrs. Kreilick on her comments. Also thanked Stevie for a job well done.

Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle – Wished everyone happy 4th. Commented on the fact that we have representatives from Fremont participating in the Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Leake said that he had notified his son who lives in Des Moines so he could go to the meet.

Mayor Ellis – Thanked Mrs. Martin. Update quarterly on schedule, budget, liquids project in fall. He sent via email the information to council. He gave updates on the plant and stated that he would like to hire a contractor to train employees and develop programs for the 21st century plant. He stated once the plant goes online there is no turning back. The plant will have to remain problem free and in compliance for 8 consecutive days before contractors would leave. He also told the council that perhaps the first meeting in October the GMP3 would be brought back before council. He commented on the Balleville Dam and stated that the Section 404 was filed and that a 30 day comment period with the Army Corp of Engineer had begun. He stated that it took 70 trucks to pour concrete for the WPCC.

Mr. Grahl – Welcomed Mrs. Martin, stated he was jealous of Mr. Koebel and his trip, and invited everyone to enjoy the activities in the community for the holiday.

Chief Wiersma – Reported that Officer Dorsey was doing well and returned to light duty. He would be in the lead car for the parade.

Mr. Smith – Nothing

Chief Foos – Reminded citizens that it is still illegal to discharge fireworks in the State of Ohio. \$1,000 fine and up to 30 days in jail. Wished everyone a safe and happy 4th and to look for the new fire truck and the 1928 truck in the parade.

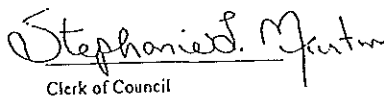
Mr. Ward – Happy 4th and welcomed Mrs. Martin

President Leake – Stated that he had the pleasure of touring the water treatment plant and reservoir with Mr. Ward and he found the tour very interesting. Mr. Koebel stated he had viewed a nature program on PBS about the Salmon not returning to the rivers after dam structures were removed and referred that and wondered about our Walleye. Mayor Ellis stated that citizens had noticed a decline in the ramp at the reservoir it was because of the high nitrates in the water and that hopefully the water would be pumped back in and ramp up. President Leake also wished everyone a happy 4th and thanked and welcomed Mrs. Martin.

Public Comments

James Martin 412 Vine Street Fremont, Ohio stated that he just wanted to thank whoever was in charge of putting on the baseball youth tournaments at the park the past weekend. He was truly impressed with the number of participants and that he took much enjoyment in watching this generation enjoying the park.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President