

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
August 7, 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 of Council Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

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

The minutes for council meetings held on July 17th and July 24th were approved as written and received.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriation within Sewer Improvements Fund 590 and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3724)

Third 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. Mr. Michles asked for clarification on the difference between Funds 590 and 570 in which Mr. Grahl explained. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3725)

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Operating Fund 570 and Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3726)

Third reading of an ordinance to transfer \$949,696.05 from Sewer Fund 570 to Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Michles asked how much would be left in the Sewer Operating Fund; Mr. Grahl explained and said it would be right around \$12,000,000.00. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3727)

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Law Director to send a letter to the Sandusky County Auditor's Office vacating liens on the real estate tax duplicates against parcel no. 34-50-00-0120-00 in the amount of \$3,200.00, against parcel no. 34-50-00-0120-01 in the amount of \$3,200.00, against parcel no. 34-50-00-0120-02 in the amount of \$3,200.00, against parcel no. 34-50-00-0121-01 in the amount of \$3,200.00, and against parcel no. 34-50-00-0121-02 in the amount of \$3,200.00, for a total of \$16,000.00; said letter is contingent upon proof of purchase of the above parcels by Discover Fremont, Ltd. the addresses being 108-110-112-114-116 Front Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420, currently owned by Abdo Industrial Services LLC and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion failed 5-2, Michles and Koebel voted no. Mr. Koebel stated his no vote was based on being approached by a citizen with opposition on suspending Rule 4. He asked Mr. Kerns if there was a rush to purchase the land. Mr. Michles said he thought the idea was good but the purpose of the council meetings was to let the public be able to state their oppositions to ordinances and he saw no need to suspend rule for on this matter. President Leake stated although he appreciated Mr. Koebel and Mr. Michels opinion on suspending Rule 4, he suggested that for a project to benefit the city we need to take that into consideration.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$18,000.88 to Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD., and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained that the ordinance was written because there was an oversight in getting a purchase order in for the Water & Sewer Modeling Contract by the engineering office. The contract is to develop updated water and sewer model to forecast expenditures out to 20 years. Mr. Koebel asked about meeting to explain procedures. Mayor Ellis wanted to set up a workshop for council requesting about two hours and asked Mrs. Kreilick what date she would prefer. She questioned the Mayor if Ballville Dam project would be included in the numbers. He stated as of this date those numbers were not included. It was agreed by council to set such meeting for September 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$347,748.00 for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Improvements and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Michels asked it was part of the Street Fund, the mayor explained it was separate accounts. Mayor Ellis also stated that the roadway to the Lady of the Pines would be included in the resurfacing project. On motion to adopt by Stout, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3728)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that the full balance needed to be on the ordinance and that the city has received \$35,000.00 from the insurance proceeds and that it would cost the city \$8,000.00 to purchase the two vehicles. Mrs. Kreilick questioned whether the city was required to purchase two more vehicles. Captain White of the Police Department explained the benefits of purchasing the cruisers and explained the 8 year plan of the department to purchase vehicles one for each officer and the amount of money saved by not putting so much wear and tear on the vehicles and that he believed it was a necessity. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes Mrs. Kreilick voted no. On motion to adopt by Michles, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes Mrs. Kreilick voted no. (Ord. 2014-3729)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Buck and Knobby Equipment for the purchase of a front end loader in an amount not to exceed \$118,178.22 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Ward explained that the city needed a new front loader because the old one was not worth making repair to. Discussion held amongst council on the use of the loader. 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. 2014-3730)

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report. Mr. Leake asked if she had attended any Beautification meetings and she said no, she was working during the last scheduled meeting.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely nothing to report. Mr. Leake asked if he find out information on the summer food program from the school and how it went. Mr. Knisely said he would have a report by the end of the month.

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Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout stated she was looking over a report from the Mayor and Mr. Smith and would report to council next month.

Law, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross reported on the committee meeting held earlier in the evening. There was a good exchange of information however a decision was tabled until a later date to be scheduled.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reminded public of August 19th next Rec. meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Leake commented that the AAU tournament that was held at the Rec. Department was a huge success. Mayor Ellis and Mr. Gross also commented on the success and the hopes to expand it for next year.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick stated that there will be a workshop to learn more about the waste water rate structures before the regular council meeting on September 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Mr. Warren.

Council Comments

Mr. Michels nothing at this time.

Mrs. Kreilick nothing at this time.

Mr. Knisely nothing this evening.

Mr. Gross took part of the downtown review committee. He is excited about the possibilities with the revitalization of the downtown area. It was exciting to take part of the talks. He also asked the Mayor when he anticipated the last report from the Army Core of Engineers. The Mayor said they had 180 days from the August 21st meeting to come back with a certificate. He was hoping for mid-October to get a permit.

Mrs. Ruiz complimented the Police Department on an excellent job along with the Fire Department during the tragic accident earlier this month. She was very proud of their work.

Mrs. Stout stated that city crews are doing a wonderful job of projects around the city. She thanked the Mayor for sending the link to the EIS report which gives the council a chance to look at the report. This will help them in formulating a decision on the upcoming issues.

Mr. Koebel clarified his position on Mr. Kerns involvement in the downtown area. He reminded citizens that school would be reopening soon and to support the student sports programs and be cautious of students going to school. He asked if the City Wide Internet Service had any update. Mr. Ward said that there are a few sections of the city that has the service but it is not open to the public yet. He also asked the Mayor about the sound system communication update that he is hoping for. Mayor Ellis suggested that he contacts Judge Hart, and he would be willing to meet with him and Mr. Michles. Mr. Michles stated that he called the equipment provider but had not received a call back.

Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle no comment.

Mr. Grahl no comment.

Assist Chief Schneider reported that last council meeting they were hoping to pick up their new truck unfortunately the pickup will not take place until August 19th. He also informed that the fire department is in the north east quadrant for flushing pipes. Mr. Ward said that he is getting complaints about rusty water. He wanted to let the public know that the fire department flushing the hydrants causes the rusty water. The department does it every year around the same time every year.

Mayor Ellis thanked everyone that supported the Fort Stephenson organizers for a wonderful event. The weather hampered the festivities to an extent but he enjoyed the event. He stated that his office was getting a lot of complaints about too many signs being placed in the city for safe routes to school. The new signage is due to a grant that they received. Mayor Ellis reminded everyone of the Dignity & Respect Event this weekend. Food, games, screenings and fun for all.

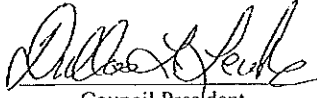
Mr. Ward stated that now that we have a new Zoning Inspector in place, Dick Cook, the complaints that his office have been receiving about high grass will be taken care of.

President Leake also reiterated the Dignity & Respect Event for the weekend. Come out and enjoy the day.

Public Comments

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


Clerk of Council


Council President