

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

August 25, 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 meeting held on August 7th were approved with the amendment of Mrs. Kreilick's vote on a motion to suspend rule 4 on the expenditure for new police cars.

Third 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 adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 - 0. (Ord. 2014-3730)

Second 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.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$33,321.00 to Henderson Products, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report concerning block watch. She reported that the Beautification Committee will meet on September 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout nothing to report.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross nothing to report

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on September 16th at 6:15 p.m. and the public is invited. He also invited the public to utilize the Pet Park located at the East Side Park.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick reminded the public that the dam meeting held last Thursday had a deadline for public comments by the end of the week to the Ohio EPA. She also reminded the council of the workshop on sewer waste water rates to be held on September 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel announced that there would be a Punt, Pass and Kick Event held at Don Paul Stadium on September 7th. Schools are in session and please look out for students. He asked the Fire Chief about the Jackson Annex property with concerns about the appearance of the building and wondered if there were any violations with the building. Chief Foes addressed the council stating that there is progress in the inside of the building and he is working with the property owner. He stated that the property owner has done a remarkable job on the inside. There was a fire in 1983 which destroyed the building. The fire department is adhering to their timeline with the property owner who has two more inspections on the property. The department will issue citations if they are warranted. Mr. Koebel asked about the Labor Day parade start time and location. Lastly, Mr. Koebel asked the public to support the local athletes.

Mrs. Stout wanted Chief Foes to be aware that she also had people ask about the Jackson Annex property and that it has a hot topic at the moment. A lot of new signage is located in town do to a Safe Route to School Grant. The signage is very visible. Please be aware that school starts tomorrow and watch out for them. Mrs. Stout addressed Chief Wiersma and let him know that she appreciated Officer Rosenberger presence in our schools and her help at the Fremont City Schools in-service day at Terra Community College.

Mrs. Ruiz agreed with Mrs. Stout concerning the signage in the neighborhood and its visibility. She stated that Columbia Gas did some repair work in her ward and they did a great job at cleaning up after the repairs were done.

Mr. Gross thanked the public for the great turn out at the Sandusky County Fair. He stated that he did the ALS ice bucket challenge at the fair and let the council know that he challenged the City Council to the ALS challenge.

Mr. Knisely wished St. Joe Central Catholic and Fremont Ross High sports teams the best of luck during the Fall Sport Season. He also stated that the use of the reservoir by the public was very exciting.

Mrs. Kreilick wanted to acknowledge the end of a beautiful summer. She wished everyone good luck to everyone starting school. She thanked Mr. Kern for his vision for the future with the Front St. property and looked forward to seeing the progress.

Mr. Michles also reminded the public to look out for the children with school starting tomorrow and wanted city council to discuss streamlining the process for zoning codes which need to be updated. Mr. Gross stated he would be willing to bring the issue to council once he received more information from the zoning inspector and Mr. Ward.

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Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Mr. Grahl had nothing this evening.

Mayor Ellis stated the current gas contract would be expiring in November. The city has decided to go with Volunteer Energy again. Letters would be going out to the public soon. Two month later the electric contract would be expiring if anyone questioned what was going on, please have them call his office and they would explain. He also stated that he received an email from Ohio Power Commission that states the route they chose would avoid the Peninsula Farm. He stated that preliminary budgets are due this month from each department and they would be presenting that to council very soon.

Mr. Ward stated that he spoke with Mr. Gross about some traffic changes. He said that the city is still receiving calls about rusty water and wanted to remind the public that the hydrants are still be flushed out. He suggested that citizens try flushing out their hot water tanks. He apologized to the public for the inconvenience.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Chief Wiersma nothing to report.

Chief Foos invited the public to a Safety Service Day at the central fire station on September 7th from noon until 4:00 p.m. He stated that fire trucks, EMS, and the police department K-9 Woody would be at the event.

Mr. Smith commented on the preliminary approval of a \$10,000 grant from AEP for training. It will be used for training pertaining to business retention and expansion and will provide software. This will provide valuable information to use with business in the community. It will also establish an online civic conversation with the city and the public.

Public Comments

None

President Leake thanked Mr. Michles for the information he sent council concerning the internet café. He also wanted to thank WSOS and the city for their effort to make the Dignity and Respect event a success. He wished everyone a great school year. He stated that education was the great equalizer. He reminded the public that the CRC meeting would be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the east side fire station.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President