

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
September 4, 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 25th were approved.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Mr. Michles voted no. (Res. 2014-1939)

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Water Operating Fund 510 and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained to council the details behind the increases to each fund. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3732)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Gleason Brothers, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$123,010.00 for 2014 Middle Street Waterline Improvements C.D.B.G. Project A-F-13-123, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Stout, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3733)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign applications, and enter into contracts for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) Funding for 2015 and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained this was to just start application for the grants. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1940)

First reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Grahl explained that this was an annual resolution. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Koebel, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1941)

President Leake addressed the council and stated that a liquor license was received from Jimmy G's and after discussion with Mr. Melle; it would be brought to council at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick let the public know that a workshop was held at 5:00 regarding the sewer rate studied and another meeting will be held on September 18th meeting at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Ballville Dam study.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reminded the public about the Punt Pass and Kick event to be held on Sunday. The Parks and Recreation department is still accepting application for numerous recreational programs. He encourages everyone to stop out to the rec center for more information.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross informed council he would be taking a tour with several city officials in regards with parking on one side of the street and widening street with the possibility of introducing ordinances pertaining to those projects. He will report once all the information is obtained.

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

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report concerning block watch. She reported that the Beautification Committee meeting held last Tuesday was very well attended and she received a warm welcome.

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Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report

Mr. Grahl had nothing this evening.

Mayor Ellis handed the council the final report from NWH Consultants on their analysis. He stated where the recommendation and cost estimates were located in the report. Mayor Ellis said that the consultants would be at the next council meeting. He wanted the council to beginning thinking about what was needed to make a decision on the dam in terms of meetings for the public such as a facilitate meeting, town hall meeting, or ask the public to come to a city council meeting. Mr. Gross asked what the Mayor thought would be the best means to have public comments. He liked the idea of a town hall meeting. President Leake said he understood the time line for the work to be completed, but we need to make sure we get all the information as quickly as we can and make the best possible decision. Stating that we need to get this right the first time.

Mr. Lamson nothing to report.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Mr. Ward reported that the hydrant flushing is completed.

Mr. Smith nothing to report.

Chief Wiersma nothing to report.

Mr. Schneider 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. The new fire truck will be at the event. He also wanted the public to know that they will begin winterization of the hydrants.

Council Comments

Mr. Michles had a question on whether the Jackson Annex property was going to be coned. Mr. Ward stated that the property owner has not called to ask that the property be done. He suggested that the city try to get the cones to the owner early.

Mrs. Kreilick wanted thank the city for the very detailed information that was provided with the sewer rate study. She stated it was helpful and she appreciated it.

Mr. Knisely enjoyed seeing everyone at the Labor Day Parade.

Mr. Gross wanted to personally thank Mr. Paul Grahl and Mrs. Ruth Gegorski for the memos relating to items that become before council. He stated it was very helpful to know what items entailed when they are under deadlines and a suspend rule 4 is needed.

Mrs. Ruiz wanted to thank Mr. Mike Koebel for taking her to the mouth of the river so she can see where the sediments will end up. She thanked the Mayor for showing her the dam. Mrs. Ruiz attended a TMACOG meeting which was very well attended.

Mrs. Stout agreed with Mr. Gross and thanked the Mayor and department heads for sharing information.

Mr. Koebel said that the house on Hayes and Park Ave. was down and the residence in that area. Please utilize the pet park and remember to watch out for children.

Public Comments

None

President Leake informed council that attached to their agendas was a flyer for the Ohio Municipal League for a conference being held in October. If anyone wanted to attend please see Mrs. Gegorski

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