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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:55 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 September 4th were approved.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1942)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Underground Utilities, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$422,880.00 for 2014 Cedar Street Waterline extension, and declaring an emergency. The Mayor explained that this bid was the lowest that was received and the procedure would allow us to regulate water pressure better. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2014-3734)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$9,481.27 to Crestline Paving & Excavating Co., Inc., and declaring an emergency. The Mayor explained that this was an internal housing keeping resolution for the accounting department. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2014-1943)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the State Highway Patrol Office located at 2181 West State Route 20 in Sandusky Township to receive water without annexation into the city and declaring an emergency. The Mayor explained that the State Highway Patrol offices needed a new waterline. He explained that the city does not want to annex the property. A representative from the State, Mr. Maurice Madry explained why the State could not enter into the annexation covenant. 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. 2014-3735)

Next on the agenda was the approval of a liquor license for Jimmy G's restaurant. The liquor license is a D-1 license that allows for beer only. Owner Jim Gippert stated that people would like to have a beverage of choice with their barbeque. The council showed no objection to the license.

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles thanked Mr. Grahl for giving the council the monthly updates and reminded citizens that reports are viewable in the Auditor's office.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout stated that the Mayor, Mr. Smith and she had been going over joint economic development proposals and will inform the council at the next meeting.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee – Chairman Gross informed council he met with the traffic safety committee about traffic and zoning issues. There are some safety concerning about safety vehicles being able to go down certain streets. The committee will meet on a regular basic.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel stated that the Rec. Center has its Fall/Winter Brochure available for the public. Pinochle, Bingo Brunch, Volleyball, and Ice Hockey were some of the events he listed. Ohio St. vs. Michigan Blood Drive will held November 22nd at the Rec. Center. A Halloween Skate will be held on October 27th for the children.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick let the public know that a meeting was held at 6:00 regarding the alternative evaluation of the Ballville Dam. There will be a Town Meeting on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Neeley Conference Center.

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Council Comments

Mr. Gross thanked NWH Constructors for a very informative meeting. He felt that a lot of good question and answers took place and looks forward to the town hall meeting.

Mr. Knisely stated he also thought it was a good presentation. After the town hall meeting, Mr. Knisely believes it is time to make a decision concerning the dam.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that she had spoken to Lynette Kirsch head of Share and Care. The organization will be moving to a new location at 129 Bidwell Ave. She was asked to please let the citizens know that Share and Care does great work to help the citizens of the city. They always welcome donations, but Mrs. Kirsch asked that people do not bring their broken furniture or mattresses to their location. They need to keep their expenses down since they are a nonprofit organization. She also thanked NWH on their presentation.

Mrs. Kreilick wanted to remind the citizens that another Farm to Table Event will be held downtown on September 26th. Anyone wanted to enjoy the event should come on down.

Mrs. Stout thanked NWH for their presentation and she also thanked and congratulated Chief Foos and Chief Wiersma on the Safety Open House. It was well presented and a huge success.

Mr. Michles also thanked NWH and wanted to make clear that NWH was asked to review the reports that were listed. His questions were addressed to the data in the reports and not the quality of NWH review.

Mr. Koebel thanked Mrs. Kreilick for a well ran committee meeting and also thanked NWH. He once again reminded the citizens to be mindful of students go to and from school.

Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl stated that the annual audit of the city by the Auditor of State was released early in the month. The city received a very good report with just a few comments and items to clean up.

Mayor Ellis wanted to correct a state that has been in the media and again stated at the council meeting. Mr. Warren cautioned that the 7% for the sewer fees were not set in stone and not a predication of what the fees would be. He suggested that the council not keep discussion in public. The Safety Service department will be at the Terra Job Fair. He showed a flask of what the water from Sixth Street looks like. He said that the city has been doing estimates on what it would cost to change the water lines. The city will try to do the work in the next several months. There about 80 household affected. He thanked Chief Foos for his dedication in finally getting the house torn down on Hayes Ave. Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Mr. Ward commented on what Councilman Gross said about their meeting and the number of streets that need parking allowed on only one side of the streets. He would like to get a letter out to those affected and also to the council person of that ward.

Chief Foos thanked the citizens for attend the Safety Service Day and thanked Chief Wiersma and his department for their help. He thanked all the local businesses that contribute to the huge success. October 1st the hydrant winterizing will begin.

Chief Wiersma nothing to report.

Mr. Smith reported that the \$10,000 grant from AEP. This grant pays for business retention and expansion training. The other part of the grant will fund the add-on to the city's website for public conversation. In addition conversation about work force preparation will take place at a meeting to be held on November 18th.

Public Comments

Larry Powers of 331 Lynn Street Fremont, Ohio addressed the council about chickens that he has at his home. He stated that he wanted the council to consider allowing chickens inside the city limit. He currently has 3 chickens at his home. He stated that he and his family are self-reliant with their garden and herbs. He requested that the law be changed. President Leake informed council asked if this was the first time that Mr. Powers had presented the request to

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council. Mrs. Kreilick asked if there had been a complaint against him. He stated no, but there was a problem at another home on the street and his chicken were noticed. Mrs. Kreilick suggested that something be drafted to go through the three readings and give the public the proper time to weigh in on the decision. Mr. Koebel stated that he stopped by the house and spoke to neighbors. There were no complaints and the yard was well taken care of.

Mr. Koebel wished Tim Milton happy birthday. Tim attends every city council meeting.

Mr. Leake reminded the citizens of a Meet the Candidate Forum on the 25th.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Ruiz seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President