

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
March 19, 2015

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 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 March 5th were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$105,908,282.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 present vote. (Ord. 2015-3758)

First reading of an ordinance levying assessment on the real estate tax duplicate against parcel no. 34-50-00-0320-00, said address being 223 S. Arch Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420 and owned by Morton Properties LLC, for remediation of the property at 223 S. Arch Street in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3759)

First reading of an ordinance vacating that portion of an alley which abuts inlots 550, 551, 559, 560, 561, and outlot 13105 in the city of Fremont, State of Ohio. Mr. Tony Hotz stated that he would like to expand his business by installing 3 new bays and a loading dock. Several of his neighbors were present at the meeting and showed no objections. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Michles, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 abstained vote. On a motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 abstained vote. (Ord. 2015-3760)

First reading of a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 7 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Res. 2015-1950)

Liquor License Request from Piasans 1528 W. State St. Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Knisely showed no objections, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes.

Liquor License request from Little Tavern on the Prairie Inc. 400 N. Stone Street Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Knisely showed no objections, seconded by Mrs. Kreilick. Motion carried 7 yes votes.

Committee Reports

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely had nothing to report this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Michles thanked Mr. Grahl for his monthly report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout nothing this evening.

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

Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel complimented the students and advisor of AmeriCorps on their earlier presentation to the council. They would like to adopt the park at the end of Second Street and revitalize it. He also mentioned the events that will be taking place at the Rec. Department in the upcoming weeks. He stated that the department has partnered with the Hayes Presidential Center to present Let's Move 2nd Saturday Program. He also reminded the citizens of the event to be held March 27th in honor of Jose Leal, Jr. The event will take place 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Kreilick nothing to report this evening.

Council Comments

Mr. Michles thanked all the city workers who had been working diligently in the weather. He also thanked AEP and the Fire Department for their quick response to the outage of a transformer.

Mrs. Kreilick said farewell to winter and hello to spring.

Mr. Knisely also thanked the city workers for their hard work and dedication this winter season. He also thanked Mr. Kerns for his work on the Downtown Area. He stated that he was proud to be a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Gross stated that he has noticed that the pot holes in the city are being filled in. The city workers are making progress in fulfilling this task. He also stated that the Easter Bunny will be in Downtown Fremont on Saturday, March 28th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ruiz said she was looking forward to the first day of spring and hoped everyone enjoyed their week.

Mrs. Stout thanked the Street, Fire, and Police Departments for their work this winter. She also thanked the Safety Committee for their diligence in working to make the city streets accessible to emergency vehicles.

Mr. Koebel thanked the mayor and his staff for putting the city budget together and its passing. He asked the citizens to be more attentive with the change of weather and the children being out more.

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Elected Officials' Comments

Mr. Melle nothing for this evening.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder thanked all that attend the Bowl Auction at the Strand that benefited the Art Departments at St. Joseph Central Catholic and Fremont Ross High. It was well attended and she believes that each school may have earned \$1,000.

Mayor Ellis thanked everyone on the Safety Committee for their work on looking into the city streets and accommodating the emergency vehicles. A decision was made to enforce no parking on South Collinwood. There have been concerns from the citizens in that area, so the original date was May 1st has been delayed to August 1st.

Department Heads

Mr. Ward stated that the council will soon be receiving information on the city's salt purchase. They have decided to not bid in the summer. Hopefully the council will receive this information for the next board meeting.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Chief Wiersma nothing to report.

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Mr. Smith presented a plaque to the council from the Site Selection Magazine which recognized Fremont-Sandusky County as one of the top 25 micropolitan regions in the country for business and investment and expansion. We were tied for the 23rd ranking with Van Wert County while Findlay-Hancock County was in the number 1 spot.

Public Comments

Richard Ickes 1042 Haynes stated that he had concerns to the changes in parking on Haynes St. He knows that there is a handicapped woman that lives on the street and will have difficulty parking in the alley in the back. He stated that he has limited funds to put in drive in the back. President Leake asked Mr. Ickes to contact Mr. Ward and sit down with him to voice his concerns.

President Leake thanked AmeriCorps for their presentation and commended them on the idea of refurbishing the park. He mentioned that Fremont City Schools had revised and adopted its policy on homeless students at the schools board meeting on Monday. He echoed the compliments to the city workers for the work they have done during the winter season.

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 8:25 p.m.