

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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May 7, 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, Ruiz, Kreilick, Koebel, and Michles. Council member Stout was absent.

The minutes for council meeting held on April 16th were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the personnel policy and procedure manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 5.18 regarding City Recreation Passes for non-union employees and certain elected city officials. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Gross, seconded by Ruiz. Motion failed 5 yes votes to 1 no vote.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$6,113.29 from General Fund 101 to Walsh Trust Fund 701.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,199.56 to Badger Meter, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Res. 2015-1953)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order to GMP Amendment No. 3, with the construction firm MWH Constructors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$431,000.00 for commissioning and startup costs in accordance with Alternate #1 in Exhibit K for improvements to the Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Lamson explained to the council that the change order is necessary for the startup of the plant. He asked for a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting at the next council meeting where MWH would make a presentation and give further detailed information. The council had many questions concerning the change order and agreed to wait until the committee meeting to hear a more detailed explanation.

First reading an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase a minimum of 90 percent up to a maximum of 110 percent of the estimated salt tonnage requirements of the City of Fremont for 2015-2016 through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program, Winter Salt Contract (#018-16); waiving competitive bidding, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Gross, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3763)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within mandatory fines fund 252, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Koebel, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3764)

Committee Reports

Recreation Committee -- Chairman Koebel reviewed the dates for the concert in the parks. The benefit check of \$4,000 was presented to the Jose Leal family. Registration for softball and baseball are now closed. The pool has an anticipated opening date of June 6th. The Recreation camp will take place on June 8th. Swim lessons begin June 15th.
Utilities and Traffic Committee -- Chairman Kreilick announced there will be a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting on May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reminded citizens to look out for your own safety and your neighbors by locking your doors. Be alert and be careful. She wished Mrs. Guerrero a speedy recovery.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that he would have reports from all of the schools by the end of the month.

Finance and Labor Committee -- Chairman Michles stated he is working with Mr. Grahl for an educational meeting at the end of July pertaining to Bonds and investment information for council.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee -- Chairman Gross announced a Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 7:00 p.m. concerning the chickens that are being housed in the city limits.

Council Comments

Mr. Michles said that it was brought to his attention about the sound system at the council meetings. Citizens are having a hard time hearing. He is hoping that council can work on that issue. Another issue brought to his attention was the crossing of busy intersections for the sight impaired. He asked that this issue be brought to the attention of the Safety Committee.

Mrs. Kreilick reminded the citizens of the Downtown Art and Music Festival being held next weekend. She also wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Knisely also wished each mothers Happy Mother's Day. He thanked all that have helped to make the city look nice. He stated he was proud to be a citizen of Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Gross echoed the same sentiments about the downtown and Mother's Day. He stated that he suspended rule 4 for the park passes just to expedite the process for those nonunion employees. He also thanked Mr. Lamson for taking the time to answer the council's questions concerning the change order. He appreciated his efforts to answer.

Mrs. Ruiz commented Happy Mother's Day. She wanted everyone to stay safe and enjoy the day.

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Mr. Koebel also wished Happy Mother's Day to everyone. He stated that the sound system issue has been a problem for over a year. He wanted everyone to watch out for the kids this summer. He wanted everyone to utilize the Bike Trail that we have and recommended that the citizen try it. At the next council meeting Mr. Craig Wendt will be at the next council meeting to explain his intentions for his property at the corner of Wood St. and State St. Mr. Koebel stated that he was not sold on the passes for those nonunion employees and the exclusion of others. He stated that he thought that city council employees should be included in that ordinance.

Elected Officials

None present

Department Heads

Mr. Lamson reported that the Sand Docks are still closed and encourage citizens not to go done there. There are signs posted.

Chief Foos reported that the flushing and flow test for the city has been completed. The task was completed in three weeks and one day with the help of the Safety Service Director, and the Water and Sewer Departments.

Mr. Ward stated that there is brush drop off going on now. He reported that he has received a lot of calls about stumps and tree removal. Also the city has put a bid out for concrete work that should begin at the end of May. The landscaping for the city was started today. Mr. Michles asked Mr. Ward about citizens blowing their mowed grass into the streets and in the sewer. Mr. Ward told him that it is actually a city ordinance and that citizens should refrain from it.

Chief Wiersma stated that the city tracks those people who go door to door. If they do not show you their permit they have not been authorized by the police. If they cannot show you their permit, call the police. Positive reports on the department are that Katie Swartz talked a suicide person down until the authorities arrived. Officer Kennedy administered CPR to a patient, and Office Karr paid for a meal for a group at El Dorado Taco stand. He thanked them all for jobs well done.

Mr. Smith nothing to report tonight.

Mrs. Bilger reported that they are getting ready for the Farmers Market on June 20th.

Public Comments

None

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President