

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

August 6, 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: Knisely, Ruiz, Stout, Kreilick, Gross, and Koebel. Council member Michles was absent.

The minutes for council meeting held on July 16th and July 20th were approved.

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes. (Ord. 2015-3777)

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of a resolution adopting the Sandusky County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance declaring, that not having a light at the intersection of Wood and State Streets presents a real and justifiable emergency and pursuant to R.C. § 735.051, allows Fremont City Council to waive formal bidding and advertising and further to authorize the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with National Light & Power, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$56,520.00 for the traffic signal replacement project at State and Wood Streets, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis referred to the letter that council received from Mr. Fredericksen explaining that National Light was the lowest bid and that the insurance company had accepted that amount. He introduced Bill Guhn to speak about the intersection and the savings that would be acquired. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3778)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within CDBG Fund 260, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that this is a correction on the CDBG Fund for the year. The next item is the authorization for payment. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3779)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Buckeye Excavating & Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$168,552.00 for the 2015 Dickinson Street Waterline Improvements C.D.B.G. Project A-F-14-123, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen spoke about the project and the bidding process. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 6 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Stout, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3780)

A Trex Liquor License request for Down Thyme Café, LLC. On a motion to show no objections by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 6 yes votes.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Kreilick nothing to report

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported registration is now open for volleyball, fall soccer, home school P.E., mommy & me, and adult program Knocker Soccer. Any question regarding the Rec. Center please call. He also stated that the Elks were sponsoring the Family Fun Night at the Rec. that was taking place this evening.

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

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout would like to have a committee meeting on August 20th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss findings of the Toledo Design Firm. She stated that Hometown Fremont is continuing to work with youth involvement. They are planning on having a youth summit and will report it to council.

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Bishop Hoffman Catholic School Superintendent Tim Cullen. The presentation was an update on the reconfiguration of the school system for the 2015-2016 school year. It focused on the SJCC Junior High Academy. It was decided to close the St. Ann Campus and house grades K-3 at the SH Campus, grades 4-8 at the SJ Campus and continue with grades 9-12 at the SJCC Campus. Superintendent Cullen stated that the new SJCC Jr. High Academy will provide the best place for young adolescents to learn and grow through the most critical years in their physical, emotional, intellectual and faith development. He thanked the council for allowing him to come share and challenged the council to celebrate what we love about Fremont.

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Council Comments

Mrs. Kreilick nothing to report.

Mr. Knisely nothing this evening.

Mr. Gross wanted to thank the staff at the Rec. Department for the wonderful work they did on Monday and Tuesday by hosting the Northcoast Showtime Battle of Fort Stephenson Basketball tournament and also hosting a swim meet at the same time.

Mrs. Ruiz wanted everyone to enjoy what summer is left and to stay safe.

Mrs. Stout thanked the city workers and stated that Mr. Cullen was the Youth Pillar Chairman on the Hometown Fremont.

Mr. Koebel asked Mayor Ellis if the City had received the permit from the Army Corp. Mayor Ellis stated he did not believe so.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

Mayor Ellis stated that the Catholic Schools were a huge component of our community and appreciated Superintendent Cullen presentation. He attended the Sacred Heart Festival and had a chance to meet Bishop Thomas. He stated that the City will have a booth at the fair this year with displays from City Departments. He stated that the city had received a \$850,000 grant from the Chip program to help with housing in our community. The grant is for a two year period. Mayor Ellis stated that the city had applied for a grant for a Task Force in the combat against drugs. He wanted to gage if the council would be willing to donate \$15,000 to Task Force. He introduced Captain White who explained the drug problem we have in our county. The Task Force would include the Sheriff Office, Gibsonburg, Clyde, Bellevue and surrounding cities. Captain White hoped the City of Fremont would take the lead on this endeavor. Asked where the money would go, he explained that most of the money would go towards hiring a Drug Task Force Commander and salary and benefits. The rest would be applied to equipment.

Department Heads

Mr. Fredericksen shared that the city got a small city grant from ODOT to resurface and repair West State Street all the way to Christy Road. The grant was \$1 million and is a 2017 project.

Chief Foos stated that he was in full support of the Drug Task Force.

Mr. Smith nothing to report.

Mr. Guhn nothing to report.

Public Comments

Kristie Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. stated that the Farm to Table was a huge success with all 120 seats sold. The Farmers Market was also a huge success with over 5,000 people attending. August 15th the Farmers Market will have 80 vendors at the Dignity & Respect Event.

Martin Jay 112 S. Collinwood Blvd. wanted to approach council and ask questions on the No Parking on Collinwood. He stated he was under the assumption that he would be able to seat down with the committee to offer input to determine the best way to precede. He believed he was not given that opportunity and wanted to know what could be done. Chief Foos, a member of the decision committee, stated how the committee had come up with that decision and said that he would get Mr. Jay's information and would be more than willing to continue discussion on the matter.

Judge Brad Smith Sandusky County Juvenile Court stated that he hopes council would get behind the Drug Task Force. He believed that supporting this would only strengthen the city's ability to prevent drugs on the streets.

President Leake invited everyone to the Dignity & Respect Event on August 15th with a lot of positive events going on, and he offered belated condolences to Councilman Gross on the loss of his father.

On motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.