

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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October 15, 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 Leake called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Knisely, Michles, Stout, Kreilick, Ruiz, Gross, and Koebel.

Before the meeting started Chief White announced that the first Block Watch meeting will be held October 19th at the Rec. Center at 7:00 p.m. He then introduced the newest members of the Police Department: Jacobe Scully – Blockwatch, Pete Bush – K-9 Handler, Derek Wensinger – New Detective, New officers – Vincent Bocardo, Jared Cashen, Holly Benetto, and Nicholas Meyers.

Mrs. Stout added item #7 an ordinance amending appropriations within CDGB Fund 260 and Community Housing Fund 261 and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing pay increases and modifications to the fringe benefits of elected City Officials for future terms beginning January 1, 2016 and continuing for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Mr. Grahl explained to the council that elected officials had not received a pay increase since 2010. The increase would include a 4% for the first year then 2% thereafter. Mr. Grahl asked that this agenda item and the next be approved and requested suspension of rule #4 to get it in place before the election. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion failed 5 yea votes to 2 no votes.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing a pay increase to the President of City Council, the Clerk of Council, and members of the Fremont City Council for future terms beginning January 1, 2016 and continuing for 2018, 2020, and 2022.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize and designate a Revitalization District within the city of Fremont pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.81. Mayor Ellis stated that since the public hearing was held earlier this evening and now the ordinance could be presented and voted on and requested rule 4 be suspended. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2015-3786)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency for Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained to council where monies would be appropriated from the grant. He suggested that rule 4 be suspended so that grant could be administered. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2015-1959)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Grant Agreements with the Ohio Development Services Agency for Program Year 2015 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained that we have used the CHIP program in our community before and a much need program in our community. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mrs. Kreilick and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Kreilick. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2015-1960)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Mayor to enter into a contract with WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$234,022.00 for professional services for program year 2015 (PY 2015) Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) Grant and declaring an emergency. Mayor Ellis explained WSOS services related to the grant. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes and 1 present vote. Mr. Michles voted present due to a potential conflict being an employee (Ord. 2015-3787)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within CDGB Fund 260 and Community Housing Fund 261 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that it adjust the budget for the above ordinances. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Kreilick and seconded by Mr. Gross. Motion carried 6 yea votes and 1 present vote. (Ord. 2015-3788)

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Mr. Gross also congratulated those candidates that were successful on Tuesday. He wished them well with their upcoming terms.

Mr. Knisely thanked the voters for re-electing him to councilman at large and thanked those who worked on his campaign. He also thanked the Veterans living and deceased for their contribution to our great nation.

Mrs. Kreilick had nothing this evening.

Mr. Michles also congratulated the successful candidates and wished them well. He made a comment about statements put on social media by Mr. Grahl. He resented that fact that he misrepresented information that he received from Mr. Grahl.

Elected Officials

Mr. Grahl stated that he corrected information online what he felt was misinformation. He wanted to make sure that the public get accurate information. He congratulated those who would be coming into office in January. He also thanked the voters for their support of the dam issues.

Mrs. Elder thanked the voters for a wonderful turnout at the polls. The democratic process was represented well at the polls this year. She thanked everyone for their service and continued service to the city.

Department Heads

Mr. Smith nothing this evening.

Chief White nothing this evening.

Assistant Chief Schneider nothing this evening.

Mr. Ward nothing this evening.

Public Comments

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. stated that there will be a tree lightening ceremony November 27th. That is the kick off of the holiday season downtown beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Holiday Parade will be held on December 5th at 4:00 p.m. This will be the 25th year for the parade.

President Leake also congratulated the winners of the elections on Tuesday. He thanked all who were brave enough to throw their hats into the ring to campaign and be a candidate for the elected positions. He stated as far as the dam issue, he stated the voters had spoken and he hopes that all promises can be kept as far as water rates and such. He wished the next council nothing but the best in helping the city make some very tough decisions.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.