

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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April 7, 2016

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 Hafford called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Koebel, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Otte, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on March 17th were approved.

Mayor Sanchez started the meeting by presenting his first proclamation for Autism Awareness Month of April. He presented the proclamation to Tyler Aldrich. Tyler then proceeded to introduce himself and explain his journey and his vision to run across Ohio. His journey will begin on June 11th and end in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tyler is living with autism, not suffering from it. After his presentation his mother, Tami Aldrich introduced herself and explained some of the autism programs and services in Ohio through the Make It Fit Foundation. She asked the community for donations to help support Tyler on his journey.

Ritchie Webber then spoke about his life and drug addiction. He explained there is a very big drug problem in the State of Ohio. He stated that most addiction begins with prescription medicine. He is trying to raise awareness of the problem in our community. He said drug abuse isn't just about bad people, its good people with a bad problem. He started an organization called One Percent. He named the organization that because only 1% of Heroin users recover on their first try. Mr. Webber has started his own nonprofit organization called Fight for Recovery. Mayor Sanchez stated he met Ritchie and thanked him for efforts and stated they would be meeting at least one hour a week to figure out what can be done in our community to stop drug abuse.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$406,133.50 for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Improvements and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen said that this was the annual resurfacing projects. This year the project includes Ohio Ave. to Walnut Street and East State to Front Street. The project also includes Garrison and portions of Fangboner Road. He asked that council suspend Rule #4 so that the project could get under way. 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. 2016-3804)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order with Clean Care Incorporated for an amount not to exceed \$1,075.50 for cleaning the new Water Reclamation Center (WRC) for the remainder of 2016 in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3805)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Mid-Ohio Sludge Management, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$104,860.00 for 2016 Spent Lime Lagoon Cleaning, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen asked that the council suspend Rule #4 to get the project started. 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. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3806)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the OSS Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution pursuant to R.C. §721.15(D) authorizing the Safety Service Director to execute a memorandum of understanding with GovDeals, Inc. allowing the City of Fremont to conduct internet auctions and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers referred to the memo that sent to council. The resolution allows the city to put auction items on the internet. 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 Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1976)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Recreation Trust Fund 702, and declaring an emergency. The fund allows people who make donations for specific projects to put it in this fund. Fremont Recreational Throwers Club will be donating. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3807)

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch next meeting will be April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA. Chairman Ruiz invited Ritchie Webber to speak at one of the Block Watch meetings stating that it would be very helpful to hear more about his efforts to help other

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that the superintendent of Vanguard Mr. Greg Edinger will be at the first meeting in May.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report at this time.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout nothing to report at this time.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch stated that there was a committee meeting held before the regular council meeting. The committee meeting will address licensing lawn care and taxi service ordinance that needs to be updated.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Koebel registration is still open for youth baseball, softball, and soccer programs. Registration is also open for adult baseball and softball leagues. He reported that the Rec. Center will be hiring soon. He encouraged anyone interested in being a lifeguard, pool manager, baseball and softball supervisors, concession, and referees to stop in and fill out an application.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor said that he was asked about the light on State and Wood. He was told that they are waiting on a part and the light will be up and running next week.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers nothing to report.

Chief Bliss nothing this evening.

Chief Foss nothing this evening.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. Kristy reported on the 5th Annual Art & Music Festival that will be held May 20th – 22nd. She mentioned the nice article in the News Messenger about the Northcoast Inland Bike Trail grant. She wanted to give a shout out to those businesses who are collaborating on this project: Terra State, the City of Fremont, Sandusky County Park District, Sandusky County Commissioners, Sandusky County Health Department, Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission, Downtown Fremont Inc. and the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing further for tonight.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle stated that he assisted with the NAACP Oratorical Contest. The event was well attended and excellent opportunities to see the youth of our community perform their speeches.

Mayor Sanchez took the time to recognize Chief Bliss. The process was very challenging and stated it was nice to see him there with his family. He also commented on the NAACP event and how much he enjoyed it. He thanked Mr. Webber and Mr. Aldrich for attending the council meeting and making their presentations.

Mr. Grahl also thanked both speakers. He also extended his congratulations to Chief Bliss. He also thanked Chief White for being the intern Chief and all he did to help the city out.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel expressed his sympathy to President Hafford on the loss of her brother. He thanked both speakers and congratulated Chief Bliss.

Mrs. Stout also thanked both speakers. She also congratulated Chief Bliss. She also expressed her condolences to President Hafford.

Mrs. Ruiz also congratulated the new Chief. Both speakers were thanked and she hoped to see Mr. Webber at Block Watch. She also expressed her condolences.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Chief Bliss. He wished Tyler good luck on his run and commended Mr. Webber on his presentation. He spoke of his experience as he and his wife volunteered at the dinner on Easter.

Mr. Knisely gave his condolences to President Hafford. He congratulated Chief Bliss and thanked both young men on their presentations. He encourages everyone to support the downtown and local businesses.

Mr. Otte echoed the sentiment of the council to President Hafford, Tyler Aldrich, Ritchie Webber and to Chief Bliss. He also thanked Kristy Bilger on her effort and all that she does to keep us informed on the downtown activities.

Mr. Zilch welcomed Chief Bliss, wished Tyler luck on his run, and thanked Mr. Webber on his efforts along with his condolences to President Hafford. He also mentioned a youth essay contest being held at Hayes Presidential Center.

President Hafford thanked everyone for their condolences on the loss of her brother. She related to Mr. Webbers presentation while dealing with her brother. She loved her brother very much and appreciated everyone who said a kind word.

Public Comments

Mr. Koebel wanted to recognize Pat Wagner who was a member of the audience. He stated that his grandfather was President Washington's personal bodyguard who started the secret service we have today. He stated that Mr. Wagner's son was a proud Navy Seal. He just wanted to let people know he was the person who he mentioned about the injury on the bike trail.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Otte, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President