

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
*December 1, 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: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, and Stout. Councilwoman Ruiz was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on November 17th were approved.

First reading of a resolution authorizing and supporting the Black Swamp Conservancy's endeavor to preserve land in the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez commented on the effort of the Black Swamp Conservancy to utilize the property located at the River Cliff Golf Course to preserve the land. He explained that the grant required that both the City and the Ballville Township needed to pass a resolution to support this endeavor. He explained the benefits for the city and township which included bringing in more tourists to the community and the banks of Sandusky River for fishing and recreational use of the river once the dam comes down. The property will be purchased by the Black Swap Conservancy and then deeded to the Sandusky County Park District. Both Rob Krain, Executive Director of the Black Swap Conservancy and Andy Brown, Director of Sandusky County Parks District both spoke of the advantages of obtaining this property. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2016-1996

First reading of an ordinance amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal, and interim employees, and boards and commissions of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this was in ordinance increasing the minimum wages for our employees. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3830

On a motion to show no objections to the CVS liquor license for wine and Sunday sells by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor, the council voted 6 no objections.

Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reported Block Watch will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Pontifex.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout nothing to report this evening. Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announce that tentatively at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting Greg Edinger would give the council an update.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing to report this evening.

Department Heads

Mr. Schneider nothing to report.

Kristie Bilger thanked everyone who attended the tree lighting on November 25<sup>th</sup>. She reported that Mayor Sanchez read a Small Business Proclamation for Small Business Saturday. She thanked the Lindenberger family for the donation of the tree. She also thanked KF Construction and B&W Crane Operations for their help in getting the tree downtown. The Christmas Parade is Saturday and starts at 4:00 p.m. There is a Downtown Open House this weekend December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a music festival at Terra State Community College on Friday night. She mentioned that the Santa House is open every Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. until Christmas located at Croghan and Front Streets. Bike Trail is having a public meeting on Tuesday at the Neely Center at Terra at 7:00 p.m.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez thanked the Parks Department for putting up the lights in the Downtown Area and it looks very nice. He mentioned that he attended Richie Webber's Spaghetti Benefit to help fight addiction recovery. He commended the Fire Department for their participation in the home going services for a 92 year old fireman. He announced there will be tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. He then recognized Jay Cullen for attending the council meeting.

Mrs. Elder reminded everyone to continue to donate to our local food pantries and remember those in need at this time of year. She mentioned the Pontifex and the Liberty Center which both provide meals and showers for those less fortunate. She also mentioned United Way as a source for helping people at this time of year.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

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Council Comments

Mr. Knisely thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dukeshire, Mayor Sanchez, and Hal Hawk for the event held last evening which brought all the elected officials in the county together. He thought it was an excellent event. Continue to shop downtown Fremont.

Mr. Koebel recognized Bob Kusmer who was a key participant in organizing the Veterans Memorial at McGormley Cemetery. He welcomed Jay Cullen and then mentioned how nice the sign is at the new restaurant on Garrison. He relayed a message from Timmy Milton who is at Bethesda nursing home in room 308. He reminded citizens of the Hayes Christmas event on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7:00 p.m.

He also thanked those who were involved in the elective officials meeting.

Mr. Taylor thanked the Dukeshires for the invite for the event last night. He mentioned that the decorations were looking great.

Mrs. Stout said that the decorations are looking very nice. She mentioned that tonight was the Toledo Symphony community concert at Grace Lutheran Church. She thanked everyone for the great work that they do for the city.

Mr. Otte thanked those who provided meals during the Thanksgiving holiday. He thanked the organizers of the elected officials meeting.

Mr. Zilch echoed what everyone else said about the meeting and how well the Downtown looks. He reminded everyone that there will be one more round of leaf collections.

Mrs. Hafford mentioned that the council misses seeing Timmy in the front row and she said hello to Jay.

Public Comments

none

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Otte, seconded by Mr. Knisely motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.