

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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December 15, 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, Ruiz, and Stout. The minutes for council meeting held on December 1st were approved.

Councilman Otte added an item to the agenda concerning negotiation compensation. Mr. Zilch made a motion to add, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Otte then requested to enter into executive session to discuss the negotiations. Councilman Knisely then made a motion to reside to Executive Session to discuss the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Regular council meeting resumed after Executive Session.

First reading of an ordinance to make temporary appropriation in the amount or \$65,280,538.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2017 Fiscal Year January 1 thru March 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Myers explained that this is just an extension of the 2016 temporary budget. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3831

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Street Maintenance Fund 222, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained that someone took out the traffic control box and the amount would be covered under insurance but want to get the ordinance in place so necessary repairs can begin. He explained it is an approximately \$12,000.00 expense. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3832

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into an employment contract with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees representing all Full-Time Employees in the Parks Department, Street Department, Water Treatment Plant, Water Pollution Control Center, Water and Sewer Maintenance Department, Engineering Department, and Water Service Technicians in the Utility Billing Office and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2016-3833

Committee Reports

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

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

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reported the Block Watching meeting this past Monday was very well attended. The presentation was by Officer Scully.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report accept for the ordinance passed tonight with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout congratulated the Kerns on the opening of The Garrison restaurant.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz congratulated Cody Bischoff on his new position as director of the Rec. Department.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced that at the January 5th meeting Greg Edinger would give the council an update.

Mayor Sanchez introduced Cody Bischoff and Steve Stotz

Department Heads

Mr. Myers thanked Cody and Steve for the jobs they are doing in their new position. Mr. Myers thanked the Fire Department for the tremendous effort and job they did during the fire downtown along with the other departments that pitched in. He also wished everyone a happy new year.

Chief Foos gave a brief recap of the incident downtown. He was very proud of the department and all that helped. There were 52 firefighters on duty. He said that the community outpouring was extremely humbling. He believes that by mid-January there would be a better understanding as to the direction the tenants will take.

Mr. Stotz thanked the city for the opportunity to be the Director of the Parks Department. He is excited about his employees and is eager to work with Cody.

Mr. Bischoff also thanked the city for the opportunity to serve as Director of the Rec. Department. He is very happy to be back in Fremont.

Kristie Bilger thanked Chief Foos for a job well done. She announced that this weekend will be the last Santa House. She thanked her Board of Directors and Mr. Gross for the support of her being the Director of the Downtown Fremont. She thanked Mr. Tom Kerns for his support.

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Elected Officials

Mr. Melle complimented the Garrison restaurant for great décor and service. He encouraged everyone to go out and enjoy it. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Sanchez thanked City Council for working well this first year of his service. He also thanked Chief Foos for the work that he and his crew did during the fire last weekend and how the community came together. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Comments

Mr. Otte was very impressed with the community and how it came together during the fire. He attended the Bike Trail meeting at the Neely Center. He was also impressed with the committee's ideas for the trail. He also mentioned that there is another Christmas Tree at the Mayors Park on Birchard.

Mr. Knisely he welcomed Cody and Steve. He also appreciates the great effort from Chief Foos and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Ruiz congratulated the Kerns on the opening of The Garrison. She thanked Kristie Bilger for a job well done with the Downtown association. She also welcomed the two new employees. She wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Koebel stated that Timmy Milton will be getting out of the nursing home tomorrow and he plans on being at the next council meeting. He welcomed Cody and Steve. He encourages the citizens to visit The Garrison. He welcomed his friend Leonard to the meeting who was in the audience.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that he was at the Hayes Center for the Holiday Reception that the Chamber puts on and that it was very well attend and a very nice event. He also thanked Chief Foos. He also welcomed Cody and Steve. He encouraged the community to attend the Rec. Center and the Ice Rink. He stated that he had just returned from Washington D.C. for the Samsung & LG dumping of the washing machines. He stated that Whirlpool company is fighting against that action. He thanked the Mayor for a great first year.

Mr. Zilch echoed what everyone else had stated during the council comments. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Stout welcome Cody and Steve. She stated that she and Mrs. Ruiz attended a reception for Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Polter. She encourages people to attend the new restaurant. She wanted everyone to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Otte, seconded by Mr. Knisely motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President