

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

January 21, 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, Zilch, Ruiz, and Stout. Councilman Otte was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on January 7th were approved.

On a motion to add item #4 to the agenda by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, the motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$62,463.00 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl asked that someone on council make a motion to suspend rule #4 so Stantec could be paid in a timely fashion. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion failed 5 yeas and 1 nay.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,140.18 to Mississippi Lime Company, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$11,500.00 to United Survey, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen let the council know that the amount in the resolution was due to a change order that did the relining project on Ohio Ave. and Walnut. He asked that the council suspend rule #4 in order to get payment to United Survey as soon as possible. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays. (Res. 2016-1966)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,016.02 to Midwest Compost, Inc. and declaring an emergency. This is related to the sludge hauling contract that started in January. Mr. Grahl would like to have rule #4 suspended to ensure timely payment. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yeas and 0 nays. (Res. 2016-1967)

Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported there would be a First Responders Public Skate at the Rec Center on January 30th with free admission. He also reported a “Skate with your Date” to be held at the Rec Center on February 13th. There will be a Minion skating party on February 20th at the Rec Center. Model Train Show Swap Meet on February 28th, and Little League and spring soccer sign ups start February 1st. Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout nothing to report
Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch will be held on February 8th at the Pontifex beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Detective Jason Kiddey.
Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Taylor nothing to report.
Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated Dr. McCauley would report to the council during the council on February 4th.
Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee– Chairman Zilch reported there was a Finance and Labor committee meeting on February 4th to discuss internet café beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers nothing to report.

Chief White nothing to report.

Assistant Chief Schneider wanted to remind the public to use caution when using alternative heating sources in your homes.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing else to report.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. stated that the membership campaign has started. Please check out the website or come down to the office. In February they will be partnering with WSOS for the membership drive at the new WSOS location. Individual membership cost is \$50 and up from there for businesses.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle provided council with a summary of lawsuits the city is involved in. He also stated he enjoyed being involved in the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl stated that a check was given to the Hayes Presidential Center for their celebration. He received a call of gratitude from the Director. Monthly reports are available on the website under the Auditors page. Mrs. Elder congratulated Mr. Taylor on his appointment.