

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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July 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 Jamie Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Koebel, Otte, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on June 16th were approved with corrections.

Second reading of an ordinance for the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with the Director of Transportation of ODOT for the micro-surfacing of State Route 53 from North Street to the Ohio Turnpike in the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Water Replacement/Improvement Fund 541, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this is an amendment to the contract for the first phase of the Balleville Dam Removal Project. The amount was not included in the 2016 budget. Mr. Grahl asked that the council suspend rule 4. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout seconded. Motion failed 5 yes votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,725.65 to Buckeye Excavating & Construction, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this resolution was related to the Dickinson Waterline. The invoice last year did not include their retainage. The purchase order for the original project was closed. 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. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1983)

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 129 Department of Public Safety-Service Code Section 129.04 rates for mowing services for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1709 Exterior Property Maintenance Code by replacing Repealed Section 1709.04 in the Administration and Enforcement Section, with a Removal and Disposal Process for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

Liquor License Transfer. Mr. Melle explained that the item was just a transfer only. The council voted to show no objections.

Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch reported that a committee held a meeting to discuss City Ordinance 943 Garbage & Rubbish.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on July 11th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

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

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Ruiz announced there will be a Fantastic Night at the Pool on July 21st from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. A DJ, Bounce house, and Hot Dogs and chips will be available. The cost is free. She reminded everyone of the Mayors concert in the park on Sunday featuring Andrew Deen. She announced from the Tree and Beautification Committee the winners of the June Lawn Judging. First place was Tom Humbard 833 Barker Road, Dr. Howard and Kay Stierwalt 1847 Port Clinton Road took Second place. She announced those worthy of viewing included Carol Vandyme 707 Birchard Ave., Scott Phillips 716 Birchard Ave., and Scott McCord 1117 Liberty St.. July Lawn judging nominations are being taken until July 22nd. The Beautification Commission asked that businesses with the planter in front keep them watered.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers nothing this evening.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger announced that the Community Block Development Grant was successfully submitted. She thanked Bob Gross and Tucker Fredericksen for their help. On June 18th she announced that the first Farmers Market was a success. There was a second car show on July 2nd that was also a success. Next Market will be July 16th sponsored by Crown Battery. On August 9th will be the 2nd Annual Ross/St. Joe Community Pep Rally beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Farm to Table Event will be held July 29th 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Elected Officials

Jim Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Ken Dumminger for putting on a very nice Fireworks show on the 4th of July. He thanked all the sponsors and tax payers who contributed to the event. He announced that on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. the City of Fremont would hold a Prayer Community Gathering to honor the lives that were lost and show support for our Law Enforcement Community. He would like to take the time to continue the pride and unity for our city together. The event will be held at the lot at State and Front.

Mr. Grahl thanked the Downtown Association for the car shows that were held. They were very well attended and he and his whole family enjoyed the events. He thanked the donors of the Fireworks display and appreciated everyone's effort in the success of the event.

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Council Comments

Mr. Otte nothing to comment.

Mr. Knisely thanked the citizens for their continued support for our city with the downtown area and keeping their lawns looking nice. He encouraged people to keep shopping downtown and commented on the great city we live in.

Mrs. Ruiz encouraged everyone to take advantage of all the events we have going on in our city. She encouraged everyone to attend the prayer meeting on Sunday.

Mrs. Stout thanked all who participated in the July 4th festivities. She announced that Universal Farms would be accepting brush and trimmings on July 9th.

Mr. Koebel he also thanked Mr. Dumminger for his display on the 4th and he thanked all that contributed to the event.

Mr. Taylor he echoed the sentiment to Ken Dumminger for his Fireworks Display. He stated that the parade was nice and it was a great weekend. He congratulated Tyler Aldrich who completed his quest to Cincinnati and that he was grand marshal of the parade for the Reds game. He announced that this weekend he would be participating in Tuning up for Food on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Admission is free with a donation of nonperishable food for the Sandusky County Food Panty.

Mr. Zilch stated that temperatures are high right now. He asked that we check on our elderly neighbors and help them.

Mrs. Hafford announced that Peer to Peer Group will be hosting an event for addiction on August 28th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Flag Park. The event will be a balloon memorial release to support those who have lost loved ones from addiction through education and awareness.

Public Comments

Fred Rectenward 1604 McPherson Blvd. Mr. Reckenward questioned the Law Director on who holds liability if something happens to the dam. Mr. Melle stated that he did not know the answer at this time and that the city was still waiting on the permits to come.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President