

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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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 May 19th were approved.

Before the regular council session started Jeff Lamson, Superintendent for the Fremont Water Reclamation Center announced that Tony Hintze received the Kathleen Cook Lab Analyst of the Year Award from the Northwest Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association for 2016.

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to extend the Residential Refuse and Curbside Recycling Contract 90 days until September 30, 2016 and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3812)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development-for Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Downtown Revitalization Program and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1978)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for Submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency for fiscal year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel 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. 2016-1979)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for Submission to the Bureau of Workers Compensation for a Safety Intervention Grant and declaring an emergency. 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. (Res. 2016-1980)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$170,000.00 to Jack Doheny Companies, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained due to an error on the invoice date, it was necessary to issue a warrant for payment for the truck. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. (Ord. 2016-3809)

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced the superintendent of Vanguard Mr. Greg Edinger who updated the council on Vanguard. Superintendent Edinger commented on the recent graduation numbers, increasing enrollment with the expansion of programs offered to both sophomores and freshmen. He was very proud that Vanguard received all “A’s” on the state report card. He emphasized that both students and staff participate in community service projects throughout the school year. Last year 87% participated in some type of community service. Each year students attend the Skill Trades USA where students compete against other students in their trades. Every organization at the school had a state champion. He stated that next year the career center will have a mobile career tech lab that will travel to different locations and have a hand on approach to some skill trades.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor wanted citizens to know that the bike lanes downtown are not turn lanes.

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

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reported on June 13th Block Watch and a cookout will be held at the Rec. Center at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout will report at a later date on projects the committee are working on.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Ruiz reported that the pool will be open on June 4th. Rec camp registration is now open. First concert in the park will be June 5th at Birchard Park; the concert is sponsored by Republic Services.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers announced that at the conclusion of the council meeting the new jet rotter truck will be out in the parking lot for anyone interested in seeing it. He asked that the Citizen Service Committee call a meeting for the next council meeting to discuss recycling and refuse contract. He took time to thank the City of Fremont and its employees for their effort in preparing the city for the Memorial Day Weekend. The city received a lot of great compliments on the how the city looked. Mr. Myers congratulated Mr. Hintze on receiving his award.

Tucker Fredericksen nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. She wanted to echo what Mr. Myers said about the city. She mentioned that Dan Henning filmed both parades and encouraged all to view it.

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Elected Officials

Jim Melle stated that it was a great weekend and it was exciting to see the Ohio State Band perform.

Mayor Sanchez said that it was a great weekend to be the Mayor of Fremont, Ohio. He stated that everything was very positive and many of the Hayes family members that visited the city said that the city was very beautiful and the hospitality that they received while here was outstanding. He commented on the parade and the participation of Block Watch and the Police Departments participation. He thanked city council for being positive with all the things that have been going on in the city. He thanked all the sponsors for the Mayors concert that will be held at Birchard Park. He stated that he went out to both high school, Fremont Ross and St. Joe to wish all of the State Track qualifiers good luck and to congratulate them on their accomplishments. He congratulated Mr. Hintze on what he is doing on the city. He visited the Dorothy Kerns Cancer Center and stated that the facility was beautiful and glad that we had the resource in our city.

Mrs. Elder also congratulated the qualifiers to State Track this weekend. She thanked all the communities that helped make the Memorial Day weekend a huge success.

Council Comments

Mr. Taylor congratulated Mr. Hintze. He reiterated that Downtown and Fremont are looking magnificent. He also attended the Dorothy Kerns Center and agreed it was a great resource to have in the city. The Relay for Life will be held June 11th from noon to midnight at Connor Park. He encouraged everyone to be out there.

Mr. Zilch echoed the sentiment of everyone that the weekend was great and how the city looked.

Mr. Otte stated the weekend was the best. He attended the Hayes Center after the parade. He also attended the Farm and Table dinner which was great. He stated that the Hayes Family members where so down to earth and all complimented the citizens of Fremont on their friendliness.

Mr. Knisely thanked all that made the weekend a fantastic one in Fremont. He thanked all who put in the hard work for the centennial celebration. He stated that all the events were a great success. He encouraged people to eat and shop downtown. He wished all participating in the State Track Meet good luck.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that the town looked beautiful. She was approached by a citizen who asked the reasoning behind the downtown street improvement. She relayed to them that the project was already on the agenda, but rushed because of the festivities that were to be held. She congratulated Mr. Hintze on his award.

Mrs. Stout also congratulated Mr. Hintze. She stated that the Hayes family members all said how friendly the citizens of Fremont were. She also let the citizens know that Cokie Roberts was unable to attend the festivities due to transportation issues.

Mr. Koebel recognized Tom and Dorothy Kerns for receiving the Philanthropist of the Year Award from Pro Medica. He thanked Mr. Myers and the Fremont City workers for the extra effort for the weekend. He asked citizens to be mindful of students on bikes this summer. He thanked the citizens who helped beautify their properties along the parade route. Congratulations to the seniors that will be graduation from high school and then recognized Timmy Milton for 27 years of service at Big Boys and for attending all the city council meetings.

Mrs. Hafford mentioned on July 24th from 2 to 5 at Conner Park, Theresa Musser will be hosting an event to reach out to struggling addicts. The event is called The Stand. She also stated that Lee Swartz contacted Mr. Koebel and asked him to look at the cemetery at the end of Whittlesey St. The cemetery is a disaster and in need of immediate attention. The cemetery was given to city council by the Ewings. She was wondering if there was a way to get a committee or group to research on getting a grant to fix the property up. She believed it would be a great historical site for the city.

Public Comments

Tom Kerns wanted to thank the city from the Downtown Committee for the wonderful job of getting the streets and downtown looking better.

Gene Orendorff 1032 South Street wanted to know about the paving of the reservoir. He stated how nice the downtown looked, but questioned the traffic lights being removed and stop signs placed. He wondered if the city could make the signs flashing for more visibility to drivers.

Gary Bailey 315 Bidwell thanked city council and the Mayor for doing an awesome job.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Otte, seconded by Mr. Zilch, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.