

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

July 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 Pro Tem Evangelina Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Otte, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on July 21st were approved. Councilman Taylor made a motion to add a resolution to the agenda. The resolution was voted on and added to the agenda

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3814)

Second 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. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Stout seconded. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3815)

Second 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.

Second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1709 Exterior Property Maintenance Code by replacing Repealed Section 1709.04 in the Administration and Enforcement Section, with a Removal and Disposal Process for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution designating the Executive Assistant to the Mayor as Housing Officer for the Community Reinvestment Area Program and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend Chapter 1135, Use Regulations; Section 1135.03, General Uses of the Codified Ordinances to conditionally permit a Physician's Office and a Clinic in a "B-2" General Commercial District. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Knisely seconded. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Zilch and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$9,000.00 to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Stout and seconded by Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1984)

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely reported that on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. he will hold a Community Partnership Committee meeting with Keynote Speaker Dr. Tracy McCaudy to explain the proposal on the ballot. He also reported that on September 1st Cory Stein from Terra Tech to speak.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reported she is still in discussion with Mrs. Reiter and working on Economic Development items.

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

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor called for a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting on August 4th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss water tap applications. He reported that he discussed the traffic light at Croghan Street being taken down with Mr. Myers. The light is tied into the State Street lights and will be removed at a later date.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Ruiz announced that will the hot weather we are experiencing the Rec. Center is open. The Rec. Center is taking application for a Facility Supervisor and a Gym Attendant. Riding Shot Gun will be performing this Sunday at the Mayors Concerts in the Park. She reminded business owners to water the flowers in front of their businesses.

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Elected Officials

Mr. Melle reminded every of lap swim at the Rec Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder mentioned the improvements are happening throughout the town. She asked about Birchard Ave. and the two way traffic change. Mr. Myers said that once the city has made some changes there will be a phase 2 to the Birchard Ave. project.

Mayor Sanchez announced that there will be a Fight for Recovery at Roger Young Park on Saturday at 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. There will be a basketball, kick ball and food available for the event. Mayor Sanchez announced that Tim Kwiatkowski is the employee of the month.

Department Heads

Chief Foos announced the department received a grant of \$40,000.

Mr. Myers announced that next meeting there should be a grant appropriating the total amount of the grant for the Fire Department that will include the city's portion. August 18th Tim Wasserman will be in attendance to discuss the Refuge and Recycling Contract. Mr. Myers also said there would be an open house meeting at Terra to discuss proposals for the North Coast Inland Trail. Also, Columbia Gas will be hosting an information meeting to discuss gas line replacement in the south west area of town. Most of the homes affected would near Birchard Park.

Council Comments

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

Mr. Otte congratulated Austin, Dylan, and Shawn Updike for their heroic efforts to help a gentleman that fell down at the dam. He said that the dog parks are looking great and water would help the area. Please keep up the park. Farm and Table will be July 29th. He stated that he has had complaints on the sound system of the council meetings on television.

Mr. Knisely thanked the employees for their hard work of keeping the city looking great. He thanked those citizens that shop Fremont. He also echoed Mr. Zilch about the elderly.

Mr. Taylor encouraged those doing the Pokemon challenge to be mindful of the surroundings and of other people property.

Mrs. Stout thanked the Parks Department for the work at Birchard Park and the shelter houses upkeep. She thanked those that have been trimming the low hanging branches in the city.

Kirsty Bilger thanked those that attended the Farmers Market. The next market will be on August 6th. The Farm to Table will be Friday and will be catered by Angelinas. August 9th will be Ross and St. Joe Community Pep Rally at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Dave Rimselbach discussed with council his proposal to the city regarding the city donating top soil from the reservoir for him to grow vegetables and donate produce back to various city organizations such as food pantries or the Farm to Table event.

Ms. Ruiz asked that everyone try to stay cool and drink plenty of water. She thanked the law enforcement for their service to the City and the County

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Taylor, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.