

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

September 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: Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor. The minutes for council meeting held on September 1st were approved.

First reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Grahl explained to the council per the Ohio Revised Code this resolution needed to be passed by October 1st. He stated that he spoke with the County Auditor and requested that the City receives the resolution in a timely fashion to present to council. The only difference is the amounts on schedule A. Council questioned the timely manner of receiving the resolution to review it. Mr. Grahl asked council to suspend rule 4 so that he could file before the October 1st deadline. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion failed 5 yeas votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont, to enter into the Bridge Inspection Program Services for PID no. 102544 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Taylor asked for explanation on the resolution and what bridges the city was responsible for. Mr. Myers explained that the county is responsible for some of the bridges. Council questioned why the resolution was necessary if we do not have any bridges because they are consider culverts. Council asked for clarification on the bridges that the city is responsible for.

Liquor License Transfer for Buds Tavern and The Garrison which is a Revitalization Liquor License were presented for approval. Council showed no objections to both.

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced that Tim Cullen, Superintendent for Bishop Hoffman Central Catholic will be at the next council meeting for a brief presentation on the school. Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor reviewed the committee meeting in which Tim Bellish from Buckeye Energy Brokers who spoke about the 3 year aggravation program.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch reviewed his committee meeting in which Robert Knot discussed Broad Band Mobile Utilities.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on October 10th 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 encourage everyone to take advantage of the Fremont Rec. Department.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers addressed the council about the City's IT infrastructure and stated that the city is at phase II of the project and will be presenting council with resolutions on cost to move forward. He stated that the project manager from Perry Pro-Tech would be in attendance at the next council meeting to explain further to the council.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger informed the council that this weekend there would be a service club Farmers Market. The food drive that started September 1st from the 5 service clubs in Fremont would be highlighted. The drive goes through October 31st and proceeds will go towards the Pontifex, Food Pantry, and the Liberty Center. It is also the last Car Show of the season from 9 to 1p.m. The Farm to Table will be held September 23rd from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. The main cater will be the chief from the new restaurant The Garrison. The next Farmers Market will be on October 1st and it is the History Market. She is hoping to display some WWII Jeeps, older vehicles, and Pro Medica Air will be doing a fly over. Old pictures of building and what they look like now will also be on display. She stated that a new business has opened up in downtown call Professional Grooming in which the Grand Opening will be this weekend as well. Mr. Koebel asked what the new restaurant would be like. Mr. Kerns stated that it would be an upscale American Bistro. There will be two floors, private rooms available, with bars on both floors. The opening date is projected as the first of November. Mr. Kerns thanked the council for their support.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle stated that the Mike Piero memorial tournament was a very nice event. The family was very appreciative of the effort of the city to honor their son.

Mayor Sanchez echoed Mr. Melle comments on the tournament. He stated that the experience was great.

The highlight of the day was the Police and Fire Department playing against each other. The Fire

Department won 16 to 4. The losing team donated money to the Mike Piero fund in the name of the Fire

Department. Mayor Sanchez stated the Ice Control Structure project is underway.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

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Council Comments

Mr. Zilch nothing to comment on.

Mrs. Stout complimented all the city crew workers and the street department workers for their hard work. She also complimented the police and fire department for all their hard work too.

Mr. Otte commented on his recent visit to the dog park. He stated that there was a student approximately 10 years old with dogs. He encourages parents to not send children that young to the parks alone. He wanted the citizens to know of all the events going on in the city this weekend: Fun Day with Cops on Sunday, Farmer Market, Humane Society Grand Opening, St. Joe tamales after masses and their cabbage roll dinners on Wednesday. He congratulated the Mike Piero committee for a job well done.

Mr. Knisely thanked those who participated in the Mike Piero fundraising event. He commented on the look of the city and encouraged everyone to keep shopping in the city. He thanked all city employees and administration for making the city the fine outstanding place it is.

Mrs. Ruiz attended a tour of the capital with Mrs. Stout and State Representative Bill Reineke lead the tour. It was very interesting and informative.

Mr. Koebel he also echoed everyone sentiments on the Mike Piero fundraiser and thanked Joe Frazier for organizing the event. He asked if the city had considered doing any type of live feed on the Ice Control Project. He thought it would be interesting for the citizens to be able to see the project. Council said that Facebook had some updates on. He reminded citizens it is their responsibility to keep the grass mowed and weeds pulled on the city right of ways. He then wished Timmy Milton a Happy Birthday and presented him with a gift.

Mr. Taylor stated he attended the Bridging the Gap event and that it was nice hearing all the stories and passing on the message about addiction.

Mrs. Hafford comments were the same as Mr. Taylor's about the Bridging the Gap Event. The rally and the walk was very well attended and there were great speakers and information shared. The next event will be held on October 9th and will be called The Stand. The event will be held at Birchard Park.

Public Comments

Fred Recketenwald reminded everyone about the Fun Day with the Cops on Sunday in behalf of Chief Bliss.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President