

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

February 16, 2017

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 Angie Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz and Stout. The minutes for council meeting held on February 2nd were approved.

Before the regular minute readings, Richard Webber, recovering drug addict and founder of Fight for Recovery, presented a petition to council with over 417 signatures collected. The petition requested that 50% of Drug Dealer confiscated money that was forfeited during raids be used for rehabilitation. He feels that the money could reduce crimes since many addicts cannot afford rehab on their own. Also reduce the use of Nar can repeatedly. Although there are rehabs in Toledo and Dayton, he believes that one in our local area will help tremendously. He is basically looking for support from the council. A discussion was held pertaining to cost, amounts that had been forfeited to the city and such. More discussion on trying to come up with solutions to help. Mayor Sanchez commended Mr. Webber for his efforts in trying to help all those that are trying to recover from drugs.

Mayor Sanchez read a proclamation for Black History Month.

Second reading of an ordinance repealing the Previous Chapter 741 Taxicabs and replacing with a New Chapter 741 Taxicabs section for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained that most regulations in the previous chapter are dated as far back as 1940. To date no taxi cabs are acting legally in the city. He explained that Uber drivers are covered under Federal rules and regulations. A discussion was held amongst council. Citizens are required to stop into the Mayor's office to discuss any concerns or look over rules and regulations.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,311.13 to Rumpke of Ohio Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl informed the council that the resolution was necessary for sludge hauling over the estimated requisition. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2004

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Fremont Fire Department to sign and enter into an agreement for Mutual Aid for emergency service with Tiffin Fire Department and declaring an emergency. Assistant Chief Schneider explained to council that the Mutual Aid agreement had expired with Tiffin in 1998 and this resolution would be an open ended no expiration date with mutual aid between the two cities.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez stated that the city will be working on a parking lot resolution and presenting it to city council.

Mr. Grahl stated that now that it is close to tax season, he wanted people to know that if they had a tax question stop in and speak to Janet Schroeder, and she would be more than willing to assist you. Don't wait until the last day to ask.

Mrs. Elder wished her father in law, Stuart Elder a happy 90th birthday. Mr. Elder was a longtime teacher and Principal at Stamm School. She thanked him for his decade of service to the Boy Scouts and to the children of the community. He was truly a pillar in the community.

Department Heads

Assistant Chief Schneider informed council that the fire department has been in contact with the Mayles concerning their building downtown. They have been in contact with demolition companies and are waiting for bids.

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report tonight will have something at the next meeting.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout that she along with Mrs. Ruiz was selected as a TEMACOG alternate to the General Assembly.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Mr. Zilch nothing this evening.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee –She also reported that the Tree and Beautification Committee is still looking for new members.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing this evening.

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Public Comments

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont passed out event calendars to the council. She stated that Downtown Fremont is still in high gear for its membership drive. She stated that the kickoff of the Farmers Market will be June 17th with Croghan Colonial Bank being the title sponsor.

Mr. Dallas Leake, 1126 Croghan Street. Mr. Leake is the local president of the NAACP. Each year the chapter has a scholarship fundraising event. This year's event will be March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Traci McCaudy. Over the years, the chapter has been able to award over \$65,000 in scholarships to local Fremont students. Tickets are \$35 and he invited everyone to come and support this effort to help our students.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch stated that the weather is changing be aware of children being out and about. Also with the nice weather it would be a perfect opportunity to clean yards. He asked the Mayor about the 404 permit and Mayor Sanchez said they anticipated hearing something in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Otte announced there will be a Finance and Labor Committee budget meeting on March 2nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. He asked Mr. Myers how we stood with the Sewer Plant. Mr. Myers explained that we are around 98% complete with the project. He is hoping for a public open house in the fall. He thanked Mr. Webber for his presentation and his effort to help with the drug problem. He thanked Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Stout for their dedication to being alternates of the general assembly for TEMACOG.

Mr. Knisely complimented the city employees and the administration and the great job they are doing. He encourages the citizens to continue to shop and dine in Fremont. He also wished good luck to Fremont Ross and St. Joe with their spring sports.

Mr. Taylor wished his nieces good luck in their basketball tournaments tonight. He stated that good things are occurring in our city, keep up the positivity.

Mrs. Stout she also wished Mr. Elder a happy birthday, he is a pillar of our community. She thanked the Street Department for all their hard work on the alleys in the city. She stated that if citizens slowed down in the alleys they would last longer. She stated that she attend Sprouse Insurance grand opening.

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mrs. Ruiz mentioned a dam that was on television and the destruction that would have happened if it would have come down. She compared it to our dam if we would do nothing with it. She thanked Mrs. Stout for attending the TEMACOG meetings with her. She stated that the meetings are very informative and she feels helpful with information to share with the city. She thanked Mr. Webber for his dedication for helping people in trouble and wanting to make our community a better place.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Taylor motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President Pro Tem