

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, with President James Weaver presiding.

The following members answered roll call: Knisely, Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley, and Root.

The minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written and received.

On motion by Marker seconded by Knisely to reappoint Linda Swartz as Clerk of Fremont City Council for the month of January, motion carried 6 yeas votes. President Weaver appointed Councilman Nalley, Root and Kreilick to review applications for a new clerk with Councilman Nalley as chairman and President Weaver as advisor.

On motion by Root, seconded by Knisely to appoint Don Nalley as President Pro Tem, motion carried 5 yeas 1 nay, Leake voting nay. This position is usually given to the most senior member of council. If both the President and Pro Tem are absent the Clerk would call a meeting to order and then council would appoint a leader. Pro Tem is for a 2-year term.

On motion by Root, seconded by Marker to adopt the proposed Rules of Council, tie vote 3 yeas, 3 nays, President of Council voting nay, not passed. Leake commented on not having any input on the general rules of council. Councilman Nalley doesn't want to address this now. Kreilick not in favor at this time.

First reading of an ordinance establishing the position of executive assistant and amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal and interim employees, and boards and commission of the City of Fremont. The Mayor addressed this issue and advised he would explain all future legislation from his office. Most of the auditing duties from the Administration Office will be sent down to the Auditors Office. He would be promoting Mary Jean Carmack to the position of administrative secretary taking over many of the duties of the present position. The new part time position as executive assistant would be to work with the Mayor, Safety Service Direct and Economic Development Director. The job description was passed out tonight. Joe Flahiff retired from the superintendent position at the Water Treatment Plant and Steve Lamale has been promoted to that position. Juan Garza was promoted to assistant superintendent. Fran Gierhart retires at the end of the month. She is reporting from her emails. Zoning violations are being taken over by the Police Department. We will not fill Fran's position until the new engineer is hired in.

President of Council noted all the committees and members thereof. He advised committee descriptions will be discussed at the work session to be held prior to the next council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Nalley welcomed new council members and the administration along with other members of council.

Councilman Root advised Columbia Gas natural gas rate dropped two cents to 50 hcf.

Councilman Nalley asked the Administration on how to contact AEP for the Opt In Program. The toll free number is 1-855-299-7372. Safety Service Director said he is disappointed with AEP and the problem with the letters not being received by all residents. The 9% rate for the City would be for 2 years. The sign up has been extended to January 23, 2012 to opt in.

Councilman Knisely thanked the voters.

Councilwoman Kreilick thanked voters and looks forward to this position.

Councilman Leake congratulated new council members.

Law Director Melle thanked all for their support and is honored to be in this position. Also, on February 5, 2012 in the indoor 10k race at the Rec Center.

Mayor commented he is privileged and blessed for this position. A new transition is taking place after 20 years. We will be getting more information on the utilities. The reservoir report shows two new change orders. One for extending completion time to August 1, 2012 and the other for increased costs of \$8 million. He guaranteed this is not going to be the end of it. HM Miller is going to winterize if we want or they will continue to work during the cold. We will take our time looking into this; we are going to review the whole situation. OEPA is going to be asked for an extension.

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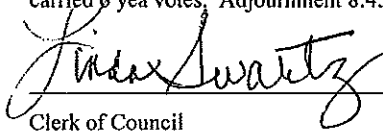
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There are 10 acres to complete the reservoir construction. He is looking into an ordinance that no change orders are to be approved until put out to bid. The water rate study needs to be looked at.

Joe Michael, 1614 Birchard Avenue commented on the warranty on the liner of the reservoir.

Ty Stout, President of AFSCME Union stated he hoped the new administration will keep the open door policy.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root seconded by Marker to adjourn. Motion carried 8 yea votes. Adjournment 8:45 p.m.


Clerk of Council

Council President