

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, Ruiz, and Root.

The minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

After being asked by President Jim Weaver, on motion by Ruiz, seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yea votes to add a resolution to the agenda regarding a technical assistance grant, making it item #3.

Law Director Jim Melle then asked that council vote to go into executive session after the regular meeting pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending court action with no business to transpire thereafter. On motion by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes.

Third reading of a resolution by Fremont City Council opposing passage of HB 601, and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely. After discussion, a motion to table this resolution indefinitely by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract for the 2013 pavement marking program with Zimmerman Paint Contractors Co. in the amount of \$79,515.90.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for a technical assistance grant with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes, On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1877)

Committee reports

Knisely reported that he will have a report at the next meeting.

Kreilick asked mayor for an update on reservoir project. Mayor said he hopes that filling the reservoir will start by end of January.

Council members' comments

Nalley encouraged all council to attend the TMACOG Annual Meeting on Jan. 29 in Perrysburg where the guest speaker from La-Z-Boy corporation will talk about how a business may choose to locate in a specific community.

Melle distributed a list of all lawsuits pending against the city as required.

Kreilick thanked Rep. Damschroder for a history lesson on how the legislature works and how bills become law.

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The mayor reported that the floodwall repairs installed by city crews, and required by Corps of Engineers and FEMA, has been certified. He said the city saved money by having city crews do the work. He complimented the Fremont Police Dept for monitoring Fifth Street traffic and adherence to the new stop sign. He added that city crews will put a stop sign at Park & Garrison Streets and will turn off, but not remove the traffic light there at this time. Upon a request from Nalley for an update on the safety service director's position, the mayor said he is considering keeping interim director Bob Ward on permanently but will have to get council's permission since Ward lives outside city limits. Nalley said when the decision is made he will work with Melle to develop legislation to make it possible for Ward to be hired.

Kreilick asked that a meeting of the Utilities Committee be set for residents to voice their opinions on using gas engines on the reservoir at 6:30 p.m. on February 7. Discussion followed regarding if there would be enough information available by Feb. 7 to hold such a meeting and when the previously tabled ordinance is expected to be heard.


Public comments

Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard Ave., asked Melle if he received any response from the Attorney General regarding the public property destruction issue. Melle said he is still talking with the AG about the issue.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m., with no action taken.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root, seconded by Ruiz, to adjourn, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President