

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

February 2, 2012

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, Root and Ruiz.

The minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third 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. On motion by Root, seconded by Marker to adopt, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2012-3571)

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$927.84 to Ohio CAT and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the use of and a limitation on blanket purchase orders of \$5,000 quarterly. Auditor Lauer explained this would be for departments on a quarterly basis.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$11,500 to Al Baumann Chevrolet-Buick Inc. and declaring an emergency. Chief Wiersma explained this was purchased through the drug seizure account and a vehicle was traded in on this purchase.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a transfer from the Water Fund to the Water Reservoir Fund in the amount of \$400,000 and declaring an emergency. This draw was submitted to the EDA but there are some items that need to be addressed on the paperwork before payment is made to the city and we need to pay some bills before the money comes in. On motion by Kreilick, seconded by Marker to suspend Rule 4, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion by Nalley, seconded by Knisely to adopt, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2012-3572)

Finance chairman Nalley called a committee meeting on February 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming budget.

Rec chairman Marker advised the next Advisory Board meeting will be held February 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Center.

Citizens service chairman Ruiz stated the next meeting of the Sandusky County Block Watch would be held next Tuesday at the Rec Center.

Councilman Leake commented on attending the Economic Development meeting at the Hayes Center.

Councilman Root advised Columbia Gas rates dropped 5 cents to 45.5 per cubic foot.

Councilman Nalley advised the next meeting of the Tree & Beautification committee will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. He also commented on the public hearing on tree trimming. Citizens can do anything with trees on their property but have to call the SSD office for approval if they want to trim trees on the tree lawn in front of their property. The Hayes Center will have a presentation on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. on Thomas Jefferson; the cost is \$10 per person. There is a dinner also, which is an additional cost. Thanks to Sam Derr for his service as Safety Service Director.

President Weaver advised the deadline for resumes for the clerk's position would be Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Knisely thanked Sam Derr for his service.

Councilwoman Kreilick advised an organizational meeting was held tonight for 2013 Fort Stephenson's bicentennial celebration. Volunteers are needed.

Councilman Leake advised February is Black History Month.

Law Director Melle presented council with his annual report listing all the current litigation involving the city.

Mayor Ellis presented Sam Derr with a gift certificate for the cycle shop and thanked him for his years of public service. The Mayor presented an annual report. He advised 18 applicants for the Safety Service Director position have been received and CNA are analyzing these resumes. For the interim of 1 month Mayor Ellis will process the information for Safety Service Director and Bob Ward will be acting Interim Safety Service Director while continuing to perform his present duties. There were 17 applications received for City Engineer position. The electric aggregation program plan is in process with AEP retail partners Buckeye Energy for a 9% savings. Citizens need to opt out to not be

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in the program. A third public meeting is being planned. The Fifth Street Project will be bid this year. A grant has been received to fund this project and a left turn lane is needed to comply. The bid package is being drawn up. The sewer plant project is underway. Jeff Lamson explained the aging facility and the yearly upgrades which happened in the past. This project will be a 20-year project to upgrade. It will be less money to build then to upgrade the present facility. MDH has been chosen to Engineer this job. If anyone would like more information contact Jeff Lamson, Superintendent. The Mayor stated a completion date on the reservoir project couldn't be given at this time. The city will continue as safely and as fast as possible. The Community Relations Committee is reforming. The Internet service is on going project, they are placing towers and equipment on all city buildings at this time. The contractor will offer service to the general public for a fee in the future. The Fremont Plan is being chaired by Mike Jay and will take 1 ½ to 2 years to develop. A gathering of information to establish goals will be built into our project. Councilwoman Kreilick asked if a Utilities committee meeting could be planned at the Sewer Plant concerning the project, and it will be scheduled at a later date. The Mayor commented an environmental impact statement is underway on the Ballville Dam. Removal of the dam will take a couple of years of demolition.

Parks & Recreation Director Glotzbecker reminded citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 10k indoor race, February 5<sup>th</sup>, over 100 runners are coming to Fremont. The time for the race is 8:30 a.m.

Brian Mullins, 7040 SR 40 Vickery, Ohio, with the Internet Café commented on the raid of the establishment. They opened in April 2010, we had no idea we were doing anything wrong. Our games are not skill games, they are sweepstakes. The police removed everything in the refrigerators, and Detective O'Connell never contacted us. You have run the tax dollars out of the City. Mayor Ellis I called your office, and I would like to have it noted you are wasting money and making you a one time Mayor.

Melanie White, representing NAMI levy, which is on the ballot in March this year. She was asking council for a resolution in support of this levy. NAMI offers crisis intervention training one time a year through the mental board.

Dean Rickard Jr., 109 S Wayne St., assistant manager at the Players Club Internet Café. This has impacted me financially he stated. The games were sweepstakes games not skilled games. I urge the Mayor and Police to drop the charges and let me get back to work.

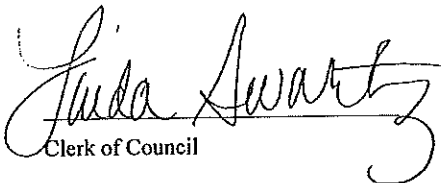
Rebecca Mullins, 740 US 40, Vickery, Ohio. It is very hard not know if my husband is going to be charged or not, as nothing has happened at this point. Bring these businesses back to the community.

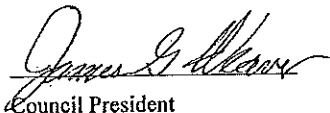
Ken (Avers) 742 US Highway 6, commented on the Internet situation. We are all out of jobs and Columbus people came in and checked out the establishments prior to opening.

Mike Koebel, Morrison Street, asked who issued this raid and Mr. Mullins stated Mayor Ellis said that he took full issue for the raid. The Mayor researched and looked into the investigation, which showed that something illegal was being done. The Mayor stated we have sworn an oath to stop illegal activity in our community.

President Weaver thanked Sam Derr for 37 years of service to the City, and thanked Linda Swartz for sitting in the Clerk position this evening. Next Monday interviews will be held for the clerk position and a recommendation will be brought back to council next meeting.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Knisely seconded by Root to adjourn. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Adjournment 8:40 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President