

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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February 21, 2013

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 February 7, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with the Mannik & Smith Group Inc. for engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for 2013 beginning January 1 through December 31, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,860.00 to S&L Fertilizer Company, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for the purchase of equipment, construction projects, street and bridge materials and repairs, and yearly supplies and services, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application with the Ohio Development Services Agency for up to \$400,000 for fiscal year 2013 for Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1881)

First reading of a resolution to designate Elaine J. Huntley, the city council clerk, the designee for elected Fremont City Council members for public records training in accordance with R.C. 109.43 (E) for the years 2012-2015, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisley, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1882)

First reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$30,421,777.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2013 fiscal year January 1 through December 31, City of Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance for 2013 annual transfers and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3625)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing an advance of \$1.5 million from the Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 to the Water Reservoir Fund 542, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3626)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to sign change order number 7 with H.M. Miller for completion of the Fremont upland reservoir, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3627)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control loan fund supplemental agreement on behalf of the City of Fremont for construction of an off-stream raw water supply reservoir and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-3625)

A request from Mona Corporation, 426 E. State St., Fremont, (Clark Gas Station), Raydan Dakdouk, owner for transfer of majority shares and so claim the liquor license request (STCK). Dakdouk bought all other shares and now is the sole owner. On motion by Root, seconded by Ruiz, to show no objection to the request, motion carried 7 yea votes.

Committee reports

Ruiz reported that Block Watch meetings are suspended until funds are again available to operate the program.

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Nalley reported that the Finance Committee met before council meeting and heard from Mayor Jim Ellis, Fire Chief David Foos and Police Chief Tim Wiersma, who explained their budgets and the reasons for the reductions. They pointed out that the water fund budget is separate from the General Fund's and the mayor said that the city has to dip into its financial reserves to make ends meet in 2013. This will allow city administrators to maintain city services and keep residents safe while cutting dollars.

Leake reported seeing a job application for Rural King and asked the mayor for an update on the retailer opening in the city, which the mayor replied he had no information. Leake said he talked to the manager at the location who said the store was planning to open around April 26.

Marker reported that the next meeting of the city's Rec Board will be March 11.

Kreilick distributed a Powerpoint printout that outlines information on renovations at the Water Pollution Control Center that council will have to act on shortly.

Council members' comments

Ruiz noted that with the death of Tomas Obregon the city has lost a dedicated citizen. Obregon was the founder of the local El Aguila Bakery.

Root reported on the old Tremper's building he talked about at the last meeting. He said Foos followed up on his question and reported that the city's Design Review committee said it will add stucco on the wall there and plans are to complete the wall in 90 days. He also said that the market suppliers regarding the gas aggregation in the city has provided a good deal for residents. He said he checked on prices with other suppliers and none are as low as the city's.

Knisely thanked the mayor and others for their work on budget as well as for worked reservoir's lawsuits.

Kreilick also thanked mayor and others for their work on the budget.

Leake commended Ruiz for helping a local man to get citizenship. He announced several Black History month activities in the community and thanked the mayor and others for their budget work.

Law Director Jim Melle reported that the nuisance at 425 Wood Street property is cleaned up and grass will be planted at the location in the Spring.

City Treasurer Holly Elder thanked city officials who worked on budget. She encouraged everyone to participate in the State Treasurer's online class on Finances 101. This interactive class educates participants on managing finances.

Auditor Paul Grahl said everyone has been focused on budgets and has done their best to provide information so that all can make best decisions for budgets.

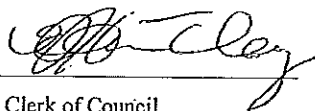
Safety Service Director Robert Ward also thanked everyone for their work on the budget. He also informed council that he will shortly be selecting bidders for the WPCC expansion work. He said the bid packages will go out in the next week. Work on the sand docks area will be done after construction is complete; reported the ice rink at the rec center will close Mar 19 and that the Rec Center will be seeking summer help shortly; that the demolition of the building at Front and State streets will take place as soon as utilities are disconnected; added that the stop sign at Front and North streets has been installed.

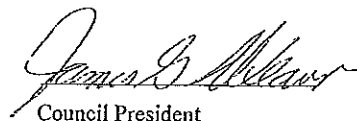
Mayor Ellis reported that the WPCC was featured in Water World magazine; the Bicentennial Committee has been meeting and making plans for the celebration such as a veterans theme, a parade, fireworks, etc.; the reservoir has 120 million gallons in now; and thanked all city staff for work on the budget work, especially Auditor Grahl.

Public comments

Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard Ave., distributed information on use of gas-powered motors on Ohio reservoirs and on emails between he and Scott Zody of ODNR.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President