

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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March 7, 2013

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:35 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, Marker, Nalley, Root, and Ruiz. Leake was absent due to a death in his family.

The minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting were approved as written and corrected.

On a motion by Root to go into executive session at end of regular council business according to ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending court action with no resulting action, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yeas votes.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3628)

Second 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.

Second 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.

Second 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 a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$25,605.00 to United Insurance Service, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Res. 2013-1884)

First reading of a resolution by Fremont City Council opposing HB 5, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Res. 2013-1885)

Regarding a request for a liquor license transfer from Rite Aid of Ohio to the local Rite Aid store, Root made a motion to show no objection and Marker seconded it. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Dave Buck, district manager of Rite Aid, attended the meeting and explained that the store is interested in adding beer and wine to the local store.

Committee reports

Nalley reported that the Finance & Labor Committee met before council meeting and heard from Mayor Jim Ellis, who addressed police and fire dept budgets and explained that the city will take a new direction to make the budgets work. He reminded city staff that the third reading of the ordinance to accept the budget will be at the next council meeting and that there should be no changes to the budget until then. However, the ordinance will be modified to reflect the updated budget amounts.

Marker reported that the city's Rec Board will meet March 11.

Council members' comments

Marker said he enjoyed participating in budget meeting.

Law Director Jim Melle reported that he will be absent at the next meeting. Melle explained that with regard to manpower needs for police and fire, union contract supersede the city ordinances. At next negotiation, the city administration will ensure the language in the contracts reflect that.

Mayor Ellis reported that the demolition of the building at Front & State Streets will begin March 11. He reported that he attended Fremont City Schools' celebration of its Excellence rating and Supt. Tracy McCaudy received a state award for leadership; the grant to remove the Ballville Dam grant is now in jeopardy, so the city will move the project along this year. After a question from Nalley, the mayor said the city will have the reservoir in operation for about two years before the dam is finally removed. He said the pumps at the reservoir are running and there are 230 million

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gallons of water in it now. Since the water is dirty now, reservoir screens are working overtime; said work at the intersection at the State Street bridge will begin soon and there will have new modern traffic light installed.

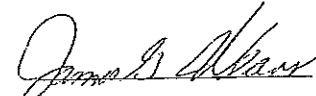
Public comments

Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. and returned to regular council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Clerk of Council


Council President