

April 5, 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 March 15, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$11,702.74 to Midwest Compost Inc., and declaring an emergency. Motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Third 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. Motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Second reading of ordinance contract with MWH Engineering, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Marker, second by Root, motion carried 7 yeas votes. After question by Nalley and echoed by Leake, MWH Engineering rep. at the meeting explained that the city is under timeline from EPA to get the job done well. On motion to adopt by Root, second by Marker, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Fremont an easement to Craig Miller and Steven Miller in connection with settlement of Common Pleas Case No. 10-CV-894 and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt Rule 4 by Leake, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley and seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Fremont a quit claim deed to Craig Miller and Steven Miller in connection with settlement of Common Pleas Case No. 10-CV-894, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Marker and seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Root and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Fremont a settlement agreement between the City and Craig Miller and Steven Miller in connection with Common Pleas Case No. 10-CV-894 and to execute all documents and take action as required under the agreement, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt Rule 4 by Knisely seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Root and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Ordinance appropriated \$80,000.00 to the General Fund to pay a settlement in connection with Common Pleas Case No. 10-CV-894 and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Marker and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Root and seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Leake commended the mayor and administration for their efforts to settle this case with the Millers.

Andrew Brown, assistant director of the Sandusky County Park District attended the council meeting to present a check for \$3,353.00 to Safety Service Director Marc Glotzbecker to be used to establish a dog park at the Biggs-Kettner Eastside Park in Fremont. He also shared with city council that work on the bike trail expansion between Fremont and Clyde should be done by September. He said that was a promise the park district made to the voters.

#### Committee reports

Citizens Service Chairman Ruiz reported that the April 3 countywide Block Watch meeting was well attended and that the future meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month at the Rec Center at 7:00 p.m.

Community Partnership Chairman Knisely reported that he visited with officials at the Vanguard Career Center and learned that the school serves 17 area schools and had a 98.32 graduation rate in 2011. He said that construction of a new facility at the center is progressing well.

Economic Development Chairman Leake reported that the TMACOG county reception was set for April 26 and he encouraged all council members to attend.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Marker informed the council that the committee's next meeting was set for April 9 at 7 p.m.

Comments

Nalley encouraged council members to attend the TMACOG reception on April 26. He reported that information such as what's taking place on transportation, the Ohio Turnpike and other matters affecting the area would be available at the reception. He also encouraged members to participate in the Diversity Expo on April 14 at Terra Community College, the Kiwanis Pancake Day on April 18, and the Pizza Day on April 15 at fairgrounds. He also shared about Terra's Arts Festival on Apr 15. Nalley also addressed the issue of a one-pager regarding funds about the dam removal presented to council by Joe Michaels of Fremont, saying it did not include sufficient data. He also pointed out that because council members do not agree with Michael's interpretation of the document doesn't mean council is wrong. He indicated he is willing to discuss Michael's concerns. Nalley also questioned Marc Glotzbecker about the letter the mayor received from Ohio Historical Society Preservation group. Glotzbecker responded that that group does not issue permits. He said that the city administration has authorized Stantec to address the issue with the Historical Society and deal with the issue. Nalley also requested minutes from the various committees meetings specifically minutes from the Community Re-investment Housing Council so council can have a better understanding of the work the group does. Mr. Jay will address council on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. He added that the Welcome Home ceremony for Vietnam Vets recently conducted in the city was really nice and should be done annually.

Ruiz also added her support of the ceremony.

Root commented that the market suppliers and the aggregation will be taking place soon. He said he was not sure what the rate will be, but warned that residents should stay away from those trying to make them chose other providers. He pointed out that permits for sale of alcohol all expire June 1, and that any objections to any permit must be filed no later than May 2.

Kreilick said that she campaigned on the issue of overusing Rule 4, so she appreciated Nalley and Leake commenting on its use at tonight's meeting and taking the issue seriously.

Leake commended the Vietnam vets ceremony and council for attending the training on March 31 as well as encouraged attendance at the Diversity Expo. He thanked Michaels for providing the information he presented at the last meeting. Glotzbecker noted that the death of Jim Walter left a vacancy on the city's Civil Service Commission and pointed out that April 23 is the deadline for those wishing to fill the vacancy. He also noted that there is a public meeting on trash pickup set for April 19 and said that residents can voice opinions on this topic at the next council meeting on April 19. He shared that interviews to fill vacancies will start soon with Fremont Police then with the Fremont Fire Department. Deadline for applications for the new Recreation Superintendent is April 12 and a ceremony by the City's Tree Commission is set for April 27 at 1 p.m. at city hall. Also, he said the railroad officials is scheduled to re-do the RR crossing on W. State Street.

Joe Michaels of 1614 Birchard Park also addressed the council saying he had informed council that if they needed more information based on the one-pager he distributed that they could contact him. He is willing to provide more information on the dam removal.

Chris Jones, an attorney, of 626 Madison, Toledo, addressed council on behalf of his client from Fremont who lost her job when all Internet Cafes were closed by the Fremont Police. President of Council Jim Weaver said he could not comment on the issue since it is in litigation.

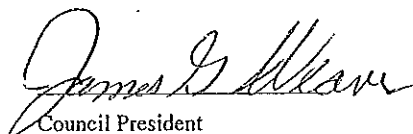
Joe Albrechta, of Christy Road, Fremont, encouraged city officials to be open in its disclosure in the Internet Cafe matter. This community has been privy to Mayor Ellis' campaign statements regarding openness of the city to residents.

Weaver said that council will resume discussions of proposed bylaw changes on May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Marker seconded by Leake to adjourn, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President