

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

May 16, 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: Gross, Knisely, Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley, and Ruiz.

The minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

After President Jim Weaver asked, a motion to add item 10 to the agenda was made by Nalley, seconded by Marker, and was approved by 7 yea votes. The item was a liquor license request by Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant.

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$11,194.00 to Etna Supply, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1891)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a grant agreement with OSS Solid Waste District, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1892)

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Mid-Ohio Sludge Management Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$108,360.00 for 2013 Spent Lime Lagoon cleaning, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3637)

Second reading of a resolution adopting and authorizing the implementation of a citizen's participation plan as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) procedures.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the repayment of an advance of \$1,500,000.00 from the Water Reservoir Fund 542 to the Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$379,602.81 from the Sewer fund 570 to the Sewer Improvements Fund 590, 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 Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3638)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing an advance of \$3,700,000.00 from Sewer fund 570 to the Sewer Improvements Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3639)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Development for fiscal year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program, 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 Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1893)

Mayor Jim Ellis issued proclamation to Mental Health America, a grassroots organization that provides support to families of the mentally ill. Proclaimed May as Mental Health Month in Fremont.

Regarding a new liquor license permit request from Buffalo Wild Wings, on motion to show no objection by Knisely, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. According to Economic Development Director Michael Jay, this new restaurant will be located on Sean Drive north of Liberty Square 1. It will accommodate 300 as well as an outdoor patio with heaters and banquet room. About 120 employees will start when the business opens then it will taper off to about 75-80 with 30 of them being full time. A ribbon-cutting will be held during the first week of September.

### Committee reports

Leake reported that he plans to attend the TMACOG Economic Development seminar May 31 where Mr. Jay is a speaker.

Marker reported that the Rec Board met May 13 and learned that the pool will open June 1 and that an employee manual for part-time workers at the Rec department was created.

### Council Comments

Leake thanked the mayor for proclamation for the mental health group.

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Kreilick sent congratulations to the area's new high school and college graduates.

Knisely shared that it is good to see all fishermen visiting the community.

Gross said he liked the letter the mayor sent to Heinz's new owners.

Ruiz complimented Ruth Gregorski for doing a good job and being helpful.

Nalley reported that the Beautification and Tree Commission met with new members attending. He said this revitalizes the commission, which is responsible for all the pots of flowers downtown.

Law Director Jim Melle distributed flyers on the camelback race, which is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In honor of the event, Applebees will have a steak and eggs breakfast for its volunteers.

Holly Elder urged Ross High students to be careful as they attend their prom. She added that May is Electric Safety Month and noted that in the Kiplinger Report, there's a list of utility scams that target homeowners for not paying their bills.

Safety Service Director Robert Ward said the June 1 grand opening of the reservoir will be at 11 a.m. and the ground-breaking of WPCC construction is May 16.

Mayor Jim Ellis reported the reservoir is open but boats are not yet allowed on it. He urged residents to enjoy the facility. He added that Heinz can't close its sale yet due to regulations, but said everything will work out well. He said he wrote a letter welcoming the new owners and added he wants to keep communications with the group open.

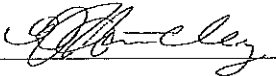
Fire Chief Foos said that as of May 4 Ruth Gregorski and Ward are new graduates of fire school. He added that hydrant flushing is moving to NW quadrant of the city.

Gary Kapp, code enforcement officer, reported that he issued 80 notices to property owners for tall grass that needs to be mowed. He said he wants to change zoning code rules to allow sending out one notice instead of having to send out more than one before being able to go in and mow where needed.

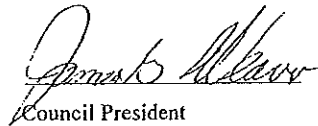
### Public comments

Joe Michles, 1614 Birchard Ave., approached podium to talk and Weaver interrupted to say that since Michles is now a candidate for council, he wants to offer a one-time opportunity for all candidates to tell who they are since this is a platform that provides such candidates access to public media. He said Michles has to stick to council's three-minute rule if he wants to address the council. He also suggested Michles talk with those council members who want to hear his opinions so that it can be addressed at the appropriate council committee meeting. Michles objected to Weaver's comments.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President