

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

May 17, 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 May 3, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

Second reading of an ordinance repealing Ord. 1998-3062, which authorized a reserve balance fund for the payment of claims for Workers' Compensation funding for said reserve balance accounts to come from refunds of previous Workers' Compensation payments.

Second reading of an ordinance repealing Res. 2009-1764 which authorized funding of the reserve balance of at least \$215,000 from the reserve fund created in Ord. 98-3062.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Development for fiscal year 2012 community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the encroachment of a property at 700 Walnut St., Fremont, by about 10 feet into Sixth St., and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to contact with Maple City LLC for \$54,985 for 2012 CDBG curb and side walk improvements and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to approve by Marker, seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3583)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$6,400 to the state treasurer.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,400 to the state treasurer and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Marker and seconded by Root, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to approve by Marker and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1845)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the expenditure and to direct the Safety Service Director to contract with ODOT Cooperative Purchasing program for \$52.50 per ton for a maximum of 1,200 tons of salt for the city for the 2012-13 winter season and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule by Marker seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to approve by Root and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3584)

### Committee reports

Citizens Service Chair Ruiz reminded everyone about the June Block Watch meeting.

Chair Knisely reported that both high schools had good school years.

Finance Committee Chair Nalley reported that he received the April finance reports which are under review. He also said he will call a Finance Committee meeting for 6:30 p.m. on June 21 to discuss the city's financial outlook.

Economic Development Chairman Leake reported that the city's Economic Development Director Mike Jay provided valuable information on the city's economic development efforts.

Laws, Rules & Ordinances Chair Root reported that, in addition to a vacancy for the president of the Zoning Board of Appeals, there are now two vacancies. He recommended that Gene Yeager be appointed president of the Zoning Board of Appeals. On his motion to approve, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. Root also suggested one person is appointed and the alternate be used to fill the second opening. Those suggested to fill the vacancies are Tom Lewis and Robert Baker, who have indicated interests in the vacancies.

### Council members Comments

Nalley sent congratulations all area students who graduated or will graduate in the next month. He also reminded all of the next Tree & Beautification Commission's meeting at city hall.

Kreilick thanked residents for attending council meetings, appreciated Jay's economic development presentation, and urged everyone to shop local first.

Leake also congratulated all graduates and extended thanks to retiring Terra President Dr. Marsha Bordner.

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Council President Weaver said he will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on June 7 for discussion on council bylaws.

Law Director Jim Melle reported that he has signed all agreements with officials of Tailgators.

Safety Service Director Marc Glotzbecker reported that the middle school's demolition on target and that there will be an auction of city items on June 9 at the city garage. He also reported that Stantec, consultants on the dam removal, will be in Fremont week of May 21 gathering information between the dam and Tindall Bridge.

Mayor Jim Ellis reported that mediation on the dispute between the city and Miller's will be June 26. He said the city has contracted with the company which supplied the pumps to pump water out the reservoir on May 18. In response to a question from Weaver regarding uncut grass at abandoned properties, the mayor said he's currently interviewing for a code enforcement officer who will address that issue. Then, he asked council members to consider what to do with the Schwochow property on N. SR 53 for future development.

Fire Chief Foos said the fire department was in midst of its annual fire hydrant flushing around the city.

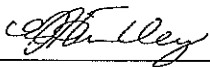
### Public comments

Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard Ave., said he wanted council to be aware of the make-up of the ODNR board that made a grant to the city for the dam removal. He also asked Melle to keep council informed on what he discovers about that issue.

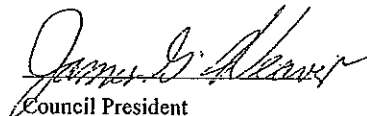
Mike Koebel of 830 Morrison St. reported that a plaque located at the uncompleted reservoir includes his name and he would like his name removed. Nalley asked the city administrators to check into that issue.

Dave Mosser, 528 Keller Dr., asked Mayor Ellis about the deadline for Miller to return to complete the reservoir project. At that point Councilmember Kreilick asked the mayor if he believed that Arcadis and Miller were deliberately delaying their responses to the city, to which the mayor responded no.

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



Clerk of Council



Council President