

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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June 6, 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. Ruiz was absent.

The minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1894)

Second 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 a resolution authorizing the city of Fremont to pay for mandatory contributions pursuant to Sec. 742.31 of the ORC for the participating employees, Patrol Officers of the Police Department, who are members of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Gross, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1895)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the city of Fremont to pay for mandatory contributions pursuant to Sec. 742.31 of the ORC for the participating employees of the Fire Department, who are members of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1896)

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Committee reports

Knisely reported that Fremont learned that their Safe Routes to Schools application had been selected for funding.

Nalley said he will have a Finance Committee meeting on June 20 to hear a presentation from Fire Chief Foos on the need for new trucks for the fire department. Then, he introduced Sandusky County Convention and Visitors Bureau SCCVB Director Gerry Miller, who shared with council the operations of the SCCVB. Miller said SCCVB receives a portion of the bed tax the city receives and informed council that money spent on tourism returns twice as much to the community. The SCCVB is currently participating in the planning of the War of 1812 celebration, which starts at 5 p.m. on Aug. 2 and concludes Sunday, Aug. 5 p.m. She added that Futronics are donating radios that will be used during the event.

Leake reported that he attended TMACOG's seminar on economic development and found it interesting and full of good information.

Marker reported that the Rec Board met June 9 and that the pool is now open.

Kreilick said she will have a Utilities Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 18 where Fremont resident Joe Michles will make a presentation on water rates. Then she asked Nalley to report on the WPCC renovation meeting that she asked him to attend on her behalf. Nalley said he found the meeting educational. He learned that the reason a stop sign was installed at North and Front Streets is due to the anticipated truck traffic for the WPCC renovation. Nalley said he noticed the contractors have great respect for city's engineering staff.

Weaver said there will be a hearing on July 18, perhaps at 6 p.m., regarding annexation of Hoty Development north of the city.

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Council Comments

Leake congratulated all area graduates. He commented on the 3-minute rule for residents addressing council during a meeting. He disagreed with Weaver's assertion that Michles, who is a candidate for election in November, has an advantage over other candidates when he addresses council. He said that other candidates can do the same as Michles and noted that Nalley has the same forum.

Kreilick thanked Gerry Miller of SCVVB and others who are making efforts to make Fremont exciting for this summer.

Knisely said it is nice to see people using reservoir.

Gross said he regrets missing the reservoir's grand opening, but had had a tour earlier. He added that he was happy to be a part of the tour of plant where fire trucks are assembled.

Marker said he also enjoyed the grand opening of reservoir.

Nalley encouraged residents to get a first-hand look at the reservoir. He said that residents have reported to him about parks and other areas not being mowed and said he believes it's due to the city's budget constraints. He added that he is excited about the funding award for the Safe Routes to School program. This funding, he said, allows for the hiring of a consultant to determine what would be needed for safe routes. After a report is compiled then another grant request will be submitted for funding to implement the routes by next year. Also, Nalley addressed the discussion on candidates using council's pulpit to campaign, explaining that even though he is also running for re-election he still has to do council's business so his presence is not a bonus.

Law Director Jim Melle told council that the Supreme Court ruled that the city can have mediation on the Wasserman lawsuit and the date set for that is June 20 at 1 p.m. by telephone. He also encouraged all residents to participate in the Camelback Race.

Safety Service Director Robert Ward said there will be a picnic table and trash can at the reservoir soon, and added that hydrant flushing will be in the southeast quadrant of the city next. He said he has received complaints about trash and grass clippings, noting that yard clippings swept into the streets block drainage and can cause flooding. He said that residents should take yard clippings to Universal Farms, which accepts any yard clippings.

Mayor Jim Ellis reminded everyone about the July 6 Dignity & Respect event in downtown Fremont. He noted that at the TMACOG seminar, speakers stressed the value of communities having a strategic plan and said that is what the BIG Fremont Plan is. He added that department heads will meet with him and Ward to discuss the budget to see how it's working to date. So far, income tax revenues are up but if SB 5 is enacted, the city will lose \$150,000 per year.

Weaver asked about Fifth Street and Ward responded that there are problems with the manhole covers that still have to be fixed.

Public comments

Joe Michles, 1614 Birchard Ave., distributed copies of city's agreement with ODNR regarding the controversy of whether or not the \$5m ODNR loaned the city to remove the Sandusky River dam has to be repaid. Weaver told Michels his three-minutes were up and when he complained, he referred him to Melle.

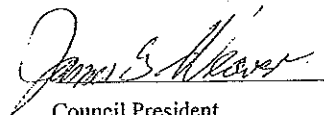
Ross Paulson, 1930 Pt Clinton Rd, rents to an internet café owner saying he is afraid he will lose a tenant due to the cost the café owner has regarding registering with the city.

Ken Snyder, 119 Cottage St., said he has several articles on gas motors on reservoirs, and feels it's a bad idea to allow gas motors on the Fremont reservoir.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



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Council President