

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

June 20, 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: Gross, Knisely, Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley and Ruiz.

After a call from President Jim Weaver for any items to be removed from the agenda, Nalley asked that item #2 be removed and replaced with new version of the ordinance. The new ordinance changed language in the ordinance to be more accurate. However, he withdrew the request saying he will make the adjustment when the item comes up for a vote.

Then, Gross moved and Knisely seconded the motion for council to go into executive session for purposes based on ORC. 121.22G3: to discuss imminent court action with city attorney with action to follow in council's open session. The executive session will be conducted after the first seven items on the agenda were addressed.

The minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the repayment of an advance of \$1.5 million from the Water Reservoir Fund 542 to the Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3940)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with Sandusky Township, Ballville Township, and the Sandusky County Community Improvement Corporation, which involves the expansion of a waterline outside the limits of the Fremont City municipal boundaries pursuant to R.C. 743.12 and allows all parties involved to receive city water without annexation, and declaring an emergency. An amendment was made to by Nalley and seconded by Knisely to add a paragraph in Sec 3 of the ordinance and to revise the MOU item#4 regarding any additional partners who contribute to the project. SCEDC Director Reiter explained the need for the council's approval since it will keep manufacturers in town especially since one of them plans to expand his business. City Economic Development Director Michael Jay, who supported the ordinance, cautioned council regarding extending water outside city limits since it can lead to future problems. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard Ave., asked about cost of tap fees after water is extended. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3641)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the issuance and approval of a warrant for payment of \$9,389 to the Treasurer of State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. This payment is for the city's audit, which was previously budgeted but due to an oversight, was not paid. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Nalley, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1898)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within the Fire Equipment Fund 420, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the issuance and approval of a warrant for payment of \$6,595.40 to Fremont Volvo Trucks, 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 Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1899)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Sutphen Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,646,832.00 for the purchase of one SL75 Quint firefighting apparatus and one SP95 re-mount platform firefighting apparatus and loose firefighting equipment, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3642)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the issuance and approval of a warrant for payment of \$182,832.95 to Bricker & Eckler LLP, and declaring an emergency.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:20 p.m. then returned and was called to order at 9:45 p.m.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for public fishing at the Fremont reservoir, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6-1 yea votes. Leake voted no on the motion. On motion to adopt by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6-1 yea votes. Leake voted no. (Ord. 2013-3643)

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Mike Koebel of Morrison St. said that ODNR is not a friend of Fremont, so he hopes council does not allow gas-powered motors on city's reservoir. Joe Michles agreed with Koebel, ask council not to allow the motors to operate on the reservoir. Jim Sherck, Buckland Ave., wanted to know what the ordinance really addresses. Complimented the council on its operation and wondered how the reservoir became such a problem. Weaver said the ordinance is to allow fishing on the reservoir. He said the city administration will develop rules for use of the reservoir later.

On motion by Marker, seconded by Knisely, to show no objections to the request for liquor license stock transfer for The Copper Penny motion carried 7 yea votes.

### Committee reports

Ruiz said she is proud of Police Officer Kiddy for the work he did to earn the Officer of the Year award, presented to him at the meeting by Mayor Jim Ellis and Police Chief Tim Wiersma.

Nalley said the Finance & Labor committee met before council meeting to discuss the purchase of new fire trucks and apparatus. He said Fire Chief Foos gave a presentation that allowed council to feel comfortable with decision to make the purchase.

Marker reported that the Rec Director reported revenues are up from May 2012 and that Pete LeJeune was hired to replace the former facilities supervisor and that 30 youth girls softball teams brought in \$2,500 in concessions revenues.

Kreilick reminded everyone that there will be a Utilities Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on July 18 where Fremont resident Joe Michles will make a presentation on water rates.

Weaver reminded everyone that an annexation hearing regarding the Hoty Development, which is north of the city, will follow the Utilities Committee meeting on July 18.

Ward the city will place large rocks around the reservoir for visitors to use as seats there. He also said that the level of reservoir is lower now because the treatment plant is drawing water from it. He also reminded everyone of a Community Relations Committee meeting set for June 25 at 7:30p.m.

Mayor Ellis introduced Mae Leake of WSOS CAC and chairperson of the Diversity Expo committee to share information about the expo planned for July 6 in downtown Fremont. Mae Leake explained that the day is an opportunity for community residents to spend time with each other and share. She invited each council member to participate in the event.

Ellis also complimented the Camelback Race Committee on the good job they did with the race and added that the first Farmers' Market in Fremont was well done.

### Council Comments

Leake said he was encouraged to hear of the amount of the wages of the businesses will pay new hires after they get city water. These businesses are those in the Hayes Avenue area that council authorized the mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with to provide them with water so they could expand their businesses.

Kreilick thanked residents for attending city council.

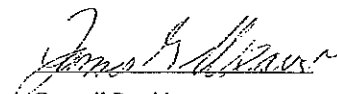
Marker congratulated Fremont resident Gary Logsdon on his induction into the Elite Runners Club Hall of Fame.

### Public comments

Weaver announced that there will be no council meeting on July 4 because of the July 4th holiday. He said if anything comes up before the next meeting on July 18 that needs council's approval, he will call a special meeting and notify media.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President