

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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July 18, 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 July 18, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within the Fire Equipment Fund 420, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Nalley, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3944)

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance enacting a new section 941.05 of Chapter 941 of the codified ordinances of the City of Fremont entitled "Rules and Regulations for Fishing and Watercraft at the Fremont Reservoir," and declaring an emergency. Mayor J Ellis explained the rules as outlined in the ordinance. Penalty for violations of these rules are \$250 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

First reading of an ordinance to accept the annexation application for the parcel being part of Lot 3 Cole partition, Whitaker Reserve, and part of the Northeast quarter of Section 22, Town-five (5) North, Range-Fifteen (15) East, Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing 3.9379 acres more or less, approved for annexation by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2013-110 and to adopt the recommendation of the assistant engineer of the interim zoning of the area to be B-2 general commercial district. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3945)

Committee reports

Nalley said council has received the financial reports for May and June along with a letter from Auditor Paul Grahl explaining the reports. He added that the city's beautification commission will meet Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Fremont Rec center.

Leake said the recent meeting of the Big Fremont committee has been rescheduled to July 25 due to the July 10 storm.

Marker reported that the Rec Board's last meeting was postponed to second Monday in August, Aug. 12.

Kreilick reported that the Utilities Committee conducted a meeting prior to council's meeting and Fremont resident Joe Michles made a presentation on water rates to the committee. Michles also invited the Sandusky River Water Coalition coordinator who also made a presentation to the committee.

President Jim Weaver reported that an annexation hearing regarding the Hoty Development was held after the Utilities Committee meeting prior to this council meeting.

Council Comments

Knisely complimented city officials for their work to clean up after the storm that brought down several trees in the city.

Kreilick echoed his comments saying she appreciated the neighborly behavior during the clean up. She added that the mayor will explain more about wooden nickels distributed among residents.

Leake said echoed comments on city staff clean up after storm and sent a shout out to residents at Juvenile Detention Center, who helped with the storm clean-up.

Gross echoed comments saying he especially appreciate the work of city workers during the hot and humid days

Ruiz and Marker added their compliments to the city crews. Marker also commended city drivers who all were courteous and careful where there were no traffic lights.

At Nalley's suggestion, council members applauded city workers.

Law Director Jim Melle echoed the compliments and said residents also applauded city staff efforts, adding it was a positive experience from a negative incident.

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City Treasurer Holly Elder said she enjoyed the Dignity & Respect day on July 6. She said it was a really nice day and compliments the organizers. She hopes it happens again.

Grahl added his appreciation to residents who provided city and utility workers with cool drinks as they cleaned up after the storm.

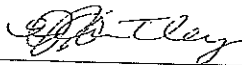
Marker suggested those with air conditioners invite those without to their homes to provide relief from the heat.

Mayor Ellis said the cooperation of residents at failed stop lights was amazing. He said that the county's EMA also did good work, and provided volunteers who helped with the clean-up. He added that he learned today that the governor has authorized reimbursement of 75% of costs of clean up as well as costs associated with the hiring of outside contractors to help complete the clean-up. He reported that he is glad to say the 2011 EPA final order to build a reservoir is done. He received a letter from the EPA saying the order has been fulfilled; residents can take their brush to Rodger Young Park since the OSS Solid Waste District will give the city money (some will be in-kind) to take care of the brush from the storm. He added that the food drive for county's food pantry conducted at the Rec Center was successful. Some of the donations were sent to Grace Community Church. The mayor explained that the wooden nickels being distributed in the community are souvenirs of the War of 1812 bicentennial and can be used for discounts at downtown stores during the bicentennial celebrations. He added that he is sad to announce that Mr. Henning, who videotapes each council meeting, will retire after the second council meeting in August. Henning has been videotaping the meetings for the past 24 years.

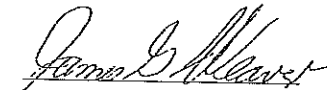
Public comments

Jerry Frey of Alger Street, wanted to know if the corner of Front and State streets will be cleaned up. Mayor said Mr. Abdo, who is in control of property, said he believes there is a potential buyer for the property. If that does not happen, Abdo will clean up the space, add top soil, and plant grass. The National Bank of Oak Harbor is responsible for the exposed wall where property is torn down. The bank is waiting to see what happens with the potential buyer.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President