

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

October 4, 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, Marker, Nalley, Root, and Ruiz. Leake was absent.

The minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected. Marker said it was he who informed council about the School of Hope's softball state championship.

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$3,247.73 to Robinson, Curphey & O'Connell, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1862)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,522.76 to Robison, Curphey & O'Connell LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$2,468.80 to Sandusky County CVB, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1863)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$75 to First Amer. Ins. (Castalia Road), and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1864)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$75 to First American Insurance Company (Sycamore Street), and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1865)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$75 to First American Insurance Company (N. Wayne St.), and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1866)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$80 to Central Exterminating (N. Wayne St.) and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Nalley, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1867)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the appropriation and transfer of funds from the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for economic development through the Big Fremont Plan, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1868)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure of and direct the safety service director to enter into a contract with MWH Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$57 million for improvements to the WPCC in Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Fremont, Ohio, and to amend or enact sections of the traffic, general offenses, fire prevention codes to conform to the codes of the Gen. Assembly.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a lease agreement for the following described property (Tree Farm property) pursuant to ORC Sec. 721.03, and declaring an emergency.

Committee report

Ruiz informed council about the Sept 11 Block Watch meeting and announced the next meeting on Oct 9 where Lt. Brent Meredith of the Ohio State Patrol will be the guest speaker.

Nalley, on behalf of Leake, suggested council consider the letter members received from David Forgatsch asking that council support legislation against the ability of organizations to pour millions of dollars into a candidate's campaign for election.

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Marker announced that the Rec Dept's board will meet Monday, October 8.

Kreilick announced that the Utilities Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. before the next council meeting when there will be a presentation from MWH Constructors, the company hired to renovate the Water Pollution Control Center (WPCC).

Knisely reported that Fremont schools superintendent, Traci McCaudy, indicated the school district's levy renewal on November ballot is proceeding and requested that council support the levy.

Council members' comments

Nalley asked council to support of the Fremont school district's school levy. Motion by Nalley, seconded by Knisely, council voted by 6 yea votes to support the levy.

Then Marker asked council to support of the School of Hope's levy on the November ballot. On motion by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion to support the levy passed 6 yea votes. Marker also asked the mayor about a mailer from First Energy that a resident showed him. Mayor explained that residents can choose other electric providers but if they stayed with AEP, and then they would see a savings in their bills.

Knisely said he was happy to see reservoir on track for completion.

Kreilick said she wanted people to know that individuals can make their own choice regarding the two school levies. Then she informed council about the events planned in Fremont for the weekend such as with Civil War re-enactment, Farmers' Market, among others planned.

Law Director Jim Melle informed council about a problem property at 425 Wood Street. He said he was about to file nuisance criminal charges against the homeowner Justin Thierry when Abdoo Wrecking announced it would clean up the property by end of October.

Mayor said he will appoint Monte Huss to Civil Service Commission; that the Fort Stephenson bicentennial is moving along, noting that the two separate groups are not working together; that the audit for 2011 is on website.

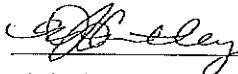
Jeff Lamson, superintendent of WPCC, responsible for maintaining floodwall. He told council he is seeking accreditation of the wall for insurance purposes. He said he checked with FEMA and found that the wall was about 5 inches too short for insurance requirements. So, he made a presentation to Army Corps of Engineers, who said they will respond in 2 weeks. If accepted, the cost will be about \$4,000, which can be covered by funds in the flood wall budget. The work will be done by city crews.

Mayor invited council to see how reservoir's liner is installed. He said the pumps are repaired and will be tested soon, Molly (Bauman) Salisbury, superintended of City Recreation Dept., said things are going well and that a Health Fair was planned for October 12 at the center.

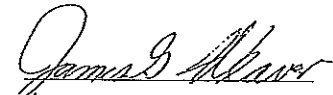
Public comments

There were no public comments.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root, seconded by Marker, to adjourn, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President