

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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October 17, 2013

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:40 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 October 3, 2013 meeting were approved as written and received.

Upon question from President Jim Weaver, Marker moved and Nalley seconded a motion to add a resolution in support of mental health levy on November ballot, making it item 6 on the agenda. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Second reading of an ordinance to amend Sec. 3 of Ord. 2013-3641 to read that all residential property owners outside the boundaries of the municipalities affected by the expansion of the Hayes Avenue waterline project may request a water tap and shall not be subject to the annexation covenant for the city of Fremont.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$9,216.00 to Stantec Consulting Services Inc., and declaring an emergency. Joe Michles, Brichard Ave., asked why council was voting on this resolution since a decision was not made regard removing the dam. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1908)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$9,821.00 to Stantec Consulting Services Inc., and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1909)

First reading of an ordinance establishing a new fund for the Probation Improvement & Incentive grant, and declaring an emergency. Dan Sanchez, grant operator, responded to questions from Kreilick, who is concerned about the kind of clients coming to the downtown location. He said he doesn't expect any problems and residents should not be overly concerned. This is one of the first such programs in state and the community is proud to have received the grant. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3668)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within the General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance & Repair Fund 222, Probation Improvement & Incentive grant 240, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Nalley, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2013-3668)

First reading of a resolution to endorse the Sandusky County mental Health levy on Nov ballot and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Sanchez addressed council to explain the need for the levy and to encourage residents to support the levy. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2013-1910)

Committee Reports

Nalley said the Finance Committee conducted a public meeting to discuss the city's 2014 proposed budget prior to this council meeting. The mayor made a presentation regarding the line items of the proposed budget. Nalley noted that the committee will meet again at 6:30 p.m. Nov.21 to discuss final proposed budget. He added that the state auditor wanted to see that council has received monthly financial reports, so he has been reporting whenever he receives those reports.

Marker reported that the Rec Board will meet again Nov 11. Last meeting lacked a quorum, but the director reported that Oct. 28 will be a Halloween skate at \$3 per person and that the 5-day drive earned \$5,000.

Council Comments

Leake encourage residents to participate in the Nov. 5 elections/political process and asked about the status of Terra videotaping council's meetings. Mayor Ellis said there's been no movement on that issue.

Kreilick reminded all that the last Farmer's Market is on Oct 19 with the Scarecrow Contest where residents are encouraged to vote for their favorite scarecrow. The winner gets a \$50 gift coupon.

Gross thanked to those who helped clean the corner lot at State & Front streets and added that he learned about the value of casting a vote as a council person. He encouraged all residents to vote on Nov. 5

Ruiz said she appreciates the clean-up of the downtown area.

Marker said he was at the reservoir where high schools had photo shoots for their homecoming events.

Nalley that ODNR's Stephanie Miller emphasized at the recent beautification commission meeting that while awards for yard beauty is nice, the maintenance of city trees is more important. He said he attended TMACOG's tech's seminar where he was interested in the collaboration between communities and organizations that work together to save money.

Law Director Jim Melle and Auditor Paul Grahl both encouraged residents to vote Nov. 5.

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City Treasurer Holly Elder thanked the city for partnering with city schools for a recent high school cross country meet. Park looked great, she said, and there were lots of good comments. She also urged all to vote and be educated on candidates and issues before voting.

Mayor said clean up of the corner lot at Front and State streets was a good job; he urged support of the mental health levy on Nov. 5. He said he discussed on how the Fremont PD can work with mentally ill people, and said the walk, run and roll event at the Rec Center brought attention to bullying. He added that the parade for Lights On for After School Programs was nice and commended the PD for catching burglars targeting city residents.

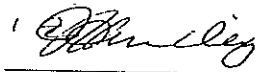
Safety Service Director Ward reminder that runners should be alert for acorns, crab apples as they run in the parks; the city will try to complete work at Front & State in the next week. Wood Street property will see Cutter Green on Monday depending on the weather.

Police Chief Tim Wiersma said Officer Emridge, the night shift and weapons trainer, saved the department a lot of money by trading in old weapons for newer ones and commended his staff for finding Fremont runaways in Norwalk.

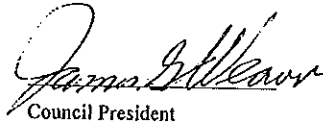
Public comments

Justin Smith, member of the county's Board of Elections, 1019 June St., said that residents should take advantage of voting. Nalley said even though he's been on council for 12 years, he still looks forward to promoting new ideas. He has helped bring Safe Routes to School to the city, is committed to supporting more jobs for the city, and he is a person who walks the walk and talks the talk. He believes that financial stability is important to the city and has chaired council's finance committee for a long time. He looks forward to creating a finance committee that includes residents. He added that he enjoys the community and wants to meet and share his plans with residents. He added that everyone should attend the NAACP's Candidates' Night at Terra on Oct. 29.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Knisely, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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Council President