

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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October 18, 2012

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: Knisely, Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley, and Ruiz. Root was absent.

The minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Res.2012-1869)

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. (Res.2012-1870)

Second 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.

Second 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.

Second 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.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$6,396.88 to American Arbitration Association, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a change order with the engineering firm MWH Americas Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2.97 million for the improvements to the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion by Kreilick, seconded by Knisely, this ordinance was amended to reflect a more accurate dollar amount of \$ 3.04 million. (ORD. 2012-3904)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Champion Energy Services for electric generation services in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mayor said Champion provides the city a savings of \$237,000, but ordinance should be approved tonight. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yeas votes.

Committee report

Ruiz reported that the Oct. 9 Block Watch meeting went well with Lt. Brent Meredith of the Ohio State Patrol as guest speaker. Next meeting will be November 1. She said there's a new call in phone number - 677# for people to call.

Nalley reported that at the November 1 meeting he will have a Finance Committee meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss a change in city's current tax ordinance. He will also call another Finance Committee meeting on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the city's 2013 budget and finances.

Leake said he would like to have on the agenda for the November 1 meeting the request from Dave Forgatsch about campaign finance law.

Marker reported that the Rec Dept's board met October 8 and it was attended by Knisely, who reported that the board discussed the 2013 baseball programs.

Kreilick reported that the Utilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. before the council meeting when MWH Constructors, the company hired to renovate the Water Pollution Control Center (WPCC), made a presentation on the status of renovation plans for the WPCC.

Knisely reported that Fremont Schools Supt. Dr. Tracy McCaudy sent a letter that said the school district received an excellent rating – 1st time ever. He said she also wanted residents to be aware that and vote for the school levy renewal on the November ballot.

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Council members' comments

Leake said he was concerned about residents having to pay high rates for reservoir construction.

Nalley, com'ty should be proud of Fremont schools excellent rating. Thanks to Lauer and best wishes for future.

Marker congratulated to Auditor John Lauer on his retirement effective Oct. 31. He asked the mayor about the completion of the reservoir, and what is Stantec's position on the dam removal. The mayor responded that Stantec is about 60% complete with the design, but other issues are not clear. AMP is concerned about availability of enough water for their use. He said a 16-inch bypass loop is being considered to take care of that issue. Others are concerned about enough water pressure. He also reported that Halloween's Trick o' Treat within the city was set for Sunday, Oct, 28, 4:30 to 6p.m.

Knisely thanked Lauer for his service to the city.

Kreilick said she had a meeting with ATT to provide wireless services to the area, and reported that Saturday's Farmers' Market is the last for 2012.

Ruiz said she feels good about reservoir, that it will function well and long. She also thanked owner/operators of Holiday Inn on State Route 53, which had a grand opening on October 18.

Law Director Jim Melle said negotiations with HM Miller took place but there was no agreement. He also said that the State Attorney General's office has asked that the city extend Magrum's liquor license for another six months. He explained that the city has an agreement with Tailgators that the owner could transfer liquor license. No terms of that agreement changes and Melle said he's willing to sign document. Nalley said he was not in support of an extension.

Marker's only concern is that it does not revert to the Magrum family. Weaver said neighbors were concerned about having alcohol at the location. Melle said the Zoning Board has allowed the space for a restaurant but no alcohol.

Mayor s congratulated Lauer on his retirement as well as the school district on earning excellent rating, and said that the reservoir liner and other work are completed and will begin pumping water to treatment plant soon. Nov 1 Ohio Municipal League has conference. Leake requested that the mayor share more information on the water rate increases. The mayor said he will send a letter to each resident in their water bills explaining the increases.

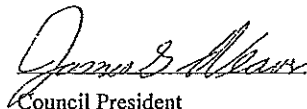
President Weaver also congratulated Lauer.

Public comments

Jim Fox, River Run Drive, who works at The Fremont Company, thanked Lamson of the WPCC for work. He said he compliments Lamson because plant is ailing and thinks that Lamson is using forward thinking on addressing treatment that EPA soon will target. He suggested the city send Lamson for training on new technology as well as to visit other plants so Lamson can get ideas for the city's plant. Fox said he is president of Board of School of Hope and asks that the community support the levy on the November ballot. He said that if the levy is not approved, it will be expensive for the public schools to educate School of Hope students.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Marker, seconded by Knisely, to adjourn, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President