

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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November 7, 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 October 17, 2013 meeting were approved as written and corrected – Ord #2013-3668 was corrected to say Ord. 2013-3669.

Upon question from President Jim Weaver to remove #4 on agenda, and on motion by Marker seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Law Director Jim Melle requested council go into executive session, and upon motion by Gross, seconded by Knisely, pursuant to ORC121.22(G)(3) to discuss imminent court action with no council action to take place after, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Third 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. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3670)

First reading of an ordinance to appropriate the grant awarded from Ohio CDBG in the amount of \$75,000 to Fund No. 260 (Ohio CDBG) and to appropriate the city's contribution of \$33,200 to Fund No. 410 (Capital Improvement), and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Mayor explained that this is a water line extension. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3671)

First reading of an ordinance levying tax assessments on the real estate tax duplicates against Parcel No. 34-50-00-0050-01 in the amount of \$1,831.68 against Parcel No. 34-50-00-0051-00 in the amount of \$1,831.66 and against Parcel No. 34-50-00-0052-00 in the amount of \$1,831.66 for a total amount of \$5,495.00 said address being 425 N. Wood St., Fremont OH 43420 and owned by Justin L. Terry for remediation of the property at 425 N. Wood St., state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Gross, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2013-3672)

Greg Eddinger of Vanguard-Sentinel Career Center, who attended the council meeting, was invited by Weaver to address council. He explained to council members the center's service area and the services it provides its students.

Committee Reports

Knisely thanked Eddinger for his presentation.

Nalley said the Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov.21 to discuss the final proposed budget.

Leake said he was happy about the ribbon-cutting at Unique Fabricating because it's good to see new jobs coming to the area. He said Economic Development Director Mike Jay will give him a tour of city buildings later in November.

Marker reported that the Rec Board will meet again Nov 18.

Council Comments

Melle said he is disappointed that the mental health levy failed again.

Marker said the Rec Dept created snow to take to Port Clinton for the young man, Devin Kohlman, who is gravely ill.

Gross wished Clyde and St. Joseph high schools luck on their playoff games. He also congratulated Marker on being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Kreilick also congratulated Marker.

Leake thanked all participants of the NAA CP Candidates' Night and those who won their election. He also commended Police Chief Wiersma on saving a resident's life who was about to commit suicide.

Auditor Paul Grahl echoed Knisely on St. Joseph's and congratulated Marker.

City Treasurer Holly Elder thanked residents for their support by voting for her and charged residents to educate themselves on mental health issues in the community so they can understand the need to pass a levy.

Police Chief Tim Wiersma said he appreciates Leake's recognition but it was a dept effort.

Mayor said he wants council to pay attention to chart he distributed, which explained the timelines and costs for the city's water towers maintenance. He said he will discuss it at the next meeting. He also explained about a holiday/Christmas dinner conducted in Tiffin for needy residents that he is hoping can be replicated in Fremont.

Public comments

Ken Hughes, 700 Lime St., who said he gets city water and sewer service. He proposed that instead of an estimated water bill, which is often over-estimated, residents read their own water meters. Mayor said that would be problem especially for elderly and that

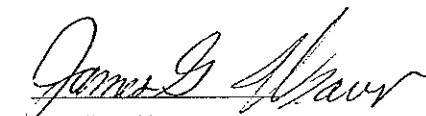
the city is putting in place a way to read meters remotely. Hughes also proposed that Fremont and First Energy/AEP share the costs of a hydro electric plant at the Ballville Dam though he recognizes that it could be a problem since it may not produce enough electricity.

Then council went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:35p.m. No business ensued.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



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Council President