

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

December 6, 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, Leake, Marker, Nalley, Ruiz, and Root.

The minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting were approved as written and corrected.

After being asked by President Jim Weaver, on motion by Ruiz, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried to add an ordinance to the agenda, making it item #11.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for public fishing at the Fremont reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal, and interim employees, and boards and commissions of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract for the Sub-Slab Depressurization System (SSDS) with A-Z Solutions LLC in the amount \$123,966, 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 Marker, seconded Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3611)

First reading of an ordinance enacting Chapter 1158 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont requiring registration of all contractors with the city tax department, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3612)

First reading of an ordinance to appropriate \$168,400 from the Sewer Fund 570 to the Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3613)

First reading of an ordinance to appropriate \$5,532,613 to Fund 542, the Reservoir Fund, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3614)

First reading of a resolution by Fremont City Council opposing passage of HB601, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance increasing appropriations from the General Fund, 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 Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3615)

First reading of a resolution for a warrant of payment of \$3,539.11 to the Walter H. Drane Co. for services in preparing updates to the city's codified ordinances, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2012-1874)

President Weaver then called on the mayor to swear in newly appointed Auditor Paul Grahl.

First reading of an ordinance to transfer \$2,327,647 from the Sewer Fund 570 to the Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3616).

Committee reports

Ruiz reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be in January.

Nalley reported that his committee met at 6:30 p.m. and discussed the city's 2013 budget and future financial needs of the city.

Leake reminded residents that there will be a meeting of the Government & Economic Development Committee at 6:30 p.m. on December 20 to discuss a resolution that establishes a position of the city that corporations should not receive the same legal rights as natural persons.

Marker reported that the Rec Dept's board met.

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Council members' comments

The mayor congratulated St. Joseph High School on its football playoff appearance this year. He said the team represented the city well. He also thanked Fred Recktenwald, who served as interim city auditor in November. He congratulated the city's fire chief who was named Crew Chief of Year at Fremont Speedway, then explained that Fifth Street is not done yet and there are concerns about drainage. However, that issue will be addressed and reopened. He said the city will put stop sign at Kentucky Avenue to help with safety for students who cross the street to get to Croghan Elementary. He added that the reservoir is almost done – just needs to add water. He said the walking path done and the city will install posts to prevent people from trying to race on the path. He added that there's disagreement on how and when the reservoir can be filled. He said he believes ODNR has to give approval first.

Newly appointed auditor, Paul Grahl, thanked Lauer for his city/treasurer work as well as Recktenwald. He also welcomed Knisely back to work.

City Treasurer Holly Elder welcomed Grahl to the job saying he is following in a tradition of dedicated public service employees serving the city.

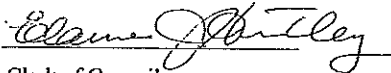
Weaver recognized Boy Scouts Troop 304 from Sacred Heart Elementary who attended the council meeting as part of their work on their Citizenship Badge.

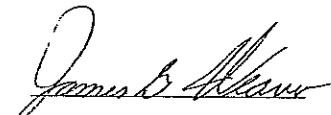
Public comments

Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard, asked why did the administration created a project manager's position that pays \$3,000-\$4,000 more than the engineer's position. He also questioned why the former mayor ordered the destruction of public documents and cleaning the hard drives of the city's computers he used that has cost the city \$7,000 to restore those hard drives. He wanted to know why this was done and why no one is doing anything about it. He asked Melle who declined to respond saying the issue is in litigation.

Tyler Arnold, 2564 Buckland, told council he is scared about the reservoir caving in on his home. He said he hopes the city has a back-up plan because he is sure the reservoir will fail.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root, seconded by Marker, to adjourn, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Council President