

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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May 3, 2018

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. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Knisely, Smith, Zilch, Ruiz and Sleek. Councilman Otte was absent.

The agenda for tonight and the minutes for April 19th were approved.

Before the regular meeting agenda... Mayor Sanchez along with Chief Foos and Chief Bliss one new fireman – Matthew Huth, and two police officers – Officer Matthew Ranazzi and Officer Scott McHugh. Chief Bliss graduated the 1st Citizen Police Academy with the following graduates: David Cress, Allan Rellinger, Carolyn Rellinger, Jackie Kramer, Bruce Chambers, Cassandra Tucker, Chuck Wampler, Crystal Walker, Lani Contreras, Ralph Shearn, Lynette Kirsch, Dave Roca and Gustavo Garcia. The Citizens Police Academy was under the inspiration and leadership of Detective Kiddey. Chief Bliss along with Mayor Sanchez thanked Detective Kiddey for his service and dedication to the department and presented him with the Mike Piero Employee of the Month Award.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3894

Third reading of an ordinance accepting the application for annexation for the parcel being part of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Town 5 North-Range 15 East, Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing 15.009 acres, more or less, already approved by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2017-356 and to adopt the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for the interim zoning of the area to be R-1 Single Family Residential District. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3895

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$19,361.20 to Tidewater Products, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the ordinance is for new chemicals for the new Water Reclamation Center. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2049

First reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage of the Fremont City School Renewal Levy and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2050

Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz congratulated Chief Bliss and Detective Kiddey on their wonderful work they did with the Citizens Police Academy and the graduation ceremony this evening. She thanked those who participated in the academy for their time and effort. Fremont Tree and Beautification judging for the lawn landscaping will be June 24th. The committee is always looking for more volunteers and they are also looking for water bags for trees.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced on June 2nd Superintendent Jon Detwiler and Dave Perrin will be here to give an update of the past school year.

Government and Economic Development Committee- Chairman Sleek thanked Mayor Sanchez and the administration for the work on Rawson Ave. He encourages everyone to get out and vote for the schools and congratulated the academy participants.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith reported on the committee meeting held earlier this evening where Mr. Steve Stotz and Mr. Cody Bischoff reported on their departments within the city.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold had nothing this evening.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont - Kristie Bilger updated everyone about the 2nd annual Cinco de Mayo Festival will be from noon to 5 p.m. She also passed out flyers for the Fishing and Outdoor Festival to be held on May 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Chief Foos congratulated Chief Bliss for his efforts and those involved in the city of Fremont for all their hard work and dedication to this city that we call home. He is very proud to be a part of it.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Chief Foos for his comments. Mayor Sanchez would like to put together a couple of working sessions with councilmen Sleek and Liebold. ABM is looking at Capital Improvement in the city. He believes that there will be some significant savings in the city. He updated the council on the Rawson Ave. project. He stated that the city has received grant funding in the amount of 1.6 million. The city has been looking at financing to reconstruct the rest of the street. The city will apply for a grant for the other half

of the road. In order to do both at the same time, the project may not start until 2020. He is asking for the council help to educate the residence to understand how this project will work. He also updated the Ballville Dam. He believes the project will come in under budget around \$400 - \$800,000. The project is staged and ready to go July 1st.

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Mayor Sanchez also commented on the Tiffin Street project will not be started until after the Memorial Day parade. He also thanked Ms. Bilger for all her help with the Cinco de Mayo event. He also addressed some administrative personnel issues that he suggested council if anyone ask them to direct them to his office.

Mayor Sanchez also introduced Nikki Linder as an administrative secretary to the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Liebold asked about the excessive speeds on Rawson Ave. and suggested that Chief Bliss put more patrol on the Rawson Ave.

Chief Bliss - thanked the council and they Mayor's support for the Citizens Academy. He looks forward to working with Ms. Linder.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz congratulated Detective Kiddey for receipt of the Mike Piero Employee of the Month Award. She also congratulated the new officers and the new fireman. She complimented Cody Bishoff and Steve Stotz for the work that they are doing. Mrs. Ruiz encouraged everyone to vote for the school levy.

Mr. Knisely welcomed Ms. Linder and congratulated Detective Kiddey. He welcomed the new officers and fireman and congratulated those who graduated from the Citizens Academy. He encouraged everyone to get out and start working on yard. Keep shopping Fremont Ohio.

Mr. Smith he echoed sentiment concerning Ms. Linder, Detective Kiddey, and the graduates of the Academy. He encourages the city to vote yes for the youth of our city.

Mr. Sleek encourages everyone to use the new car wash on Route 53. He encourages people to go to the Jungle Juice business located on Oak Harbor Road. He announced June 18th will be the grand opening of NAPA, and asked that we support the school levy.

Mr. Liebold stated that he was at a meeting at the old golf course that will be turned into a prairie like habitat. He encourages everyone to vote yes on Issue 1 which is a change in the way districts are drawn. He thanked Steve Stotz for the work he did in the women's restroom at Walsh Park.

Mr. Zilch echoed everyone also sentiments. He also encourages everyone to not blow grass into the streets when you are cleaning your yards. Flowers will be planted at the Old Cemetery on the 19th.

Mrs. Hafford read a public notice that will be held on June 7th at 7:10 p.m. concerning Terra State College. She also announced that there will be a 5K Run at Connor Park sponsored by OHIO CAN STEPS OF CHANGE, helping to educate on Drugs and Substance abuse.

Public Comment

Scott Williams 463 Riverside Drive is proposing a 4,000 sq. ft. building to be used as an adult day care center located on Croghan Street. He is asking for a Tax Abatement from the schools. He believes this will be a great asset to the city of Fremont and is asking for the support from the council. The facility can house up to 40 participants. Mr. Gross commented that the possibility of a resolution will before council at the next council meeting concerning the property. The city has been working with Mr. Williams since he started the project in February. He and Mr. Williams will be attending school board meetings to have a resolution passed on abatement to keep the project on track.

Tom Kerns 1520 Finefrock Rd. wanted to thank council and the community for the effort they putting into attending the Charrette. He believes the information collected will be valuable. Mr. Liebold suggested maybe online data be collected also. Mr. Kerns encouraged everyone to vote for the school levy.

Jay Gamesfelder 355 W. Twp. 173 relayed a story concerning his failed back surgery syndrome since 2003. He had a spinal cord simulator installed in 2015 which he believes saved his life. He spoke about his love for a book called Barbara that takes place in Fremont in 1812. December 2016 he began putting the book in word document. He started Blue Banks Publishing in order to republish the book. He was expecting to do a book signing on August 2nd at Birchard Library. He then complained about an arrest that he believes was unfair. He now has a pot pipe charge that he believes was unfairly because he smoked marijuana. He believes that marijuana has helped him survive. He wanted to know when those laws would change.

Fred Recktenwald asked about the stop signs at the railroad crossings and Mayor Sanchez said that he would discuss it with Mr. Frost.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Sleek seconded by Mr. Knisely motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President