

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

May 17, 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 Otte. Councilman Slick was absent. The agenda for tonight and the minutes for May 3rd were approved.

Before the regular meeting agenda... Mayor Sanchez along with Captain Conger, Officer Kennedy, and Sargent Kingsborough, president of the local FOP, who presented Officer Josiah Britner with the Life Saving Award for his amazing job of helping a civilian in a situation on April 22nd. His dedication and kindness may have saved the gentleman's life.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$10,159.72 to Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc., and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2051

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,700.00 to Practical Inspections, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained the reasoning for the work that has already been done. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2052

First reading of a resolution by City Council to support the development of a Complete Streets Policy in cooperation with the Sandusky County Health Department, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2053

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funded through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a Multi-Use Pedestrian Trail from W. State Street to North Street and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,496.40 to the Spyglass Group, LLC, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2054

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual winter road salt contract (18-19) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01(B) and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3896

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement between Scott and Marsha Williams and the City providing for a Tax Abatement of 75% for real property over a period of ten years to promote job expansion within the city and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that council was informed about this project at the last council meeting. Proper paperwork has been filed and approved by both schools and the county. He was asking for a rule 4 so the project can begin in a timely fashion. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3897

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that he spoke earlier with the auditor about the tax abatement and was satisfied with the response he received.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte called for a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting on June 7th at 7:15 p.m.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated that May 15th is considered Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of Federal, State, or Local Officers killed in the line of duty. She thanked Officer Britner for his award presented to him tonight and thanked all those who serve. The Tree and Beautification Committee will be planting flowers this Sunday.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced on June 7th Superintendent Jon Detwiler and Dave Perrin will be here to give an update of the past school year.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith encourage everyone to fill out the Rec. Department survey that is located online. He also encouraged everyone to use the facilities this summer.

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

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont - Kristie Bilger updated everyone about the Fishing and Outdoor Festival this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. She passed out schedule beginning June 16th with a car show. October 5th and 6th there will be a Crop Circle Festival.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost nothing to report.

Captain Conger thanked Mrs. Ruiz for her kind words about the Police Department. He and several officers will be attending the Police Memorial in Toledo where they will be calling out the name of Fremont's fallen Officer Joseph Biggs.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen announced that roadway work on Tiffin is slated after Memorial Day. He reminded everyone to be proactive in keeping lawns cut.

Mayor Sanchez announced that a part-time code enforcer will be hired for the city soon. He congratulated Mr. Melle for completing an Iron Man Marathon. He stated that the dunk tank at the festival the money will be donated to the local NAACP.

Mr. Melle mentioned that he appreciated the presentation for Officer Britner and thanked him for his services.

Mrs. Elder thanked Mr. Frost, Mr. Stotz, and the city for reforesting Hayes Ave. She also commented on the condition of the house at the point of Hayes Ave. and Buckland needs attention immediately.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch announced flowers would be planted on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. He thanked those that donated for the project. He shared with council that last Friday a postal worker was attacked by a dog and had to receive close to 46 stitches. He suggests that precautions be taken if your pets do not like others on your property. He asked that citizens do not blow grass in the streets when cutting this summer.

Mrs. Ruiz wished everyone a nice safe Memorial Day Holiday.

Mr. Knisely congratulated Officer Britner for saving a person's life. He encouraged everyone to get out and start working on yard. Enjoy the holiday weekend and keep shopping Fremont Ohio.

Mr. Otte congratulated those who graduated from the Police Academy. He thanked the mowing crew of the city. He thanked those who donated to the Whittlesey Cemetery – Universal Farms, Lowe, and Rural King.

Mr. Smith encourages everyone to attending the Outdoor Festival and the Memorial Day Parade. He thanked those who voted for the school levy, and encouraged everyone to enjoy the nice weather.

Mr. Liebold congratulated Paul Grahl and the St. Joe track team for their success so far and wished them and Fremont the best of luck at districts.

Mrs. Hafford reminded everyone that Ohio Can is having the Steps of Change walk this week. Running to stop the Stigma is all about empowering those living with the effects of substance abuse. She encourages everyone to go out and show support for this program.

Public Comment

Scott Williams thanked the council for their support and passing the abatement ordinance.

Jay Cullen announced he will be in the parade.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President