

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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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, Otte, Zilch, and Ruiz, Councilman Sleek was absent. The minutes were approved from the July 19th meeting.

Third reading of an ordinance amending Section 4.03 of the Rules and Regulations for the Civil Service Commission of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3915

Third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 131 Police Department Code Section 131.02 (A) and Chapter 133 Fire Department Code Section 133.02 (A) for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3916

First reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Committee and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Grahl explained to council that it is the same resolution the city drafts every year concerning the budget from the County Auditor. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion failed 4 yeas votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$928,949.57 to MWH Constructors, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this was the seconded payment with the Ballville dam removal. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and second by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2058

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Safety Service Director to enter into an extension to the Sanitary Sewage Collection and Treatment Agreement between the City and the County through June 30, 2019 and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez explained that the contract had expired and Mr. Lamson explained they are still in discussion with the County.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,033.25 to Quinn Concrete, Inc. and declaring an emergency. This is related to the general city sidewalk improvement plan. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and second by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2059

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced that Attorney Joe Albrechta will be at the first meeting in September.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Youth Sports Pool Party from 6 to 9 p.m. for all youth participating in sports program this summer. Students must wear their summer league shirts. Soccer and Volleyball signups are going on now at the Rec. Department. August 18 there will be a Dive In Movie at the pool.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that he stopped in to discuss the last financial report on the shortage on the income tax collection.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated the Fire and Police Department continue to do great jobs in their departments. Mrs. Ruiz announced the winners of the Lawn Judging contest for July - 1st place 911 Alger St., 2nd place 1100 Whittlesey Paula and Kenneth Robb, and third place 1053 Hazel St. The next meeting will be held on August 7th at 925 Woodlawn.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont - Kristie Bilger updated everyone on the upcoming market which is entitled All Together Fremont Market. There is plenty going on from 9 to 1 p.m. There are lots of vendors, entertainment, and food. The Farm to Table Event will be held August 10th to be held on the North Section of Front Street.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez wanted to express how happy the city is with the 2 million grant. There was a concern if the city was going to meet the time frame. Mayor Sanchez made a statement about how the back of Bidwell Ave. looks and wants to make improvements so we can anticipate improvements and all the business owners cooperate. He also stated that he has been approached by a promoter to be able to have alcohol at Walsh Park. Rich Farmer would like to host a Battle of the Bands. He also stated that a suggestion of having an Amphitheater at Walsh was also mentioned.

Mrs. Elder suggested that the city have a clear understanding of what Walsh Park intentions were when donating it to the city. She believes that it was donated to be a nature preserve. She believes it was designated for a specific purpose. Mr. Recktenwald made a comment to Mrs. Elder's statement and said that he was on the committee and Mr. Walsh did not buy the property the city did. Mr. Grahl stated that the Treasurer of State has a website where the city's financial reports can be put on their website. He also stated the City of Fremont received an award from the Auditor of State that the auditor from 2017 was a clean audit. Only 8% receive this award.

Council Comments

Mr. Liebold announced that Fremont Got Talent is this Sunday. He also congratulated Mr. Grahl on the clean audit report.

Mr. Zilch stated Tiffin is almost complete. He stated that everyone should take a look at the dam work.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that the Arbor Day Tree looks very nice.

Mr. Knisely congratulated Mr. Grahl and wished the city schools a great fall season with sports. He encourages us to keep shopping downtown Fremont.

Mr. Otte encourages everyone to check out the cemetery on Wayne Street. He wanted the public to keep supporting the Liberty Center. He announced that on August 18th the Blues, Brews, and Brats Event would take place, and the Birchard Historical Association will be hosting a Victorian Party on August 24th at the home of Greg Kuhns on Lincoln Street. He mentioned that the association is looking to make some improvements at Birchard Park. He also wanted to remind council members about the Trunk or Treat Event that will be at the Rec. Department in October.

Mr. Smith wanted to compliment councilman Sleek on being a man of many talents. He reminded everyone of the Farmer Market and the Fremont Got Talent Event. He stated he was sad to see the Rodger Young vandalism. He encouraged everyone to get ready for Fall Sports, and congratulated Mr. Grahl on his award.

Mrs. Hafford asked the Mayor where all the concrete went to. Mayor Sanchez said that a lot of it was used for fill.

Public Comment

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold seconded by Mr. Smith motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President