

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
*August 16, 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, Otte, Zilch, Sleek, and Ruiz. The minutes were approved from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Second 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.

Second 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. Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the date of September 30, 2019 and second by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, CDBG Fund 260, and Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained the amendments to council for improvements on Garrison Street.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfer from Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 into Capital Improvement Fund 410, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

First 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. Mr. Grahl requested a suspension of Rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3917

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Probation Grants Fund 240, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained the ordinance adjustment and requested a suspension of Rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Zilch and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3918

Committee Reports

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Joe Albrehta. Updated the committee on the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival to be held in Fremont October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee –Cody Bischoff stated that the Rec. Department will be showing the film Coco on August 18<sup>th</sup> and that the pool hours would be shortened during the week of the fair.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report. Tree and Beautification Committee accepting nominations for August Lawn Judging.

Tom Kern – Thanked everyone who attended the All Together Farmers Market. He passed out two flyers pertaining to the Dog Days Farmer Market this coming up Saturday and the event on August 31<sup>st</sup> Truck & Car Show and on September 1<sup>st</sup> the next Farmer Market will be a Bar-B-Que Event.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Ken Frost turned it over to Steve to introduce the new Water Department employees John Custer and Isaac Decker who will become Water Operators. Mr. Frost also commended Chief Foos and the Assistant Chief Schneider in assistant a person that was in distress by the side of the road.

Chief Bliss reported that Josiah Britner was selected as the Officer of the Year. He encouraged everyone to come out and watch the softball game between the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Chief Foos reminded everyone that September 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Mike Piero Fundraiser. He also announced that September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the entrance exam for the Fire Department.

Tucker Frederickson reminded citizens to keep up with cutting grass.

Jane Wingo brought up Garrison Street and asked what could be done to improve the street. She stated that the streets and sewers are very bad. She will be presenting a petition to the city to ask for help.

Mayor Sanchez stated that Vanguard celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he attended the ceremony. He thanked Mrs. Wing for coming down and explained that the city is working to improve Garrison Street as a whole. Different funding options have been looked at and they will continue until a solution is reached.

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Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl stated that when we apply for grants most are awarded when they are connected to State routes. Most inner city streets are considered the responsibility of the city. He also stated make sure citizens blow grass clippings back into their yards.

Mr. Sleek asked about when street sweepers run. Mr. Frost stated that they do it in quadrants.

### Council Comments

Mr. Zilch also commented on the grass clippings. He stated that campaign signs need to be located on your property. He stated that Tiffin Street is almost complete

Mrs. Ruiz reminded that the fair would be starting next Tuesday. She also commented on the campaign signs. She congratulated Judith Williams on being the winner of a 2018 Ford Fiesta with the St. Jude giveaway. She requested an update on the dam. Mr. Fredericksen stated that the dam structure is completely removed. They are currently working on the restoration part of the dam. The sea wall still has a little work to be done on it with fencing and railing added. All the grant money has been used. He said that it is coming along very well.

Mr. Knisely asked citizens to clean up their properties. He wished good luck to the local sport teams and to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Smith encouraged everyone to attend the Farmer's Market. Thank Mr. Albrechta for his presentation. He attended the Fremont Got Talent Event. He welcomed the new employees. Mr. Smith wished everyone a good start to the school year and a Happy Labor Day.

Mr. Sleek said he was looking forward to the Dog Days of Summer. He hoped everyone attends the fair.

Mr. Liebold asked if the parking zone signs could be better displayed if parking is going to be enforced. He encouraged everyone to register to vote. He thanked Jane Wingo for attending the council meeting.

Mrs. Hafford commented that this Saturday will be BADFEST....Bikers Against Drugs. The event will be at 2507 Hayes Ave. beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Otte encourages everyone to check out the cemetery on Wayne Street. He announced that on August 18th the Blues, Brews, and Brats Event will take place Downtown, and the Birchard Historical Association will be hosting a Victorian Party on August 24th at the home of Greg Kuhn's on Lincoln Street. He wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

### Public Comment

Mr. Albrechta thanked the Street Department for removing trees on McPherson Blvd. He suggested that the neighborhoods should have a public/private partnership to work on these types of projects. He stated that the neighborhood had been discussing if the Street Department can remove the stumps then the neighborhood would be money into the trees. They are trying to create possibilities that the public and private sector and work together. He also encourages the city to reduce storm water flow in the Garrison Street Project.

Mr. Gross reminded everyone of the Economic Development Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.