

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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October 4, 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, Ruiz, Zilch, Otte, and Sleek. The minutes were approved from the September 20th meeting.

Before the readings, Mayor Sanchez asked Chief Foos to join him at the podium. Chief Foos introduced Chief Jeff Jackson from the Sandusky County EMS. He went on to explain that the team has received CASE accreditation. Chief Foos explained that only 6 out of 1,010 ambulance services in Ohio receive this award. Sandusky County EMS met more than 100 standards with 0 deductions. They are ranked in the top 5% in the Nation. Chief Jeff Jackson stated that he was very proud of his department and thanked Chief Foos for his kind words. Mayor Sanchez presented Chief Jackson with a plaque to commentate the accomplishment and thanked the department for the excellent service they bring to our community.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan and the Employee Compensation Plan for non-union employees to revise the position of Assistant Municipal Prosecutor from part-time to full effective November 2, 2018 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle explained because of the case load increase in his department, he feels to make the position should be adjusted to a full time position. He explained that money for this position comes out of his salary. He explained that many cities around the state have multiple prosecutors in their offices. He stated that exact increase numbers have not been established but he will meet with Auditor Grahl and bring that back to council.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Water Operating Fund 510, and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to State Farm for the Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Sandusky County, The Sheriff's Office, and the City of Fremont for an amount of \$270,000.00 the first year, and \$225,000.00 thereafter, subject to amendments and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez reminded the council if there were any questions concerning this ordinance, please do not hesitate to come up to his office to discuss it.

First reading of an ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Fremont, Ohio and to amend or enact sections of the Police Department, Fire Department, and Income Tax Codes to conform to enactments of the General Assembly. Mr. Frost explained that what this ordinance pertains to is that a company called Walter Drane monitors or local ordinance and lets the City know if we are in compliance with the current laws with the State of Ohio Revised Codes. Mayor Sanchez asked that the council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3924

First reading of an ordinance accepting the application for annexation for the parcel being part of the Northwest quarter of Fractional Section 2, Town 5 North-Range 15 East, Ballville Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing .301 acres, more or less, already approved by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2018-191 and to adopt the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for the interim zoning of the area to be B-2 General Commercial District. Mr. Gross explained this ordinance pertains to the Liberty Center property and this will clean up the boundary maps. He stated that he will be working with the county to put language into the annexation ordinance to adjust the boundary map for tax purposes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application with the Sandusky County Park District through the local Park Capital Improvement Grant for park renovations and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost stated they will be applying for this grant to do the second half of the sun shades at the Rec. Department On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2065

Committee Reports

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek relayed and incident at the light at K-Mart, and thanked Mr. Frost, Bill Guhn, and Randall Duncan for a discussing that was held earlier about the reason why it is not a flashing light.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated he'd like to schedule a committee meeting on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. He also stated that signs ups are still going on for Trunk or Treat.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

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Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz reported Fire and Police Departments continue to do a great job and congratulated the Sandusky County EMS on their award. She would have liked the EMS personnel to have been introduced. She stated that the lawn judging deadline is October 19th, anyone wishing to participate. Kristie Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. reminded everyone that this weekend the Crop Festival will be held downtown Friday and Saturday. She passed out a map of all the festivities. The roads will be closed at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. She thanked Bellevue Hospital and Whirlpool for sponsoring the festival. She stated that the last Farmers Market will be held October 20th and passed out flyers.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost congratulated the Sandusky County EMS for the recognition they received for doing great work in our community. He stated that a Bulk Trash pickup will be held October 20th 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds for Fremont city residents. He also stated that the water meter project will begin very quickly. Mr. Frost commented on the Car Show and said that it was an amazing event. He also thanked Kristie Bilger for her help in planning the upcoming New Year's Eve event and thanked her for all she does.

Chief Bliss also congratulated the Sandusky County EMS. He stated that police interviews were coming up soon.

Chief Foos thanked the council for allowing the presentation and recognizing the great work of the Sandusky County EMS. He stated that the city was blessed to be receiving such great services from the department.

Tucker Fredericksen gave an update on the dam project stating that it is winding down, stating with the next month they should be finishing up. He stated they are in the restoration phase. Mr. Fredericksen also mentioned that the Sandusky St. project was going well. He finished with giving council a heads up informing them that bids for the Rodger Young improvements have been received. He will hopefully present something to council at the next meeting.

Mayor Sanchez commented on the Trash Day on October 20th. He stated that there will be only so many dumpsters; once they are full they are full. He attended the Terra State Community Showcase. The event was well attended and a highlight of the day. Mayor Sanchez commented on the aggregation program that the city of Fremont voted on in 2011. He believes that the city has the best rates that they could apply. If there are any questions please direct them to his office. He touched on the ABM project and the replacement of the water meters. The installers will come to the residence along with a picture of the administration so the city will know that it is legitimate. This will be a four to six month project. Council asked several questions of Mayor Sanchez and he promised to get back to them. He congratulated Memorial Hospital on the Funfest they held and last but not least he congratulated Jonathon Martin and Ashley Gamble for the event that they held at Birchard Park. Mrs. Elder nothing this evening.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch congratulated Sandusky County EMS on their award. He then commented on the ODOT building and the fact that he got to take a tour of the facility and was very impressed with the building and the work that our city employees are doing on it.

Mrs. Ruiz wished everyone a nice weekend.

Mr. Knisely he also congratulated EMS on their fine work. He complimented the fire and police department on their leadership and personnel. He encouraged everyone to attend the events downtown this weekend and to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Otte asked Mr. Sanchez if Mr. Melle's budget could be looked at next year. Mayor Sanchez said he had questions and would be speaking with Mr. Melle. Mr. Otte asked about the status of the basketball court repairs. Mayor Sanchez said that the person who was responsible will be making restitution. Mr. Otte asked Chief Bliss about the Drug Task Force and recommended that being more transparent with accomplishments that have been made. Chief Bliss stated that the task force is making a tremendous impact in our city. He commented on the Brews on the Bricks event and thanked everyone who worked it and attended.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Farmer on the State Street Cruise Car Show. He encouraged everyone to attend the events that are being held in the Fremont this weekend. Mr. Smith lastly encouraged everyone to attend the Presidential Literacy event at Hayes Presidential Center.

Mr. Sleek echoed the sentiments of everyone concerning the Sandusky County EMS.

Mr. Liebold stated that Brews on the Bricks was a great event. He gave a shout out to Mr. Frost for his efforts to keep the city safe. Mr. Liebold mentioned that October 9th was the last day to register for the upcoming elections. Wednesday the 10th is the beginning of early voter registration.

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Public Comment

Jamie Zilles 568 Sunset Lane commented on the letter he received concerning the aggregation program, stating he does not live in the city. Mr. Gross stated that he would take care of it.

Sarah Robertson 812 Vargas Court asked the city for help with snow removal on her street. She states that the snow is put in her front yard and would like to have the city to make arrangements to put the snow somewhere else.

CJ Burel 501 Brush Street. He thanked everyone who came by and supported Big Burels Barbeque. He invited council and the City of Fremont to his church for appreciation service given in his honor. He stated that there will be a candidate's night on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Burel invited that October 21st is the final date of the October Pastoral Appreciation Month and he encouraged everyone to attend Ebenezer Church.

Melody White Executive Director of NAMI reminded everyone that Officer Josiah Britner will be honored this Sunday for his outstanding work this spring in saving a young man's life. Officer Britner created his CAT training in his response to the young man. Ms. White stated that NAMI conducts the CAT training in this area. She also announced that Terra State has opened their doors to allow a Northwest Ohio CAT training center to be on their campus.

Mr. Fred Rectenwald asked if the council would go into executive session and invite him to share some personnel matter. Mrs. Ruiz made a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel matters with no council business to transpire thereafter and Mr. Liebold seconded. Council President invited Mr. Rectenwald, Mayor Sanchez, Mr. Gross, and Mr. Frost to the executive session.

Council returned from executive session. On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President