

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

November 1, 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: Zilch, Otte, Sleek, Smith, Ruiz, Knisely, and Liebold. The minutes were approved from the October 18th meeting.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing Fund Transfers in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and Income Tax Fund 201.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment for payment of \$3,051.57 to Clemans, Nelson & Associates, Inc. and declaring an emergency. 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 Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2067

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$7,167.00 to Aqua-Line and declaring an emergency. 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. Res. 2018-2068

Second 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, adopting the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for interim zoning of the area to be B-2 General Commercial District, and adjusting the boundary lines of Ballville Township for exclusion of the territory that is part and parcel of this annexation. 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. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3927

Second reading of an ordinance petitioning the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners to adjust the boundary lines of Sandusky Township so as to exclude the territory that, as a result of annexation, now lies within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fremont (submitted by University Housing Solutions annexation of 15.009+/- acres – Ordinance No. 2018-3895). On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3928

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3929

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Telamon Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$92,550.00 for construction of the Rodger Young Park for the Restroom and Shelter Improvements through the 2018 CDBG Funds and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that the council consider suspending 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. Smith. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3930

Before Committee Reports, President Hafford announced that the November 15th Council Meeting will be held at the Hayes Presidential Center at 7:30 p.m. She also read a public notice a public hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the Presidential Center concerning the Planning Zone recommendation regarding the Liberty Center.

Committee Reports

Utility and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz compliments to the police and fire departments. Beautification committee announced the winners for the Fall and Halloween Judging: First Place - 1502 Port Clinton Road, 1737 North Street. Second Place – 1112 Hamlin Street and 130 N. Collingwood.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek thanked Mr. Frost for instrumenting the new stops signs on Dickenson. He announced CR Juices has moved into the old Papa Murphy's location.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced that he will have a presentation from Bishop Hoffman Schools and Fremont City Schools during his committee report on November 15th.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch reported that a committee meeting was held earlier to discuss the openings on the Zoning Appeals Board. Anyone interested please get your application in by Dec. 1st.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Announced Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 15th on updates at the Parks and Recreation Departments.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost updated the ABM projects stating that the water meter project is moving forward. Improvements have been done at the Fire Department and they are moving onto the Rec. Department. He also mentioned that the New Year’s Eve project will be bigger and better than last years....Save The Date.

Chief Bliss addressed the incident at Walmart. He stated that he realizes it may have caused some inconvenience, however he could not be more proud of his department and those helping to secure the area and make sure that everyone was safe. He praised Belinda Rosenberger for her leadership and all those who cooperated in the investigation.

Chief Schneider commented on the Walmart incident also and the stellar leadership of all involved.

Mayor Sanchez thanked everyone who attended the Bicentennial Planning Meeting at Terra Stated Community College. He was extremely impressed with the planning of this event.

Mrs. Elder nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl thanked the Mayor for requesting attendance at the meeting; he also was impressed by the organization and planning of the event.

Council Comments

Mr. Sleek commented on the WSOS invite to attend the open house to view their new facilities and the renaming of the organization.

Mr. Liebold commented on the upcoming election on Tuesday. You can still go to the board of election to vote early or vote until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Mr. Zilch stated that he was very impressed with the installment of the new water meters. He reminded everyone to keep leaves out of the streets and in front of the drains.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked the city for the crossing lights in front of her home. She stated that the Trunk or Treat was a very successful. She thanked Chief Bliss for his departments work on the Walmart event. Beware of scammers trying to get money from elderly people. She encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Mr. Knisely thanked everyone for the excellent work they do in Fremont. He appreciates all the hard work that has been put in to make the city better. Keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Otte started that a commercial said it was the Christmas Season.....he encourages everyone to shop Fremont for your Christmas Season Goodies.

Mr. Smith also thanked Chief Bliss for the work at Walmart. He also encouraged everyone to vote. He is looking forward for the council meeting at the Hayes Presidential Center. He asked the Mayor to explain the Marijuana issue on the ballot. Mayor Sanchez stated that the ordinance will lower the penalties for citing someone for the amount of marijuana on the minor misdemeanor code.

Mrs. Hafford reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at the Hayes Presidential Center.

Public Comment

Fred Rectenwald asked if the Safety Services were fully staff. Both Chief Bliss and Assistant Chief Schneider stated that they are not a full capacity yet. He questioned why there seems to always money for the courts but not enough for those who protect us.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith moves to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.