

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

On a motion by Mrs. Ruiz to remove #6 on the agenda and seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. On a motion by Mr. Smith to add item #8 with correct wording for the annexation application and seconded by Zilch. Motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing Fund Transfers in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3931

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and Income Tax Fund 201. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3932

First reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to zone the area accepted for annexation by Ordinance No. 2018-3926 containing .301 acres of land, more or less, as "B-2" General Commercial Zoning District.

First reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$60,703,929.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2019 Fiscal Year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated that they will be asking to suspend rule 4 at the next meeting.

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 explained the changes were due to adjusting the minimum wage pay for part-time employees.

First reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel, Policy, and Procedure Manual for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that changes for made to keep us in compliance with State Laws. Mayor Sanchez asked that the council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz. Motion failed 5 yeas votes to 2 no votes.

First reading of an ordinance accepting the application for annexation for the parcel being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Town 4 North, Range 15 East, Ballville Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing 2.019 acres, more or less, already approved by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2018-280 and to adopt the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for the interim zoning of the area to be R-1 Single Family Residential District, and adjusting the boundary lines of Ballville Township for exclusion of the territory that is part and parcel of this annexation. Tom Kerns explained why the annexation was needed. Mr. Gross asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that the Finance Committee Meeting held the night before was well organized and he thanked all that came.

Utility and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report. She announced that she attended a class in Tiffin on tree cutting for the Tree and Beautification Committee.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek announced that the groundbreaking has happened for the new Kroger building.

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 January 17th.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing this evening.

Parks and Recreation Committee – nothing this evening.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – passed out bags for Small Business Saturday. She discussed the parade, the tree lighting, and the Santa House. She stated that the planters had been changed for winter. She stated that anyone who wanted to contribute to those cost it would be greatly appreciated. She also mentioned the New Year's Eve event in Fremont.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost announced that people will start to notice the yield signs around town. He also reported that things are going extremely well with the ABM projects for the city.

Chief Bliss nothing this evening.

Chief Foos announced that Project Life Saver has been brought to Sandusky County. Chief Foos explained the concept of the project and how the wrist receivers work for each individual person who may wander away from homes and facilities with faster response time. The project was spearheaded by the Sandusky County Sheriff Office and solely funded by donations. Pro-Medica donated \$15,000.00 along with Sandusky County DD with a donation of \$10,000.00

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Mayor Sanchez also thanked Mr. Kuhns with ABM for coming to City Council and all the work they have done to make to City of Fremont better. He also thanked President Hafford for allowing the agency to come in to speak on the public concerns at the public hearing held earlier in the evening.

Mrs. Elder stated that she was thrilled with the Project Lifesaver. She said it was a huge step for our community to help take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. Mrs. Elder stated that across our city and the nation we need to embrace kindness. She wanted citizens to be cautious of the scams that are going on during the holiday season: Calling saying your grandchild is in trouble and needs money, gift card scams and the puppy scams.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

Council Comments

Mr. Smith commented on the many events he had attended since the last council meeting. He stated that the Finance Committee Meeting held yesterday was very informative and commented on President Bush funeral services.

Mr. Sleek also complimented the Fire Chief and the Sandusky County Sheriff Department for their efforts in establishing and bringing to Fremont Project Lifesaver.

Mr. Liebold commented on the Sister City agreement that Fremont is involved in. He was very happy to attend that meeting.

Mr. Zilch commented on the water meter project and the ease and professionalism of those involved. He thanked administration for the fantastic job they have been doing on the budget. Mr. Zilch then asked if the leaf pickup was done and Mayor Sanchez stated they had some technical difficulties but they are back on schedule now.

Mrs. Ruiz also followed up on the water meter installment and it only took 15 minutes to do it. She was impressed with the budget meeting. She stated that the holiday parade was very nice.

Mr. Knisely congratulated Chief Foos on the Project Lifesaver. He then 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; it is a great place to live.

Mr. Otte also commented on the leaf pickup and mentioned the tree lighting in the Birchard district at Mayor Meier Park with approximately 200 people attending. He mentioned the Fire Department tree lighting and all the lights at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. Mayor Sanchez mentioned that Mr. Gross was Santa at the Mayor Meier Park event.

Mrs. Hafford also complimented on how fabulous downtown looks. The Christmas music playing is a wonderful touch and reminds her of Christmas in the past. She mentioned that we need to be aware of our neighbors and those sick and shut in and check on them.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President