

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 December 6th meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Ruiz to remove #1 on the agenda and seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

President Hafford announced a Public Hearing on January 17th at 7:15 p.m. concerning property owned by K.F. Ventures.

Second 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 asked that council suspend Rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3934

Second 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. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend Rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Sleek and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3935

Second 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 asked that the council suspend Rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3936

First reading an ordinance for the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with the Director of Transportation of ODOT to resurface the pavement and perform bridge repair on US 6/20 from CR 20 to Fifth Street in the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that ODOT needs permission to do the work in the city with no money coming from the city; and asked that Rule 4 be suspended. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Zilch, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3937

First reading an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to zone the area accepted for annexation by Ordinance No. 2018-3927 containing .301 acres of land, more or less, as "B-2" General Commercial Zoning District. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3938

First reading an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Public Recreation Fund 211, Motor Vehicle License Fund 223, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, Internal Equipment Service Fund 601, and Demolition Security Fund 713, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl asked that council suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3939

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing this evening.

Utility and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek announced a committee meeting on January 3rd at 7:15 p.m.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

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

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – announced that this will be the last weekend for Santa at the Santa House. She announced that on Friday beginning at 6 p.m. the Clydesdale sleigh rides will be held. She spoke on the New Year Eve events and passed out a map of events to council. She announced that there will be a transportation loop that will be happening too. She also announced that today was the second anniversary of The Garrison.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost commented on several projects – the waterlines have been replaced, they will be soon bidding out the Water Street, and Front and State Street improvement bids, as well as Rodger Young restrooms. He announced that Kroger was under construction and that the ODNR boat ramp project is going along. He commented on the Fremont City School new school projects. He commented on the sewer project and West State and Dickinson poles. Mr. Frost stated that the damn project is wrapping up. He also commented on Rawson Ave. project and stated there will be many public meetings to find out what the public would like to see.

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Chief Foos wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that he enjoyed working this past year with Administration and City Council.

Captain Conger echoed the Chief sentiments and hope everyone has a safe holiday. He stated that the Police Department will be working the New Years Eve event along with the Sheriff Department.

Mayor Sanchez also commented on the projects that are happening around the city and commented on his visit to the local elementary schools along with councilwoman Ruiz. He also spoke about the lights at the Sandusky County Fairground and encourage everyone to attend it they have not already done so. Mayor Sanchez welcomed Greg Brown to the council meeting tonight. Greg is the new bailiff for Judge Ray. He stated that he has mentor Greg since high school and was very proud of him. Mayor Sanchez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Grahl thanked council for everything they have done throughout the year. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Bob Gross updated the council on the city website which started at 3,000 visitors when first launched and now we are averaging around 6,000 visitors. People from as far as Cincinnati are looking at the website. He stated that a complaint form has been added to the website to step up the city's customer service through the website.

Council Comments

Mr. Otte stated that the Liberty Center is in need of donated gas cards for residence. He stated that Downtown is hopping great to see how alive it is. He announced the benefit concert to be held at the Strand on December 21st, the band performing is call Proskyneo. He stated that he was excited about the event on New Year's Eve. Mr. Smith encourage everyone to attend the benefit concert and to visit the Hayes Presidential Center to see the Christmas decorations. He stated that it had been a fun and educational year on city council. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sleek commented on the group Proskyneo. He complimented the street crew on picking up leaves. He asked for update on the K-Mart building and the Great Scot building. Mr. Gross stated that there had been people visiting each location. Mayor Sanchez commented on King Savers closing and the Eastside Krogers. Mr. Sleek wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Liebold commented on the retirement of the Amish Deli and Bill Cronin the barber who will retire on Friday. Bill is 92 years old. He stated that he attend Judge Kolsar swearing in where a Chief Justice conducted the ceremony. Mr. Liebold wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that she thought the city did a great job in purchasing the ODOT building. She recently visited there and was very impressed with the work that had been down my the city employees. She stated that the teachers of Atkinson commented on how nice the downtown area looks. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Knisely wished everyone Happy Holidays and said he was so happy to be on city council. He encourage everyone to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Zilch stated that Shear Delight is moving to the strip behind Rally's. He also commented on the ODOT building too. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Hafford also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and safe holidays.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Sleek., motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President