

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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January 3, 2019

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, Ruiz, and Sleek. The minutes were approved from the December 20th meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Zilch to add item #2 on the agenda and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yeas votes.

First reading of an ordinance amending ordinance 86-2429 by expansion of Community Reinvestment Area (“CRA”) No. 2 for the City of Fremont, pursuant to Revised Code Section 3735.65 ET Seq., making necessary findings, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Natureworks Local Grant Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the administration is asking for approval to apply for the grant. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Res. 2019-2069

Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch called for a committee meeting for January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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 suggest that people stop by and look at the progress at the new Kroger location.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced at the next meeting Superintendent Jon Detwiler – Fremont City Schools and Anthony Fontana – Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools will have a brief presentation during his committee report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Thanked everyone who attended the New Year Eve event. She passed out Save the Date flyers with all the 2019 events.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost also echoed the sentiments of Ms. Bilger concerning the New Year Eve event. He thought it was well attended and he also thanked the Police and Sheriff Departments for their help during the event.

Chief Bliss commented on the move of the dispatchers to the Sheriff Department. He stated that it was going rather well so far. Chief Bliss said there is a phone in the lobby at his department that goes directly to the Sandusky County Dispatch Center. Chief Bliss commented on the incident that occurred at City Hall. The Mayor closed the building and the order of gas was found and everything was taking care of. Chief Bliss said it was investigated and no ill attentions were meant.

Chief Schneider wished everyone a happy and prosperous 2019. The Fire Department will continue to try to keep everyone safe and well in 2019.

Mayor Sanchez thanked everyone who participated and worked on the New Year Eve event. He thought it was a great event. Mayor Sanchez stated that 2019 is going to be another exciting successful year for the City of Fremont.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder also commented on the downtown event and how everyone thought it was a great event. She then asked about the gas aggregation program and complaints she has been receiving concerning the rates going up.

Mr. Gross briefly commented on the program and stated he had specific numbers in the office and would be able to present it to the council at the next meeting. Mayor Sanchez suggested that anyone with questions please call his office.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening

Council Comments

Mr. Knisely thanked everyone who had worked on the New Year Eve event. He said that it was great.

Mr. Knisely wished everyone in Fremont a Happy New Year and stated that Fremont, Ohio will continue to grow if we keep shopping in Fremont. He then wished all the winter sports teams at Bishop Hoffman and Fremont Ross good luck in their seasons.

Mr. Otte echoed Mr. Knisely sentiments concerning the New Year Eve event. He mentioned the schools and Krogers groundbreaking. He mentioned the improvements at the hospital. Mr. Otte thanked Chief Bliss boys for the concert that they put on the 21st. Chief Bliss stated that the group was able to donate \$1100 to two families. The groups name is Proskyneo which means “to worship”.

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Mr. Smith stated that he too attended the concert and it was great to see so many who came out. He attended the Hayes Presidential Center sleigh rides this past weekend it was a fun event. Mr. Smith stated that he heard nothing but good reviews for the New Year Eve event and thanks Ms. Bilger. He encourages everyone to keep moving in the right direction for 2019.

Mr. Sleek mentioned Aaron and Christine Rodriguez who are the owners of the CR Juices located at the old Papa Murphy's building. He encourages everyone to stop in and give them a try. Mr. Sleek wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Liebold mentioned that prior to the New Year he toured the ODOT building that the city purchased with Mr. Ward and stated that it is a great value to the city.

Mr. Zilch also commented on the New Year event and how great it was. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that this year is the 100 year that woman have had the right to vote. She stated that she is very proud to be a woman and that we are not dictated by age.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Liebold seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President