

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: Liebold, Knisely, Smith, Zilch, Ruiz, and Sleek. Councilman Otte was absent. The minutes were approved from the January 3rd meeting.

Before the readings, Mayor Sanchez presented David and Deanna Root the key to the City for the dedicated service they provide to the community. They help keep the city clean by picking up trash as they walk every day.

Second 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 an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$15,939,861.00 for Fiscal Year 2019, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this was the annual authorized fund transfers for the budget.

First an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to zone the area accepted for annexation by Ordinance No. 2018-3933 containing 2.019 acres of land, more or less, as “R-1” Single Family Residential District. Mr. Gross explained that the property was annexed Dec. 6th and given temporary annexation, this ordinance makes it permanent. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Smith, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3940

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease for the following described property (The Tree Farm Property) pursuant to Revised Code Section 721.03 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the city owns the property and would like to lease it out as the city has done in the past. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3941

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely presented Superintendent Jon Detwiler – Fremont City Schools and Anthony Fontana – Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools who did a short presentation on the both schools. Mr. Fontana stated that this was his first year at Bishop Hoffman. He stated that the school is looking for more business to allow their students to give back to the community and develop partnerships with the community. Mr. Detwiler spoke on the updated the council on the building projects. He stated that the weather has been kind and they are ahead in the new building projects. He thanked the city for their cooperation with the waterlines to Lutz. He stated that the new high school project will begin in the summer.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch made a motion to appoint Mr. Roy Yeager chairman of the Zoning Committee and Ms. Jennifer Melle to fulfil the remainder of Mr. Greg Kuhns seat who resigned. Motion was seconded by Mr. Knisely. Committee agreed 6 - 0. He stated that there is a position for alternate if anyone is interested.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated that youth volleyball and basketball. He encourage everyone to join the #FitFremont.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated he received the finance report from the auditor.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report. On the beautification committee they had a presentation of award for winners.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek state there is good progress at the new Kroger location.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – She announced that on the Downtown Fremont Facebook page they are doing surveys. She would like everyone to be able to have a say on events in the city. She announced that the Live Edge will be hosting a Sweetest Day Dance on February 15th with \$10 admission. There will also be 3 vacation packages given away at the dance.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost congratulated the Roots. He wanted everyone to look out for your neighbors with the weather that is expected to be on the way this weekend. He announced that there will be another Police Department entry test. Chief Bliss also stated that he wanted everyone to be careful driving in the snow. He also commented on the relationship the department has with the two superintendents of the schools.

Chief Foos asked for help from community members in removing the snow around hydrants and to help your neighbors. Also be mindful of vents are cleaned and generators are well ventilated.

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. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Knisely seconded, motion carried 6 yes votes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.