

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, Otte, and Sleek. The minutes from February 21st and the agenda for March 7th were approved.

Before the meeting Mayor Sanchez read a proclamation congratulating the 8th grade basketball players and Coach Timi Kidwell of Fremont Middle School who won the TRAC championship two consecutive years. Mr. Ken Frost read a letter from Tucker Fredericksen commending Erica Williams on her outstanding work effort in the Engineering Department of Fremont, Ohio. Erica was recently promoted to Zoning Inspector; she is the first African American to serve in a Director position in the Fremont, Ohio. Dr. Regina Williams, the new NAACP President addressed the council and also congratulated Erica on earning her promotion.

Second reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of improvements to Garrison from Washington to South Front Street, including widening, pavement and curb replacement, catch basins and waterlines, as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by council; and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Vortex in an amount not to exceed \$82,375.00 for upgrades to the pool located at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fox explained with the pool feature would be and Mr. Bischoff explained the reason for requesting a rule #4 on the ordinance. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3947

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Probation Services Fund 232, Probation Grants Fund 240, Capital Improvement Fund 410, Water Operating Fund 510, Water Improvement Fund 541, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained reason for adjustments to council and requested a 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 Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes, Zilch abstained. Ord. 2019-3948

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee - Chairman Jim Sleek nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith called on Mr. Bischoff to give an update at the Rec. Department.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that he is monitoring the State Gas Tax and will inform the council of his findings.

Utility and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Kristie invited everyone to their annual membership meeting March 20th at the Live Edge Center from 5 – 7 p.m.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost spoke of the road closures that are going on around town. He spoke about Lester Daniels who wrote a book about Pry mantis and there is an article in the paper.

Chief Bliss congratulated Erica on her promotion

Assistant Chief Schneider echoed the sentiments of Chief Bliss. He stated that there will be a retirement coming up in the Fire Department and they will be looking into hiring more.

Mayor Sanchez updated the council on the ice control structure and the jam that is at the damn. ODNR gave permission for people to be in the river until March 15th. March 15th at 9 a.m. Mayor Sanchez announced he would be on WTOL to announce a partnership with a local company.

Jim Melle also recognized the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams. He congratulated Erica on her promotion and accomplishments. He announced that the Martin Luther King Oratory Contest will be April 2nd and invited everyone to come out and watch the children perform.

Mr. Grahl also congratulated Erica and the basketball teams. He announced that Monday, Lisa Schrickel will be retiring from the Auditors office. They have hired a replacement.

Council Comments

Mr. Sleek congratulated Erica and the middle school.

Mr. Liebold congratulated Erica and congratulated Noah Price on his first pin at State in 16 seconds. He encouraged everyone to have a Happy St. Patrick Day, and he mentioned that Aldi's is expanding.

Mr. Zilch he also congratulated the basketball team and Erica. He reminded everyone on the Sandusky County Humane Society fundraiser beginning March 30th at the Yacht Club.

Mrs. Ruiz she also congratulated Erica. She commented on the Rec. Center and she mentioned that there is more activity and that Mr. Bischoff is doing an excellent job. She also congratulated the 8th grade teams.

Fremont is expanding and she is very impressed with a great job we are doing in our city.

Vacuum Repair Center is located on the corner of State and Rawson Ave.

Mr. Knisely echoed the sentiments of everyone concerning Erica and the basketball team. He thanked everyone involved in keeping the City of Fremont up and running is doing a great job. Fremont is a great place to live, work, and shop.

Mr. Otte thanked Erica for her dedication and the 8th grade girls. He congratulated Noah Price on his to a State Championship. He mentioned that Noah's little brother Rowan has leukemia and solicited prayers for the family. He asked Mr. Gross to explain about the ranking Fremont received that was in the newspaper recently.

It is a ranking put on by Site Selection Magazine and works with Economic Development. Fremont ranked 19th and he hopes that we can move up in ranking in the future.

Mr. Smith also congratulated Mrs. Williams along with the 8th grade team. He mentioned the basketball game that Mayor Sanchez will be participating in on March the 12th at the Fremont Middle School beginning at 6:00 p.m. He also commended Dr. Williams in her new role as NAACP president and he looks forward to working with her in the future. He stated that he attended the Home Show at the Rec. Center.

Mrs. Hafford she also congratulated Erica and commended Mr. Bischoff on all the great work he is doing at the Rec. Center.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Smith seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes.
Meeting adjourned.

Clerk of Council

Council President