

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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March 21, 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, Zilch, Ruiz, and Sleek. Councilman Otte was absent. The minutes from March 7th and the agenda for March 21st were approved.

Before the reading, Mircea Handru, Executive Director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board spoke to council in favor of the Sandusky County Board Levy which will be on the May 7th ballot. The 0.8 mill level will not overlap the levy that is currently in place. The amount for \$100,000.00 property will only pay \$1.90 per month. He summarized the services that are available to community and asked for support for the upcoming levy.

Mrs. Hafford read a notice stating that the winners from the NAACP Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd. The winners will make presentations to the council at 7:00 p.m. She then read two different public hearing notices – one for April 4th beginning at 7:30 p.m. pertaining to the Sandy Knoll Farms. The second notice will be held on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. pertaining to review the Planning Commission's recommendation for rezoning.

Third 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. Mr. Grahl asked that council table the ordinance because they are looking into other financial avenues for the project. He asked that the Mr. Knisely to rescind his motion to adopt, which he did. Mrs. Ruiz asked to table item #1 to April 4th, Mr. Liebold second. Motion carried 6 yea votes.

First reading of an ordinance petitioning the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners to adjust the boundary lines of Ballville Township so as to exclude the territory that, as a result of annexation, now lies within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fremont (Submitted by Liberty Center of Sandusky County Annexation of 0.301 +/- acres – Ordinance No. 2018-3930). Mr. Gross explained the reasoning for the ordinance and asked for a suspension of rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Zilch and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3949

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$12,759.20 to Resource Management Associates, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost stated that this coincides with the budget adjustment that council already approved pertaining to promotional exams for the Fire Department. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Knisely, motion carried 6 yea votes, Res. 2019-2071

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz commended the Police Department on the welfare checks that the department does. She also commented on the Beautification Commission the Spring Bloom Landscaping Contest is due April 18th.

Economic Development Committee - Chairman Jim Sleek stated that he spoke to the Juice Garden owners and that they are looking into opening a Juice Garden on the Eastside of Fremont.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely he will have someone to say a few words the second meeting in April.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Kristie spoke about the Hop on Down the Trail event on Saturday April 20th beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt for kids; the Easter Bunny will be in his house for pictures. That night there will be an adult Easter egg hunt beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Will conclude at the Live Edge Center where the presentation of the prizes will take place. She also spoke about the Cinco De May Festival that will take place on May 4th from 1 – 8 p.m.

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.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost stated that Chief Bliss was ill. He also stated that the fishing in the river is very good. He asked that the word be passed on to all your fisherman friends to come on down to Fremont and try their luck.

Chief Foos stated that Jim Zimmerman will be retiring after 33 years of service and Mike Mezinger will be promoted to Captain. Doug Crowell will be promoted to Lieutenant.

Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report and apologized for Holly Elder who had to be out of town for an unexpected death. He also stated the February financial report is on the Auditor page of the Fremont website.

Mr. Gross nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Smith stated that he attending the Development Disability basketball game. He encourages everyone to vote for the Mental Health Levy. On a personal note he wanted to the citizens of the community to know that he has worked very hard at every position he has held and will continue to do so for the community of Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Sleek nothing to report.

Mr. Liebold congratulated Noah Smith on his State Championship win. Noah is the first winner since Mark Coleman.

Mr. Zilch stated that the log jam is gone. He reminded the citizens about the Tag Sell for the Humane Society beginning March 30th.

Mrs. Ruiz encourages everyone to have a nice weekend.

Mr. Knisely also congratulated Noah Price for his State Championship. He encourages the citizens to keep shopping Fremont Ohio....a great city to live in.

Mrs. Hafford that Mr. Handru for coming and explain the level and asked everyone to please vote for the levy May 7th.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Liebold seconded, motion carried 6 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President