

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

May 2, 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: Knisely, Smith, Ruiz, Otte, Liebold, Sleek, and Zilch. The minutes from April 18th and the agenda for May 2nd were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual Winter Road Salt Contract (19-20) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01(B) and declaring an emergency. 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 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3958

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with Kayaking Ohio to be the exclusive canoe, kayak, and paddleboard livery at the Fremont Reservoir ("Reservoir"), and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3959

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to amend by Zilch and seconded by Ruiz, to be include Capital Improvement Fund for \$14,700.00 motion carried 7 yea votes.

Second reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage for the Sandusky County Mental Health Levy and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2072

Second reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$7,885.18 to Morton Salt, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2073

First reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning commission to re-zone inlots parcel #34-60-00-0082-02 in the City of Fremont from "R-1" – Single Family Residential to "R-3" – Multi-Family Residential District.

Committee Reports

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated that registration for summer sports are going on now.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Utility and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee - Chairman Jim Sleek nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely reported that a representative from Vanguard will be at an upcoming meeting to give an update.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Passed out flyer and she mentioned the Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held on May 4th. She announced that on May 13th and 14th will be planting day for all the planters located in the downtown area. Anyone willing to help is welcome to participate. Kristie ended with the Fishing & Outdoor Festival on May 18th.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost stated that Kayak Ohio will be at the Fishing & Outdoor Festival on May 18th. He asked Brian the Zoning Inspector to give a rough estimate of what he has accomplished so far in office. 97 vehicles have been removed and Mr. Frost thanked him for the volume of work he has done.

Mr. Gross stated that the Old K-Mart was bought by a company called Storage of America and that an article would be appearing in the News Messenger soon.

Chief Bliss stated that the Fremont Police Department is now hiring and people can apply through the National Testing Website or the Department Website. He encourages everyone to view the recruitment video that Mayor Sanchez, Mr. Frost, and Mr. Gross participated in.

Chief Schneider encouraged everyone to support the Mental Health Levy.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

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Mayor Sanchez apologized for dress attire; he was at little league practice. He read a proclamation at the National Day of Prayer Event. He stated that the project list for 2019 will be coming out soon. Mayor Sanchez announced that the Rec. Department will now have 24 access to the facility.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz encourages everyone to vote for the Mental Health Levy. She stated that the City of Fremont is moving ahead and that sometimes change is hard, but necessary for our city to grow.

Mr. Knisely echoed sentiments for the levy. He encourages everyone to keep shopping Fremont Ohio it's a great place to live.

Mr. Otte reminded everyone about Cinco de Mayo events from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. He encourages the public to attend the council meetings. Mr. Otte announced that the Wayne Street Cemetery planting day will be May 11th at 8 a.m. He also announced fundraiser for Rowan Price to be held on May 18th.

Mr. Smith stated that he attended the Pancake Festival; he thanked everyone who attended the public hearing that was held earlier and encouraged everyone to vote for the Health Levy. He shouted out to Anita Tacos that will be at the Cinco de Mayo event this weekend.

Mr. Sleek gave hats off to the Parks and Street Department for maintaining excellent work efforts. He asked about the street sweeper hitting Croghan Street.

Mr. Liebold apologized for missing last week. He thanked everyone who attended the public hearing today. He thanked everyone's performance at Casa Dancing with the Stars were great

Mr. Zilch mentioned the cemetery and that the planting will be on the 11th of May. There is an event on Memorial Day that they want to have the facility looking good. Mr. Zilch mentioned the Sydney Thomas Fundraiser that will be at the VFW. Mayor Sanchez asked Mrs. Martin to explain the fundraiser and an update on Sydney. He reminded grass cutters to not blow into the streets.

Mrs. Hafford wanted everyone to know that the words "additional tax" is on the Mental Health ballot; however the tax is a new tax that replaces the tax in place while decreasing the amount that citizens will have to pay.

She encouraged everyone to vote for the Mental Health Levy. She also mentioned the Steps of Change Substance Use Awareness Event will be held on May 18th at Connor Park. This is a fun family event that the money goes back to help people who have substance abuse.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Liebold seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President