

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

June 6, 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, Smith, Ruiz, Otte, Sleek, and Zilch. President Hafford expressed her deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Knisely. The minutes from May 16th were approved. Councilman Zilch added an ordinance amending appropriation within Capital Improvement Fund 410, SCIP 461, Water Improvement Fund 541, Sewer Improvement Fund 590 and declaring an emergency. Councilman Liebold seconded, motion carried 6 yea votes.

Before the readings, Mr. Melle after researching the cases, be concluded that only 4 people need to pass the zoning issue.

Third 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. Attorney Mayle spoke on the ordinance and the introduction and reasoning behind being passed as an emergency measure. After much discussion from council and those seated in the audience, On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, however then a motion to rescind the motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Otte. Motion carried 5 yea votes to 1 no vote. Councilman Smith made a motion to add an emergency measure to be added to the ordinance. Motion carried 4 yea votes to 2 no votes. Next, Ruiz made a motion to adopt and seconded by Otte, Motion carried 4 yea votes to 2 no votes.
Ord. 2019-3961

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Rocky Ridge Development, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for 2019 Spent Lime Lagoon Cleaning, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen informed council that this is the annual spent lime contract and asked for a rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Smith and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes.
Ord. 2019-3962

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Underground Utilities, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,358,841.00 for the Garrison Street Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen asked the council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3963

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency for fiscal year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez informed council of the plans from the city if the grant is received. He asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Smith motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2019-2074

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriation within Capital Improvement Fund 410, SCIP Fund 461, Water Improvement Fund 541, Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained how the ordinance broked down. He asked that we suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Liebold and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3964

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated the Tree and Beautification Committee will be judging lawns and the deadline is June 24th.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated that the swimming pool at the Rec. Department is now open.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Ottee nothing to report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Passed out the Downtown Schedule for the Summer. She reminded everyone that on June 15th the first Farmers Market will kick off along with the Fremont Federal Credit Union Car Show, and the Camelback Run.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Chief Bliss notified council that the Police Department begin using the body cameras this week.

Chief Schneider nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen stated that the waterline installation on Buckland Ave. has begun. He also thanked council for suspending rule 4 for the projects that were on the table today.

Mayor Sanchez stated that on Sunday at the Presidential Center will be the Squire softball game. There will be Derby Box races on Haynes St. on Sunday also. He also mentioned the June 15th the NAACP will be putting on their Juneteenth Event at Birchard Park.

Mr. Melle stated that it was very humbling to see the empty chair for Councilman Knisely. He will be truly missed.

Mrs. Elder also echoed Mr. Melle sentiments of Mr. Knisely. She also congratulated Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joe for their participation at the State Track Meet. Mrs. Elder stated that this Saturday will be the Final Mile at the Ross Track at 9 a.m. The track will be torn down to make room for the new building.

Mr. Grahl stated that all the debate and interaction this evening was wonderful to see. He gave tribute to Tom Knisely by saying "Shop your local stores, visit your local taverns, he loves Tom Knisely and Fremont Ohio!"

Council Comments

Mr. Liebold stated that Mr. Knisely will be missed. Mr. Liebold mentions the St. Joe 4x100 that got on the podium at the State Track Meet. He also mention AnneMarie Moses for Pole Vault and Jason Burling of Shot Put from Fremont Ross who also made the podium at State.

Mr. Zilch stated that volunteers are needed to remove trash from the Sandusky River on Saturday June 8th from 9 – 11:00 a.m. T.K. will be missed. He stated besides a bar stool at the 818, there should be one at the Elks too.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that she met Mr. Knisely in 1970 and he had not changed – a great guy and very friendly.

Mr. Otte stated that Social Security scams are going around. The Historical Society is looking for new members. The Wayne Street Cemetery is looking very, very good. He also mentioned that bikers need to follow safety rules along with good bike safety. The Liberty Center is in need of cases of water, please consider donating. Lastly, Mr. Otte mention that the more we shop at the Eastside Kroger will really help. He stated that TK arrangements are 2 – 8 p.m. on Monday at Keller-Ochs, with Funeral to follow on Tuesday at St. Joe.

Mr. Smith also expressed his condolences to the family and friends of Tom Knisely. He will truly be missed. He encouraged everyone to attend the Farmers Market.

Mr. Sleek stated that he will most remember TK speaking about sports and the fact that Gibsonburg could not beat St. Joe. The new Kroger is coming along and that activity is coming along at the old Kmart.

Mrs. Hafford announced that Tim Milton was given an award for 30 years of service to Big Boy.

Public Comments

Scott Williams thanked council for their support for their project for Easter Seals. He passed around a picture and thanked Bob Gross for all the help he did on this project. He also presented a petition to council about vacating the alley behind Associated Buyers and asked council to consider it.

Jay Cullen stated that he would miss Tom Knisely very much.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Leibold, seconded by Mr. Smith seconded, motion carried 6 yes votes.
Meeting was adjourned.

Clerk of Council

Council President