

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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May 16, 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, and Zilch. Councilmen Knisely, Otte, and Slek were absent. The minutes from May 2nd and the agenda for May 16th were approved.

Third 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 adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Smith, motion carried 4 yeas votes. Ord. 2019-3960

Second 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. Mr. Melle commented on a petition that was forwarded to him by councilman Liebold. He then discussed the rules abiding by which the ordinance will be handle now. He stated that there needs to be a majority of 6 votes to approve. A discussion was held on spot zoning and the development of the property. Mrs. Ruiz commented that this issue has been looked at by Economic Development, Housing Advisory Board, and Planning Commission who all agree to the change. Mr. Gross provided council with some addition information on the project. He asked the question what message is being sent if this project is turned down. Mr. Zilch asked Mr. Frost about the amount of the money coming out of the general fund. Mr. Dennis Hasselbach and several other residents of Mulberry Street spoke to council on their opposition to the project.

Committee Reports

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated May 13th – May 19th is National Police Officers Week. The Tree and Beautification Committee will be working on Tschumy Corner tomorrow morning.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger –Mentioned the Garrison patio will be open on Friday. Kristie spoke about the h the Fishing & Outdoor Festival on May 18th. There will be a ribbon cutting at the new ODNR boat ramp on May 18th and ribbon cutting for Pottery Perfection on May 22nd. Memorial Day parade will take place at 10:00 am.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost stated he was looking forward to the Fishing & Outdoor Festival

Mr. Gross spoke about the Ohio Opportunity Zone Seminar on June 27th.

Chief Bliss stated that it National Police Officers Week and Captain Conger representative Fremont PD at the ceremony.

Chief Foos saluted the police department on National Police Officers Week.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Holly Elder thanked the residence of Mulberry Street for attending the council meeting.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch stated that the flowers and mulch at the cemetery will be placed on Saturday. Daughters of the Union Veterans Civil War will be holding a ceremony at the cemetery on May 27th.

Mrs. Ruiz commented that the TMACOG from Toledo held a meeting at the Water Reclamation Center, she was very proud. She encourages everyone to enjoy the Memorial Day Holiday coming up.

Mr. Smith stated that he also attended the TMACOG event. He encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day festivities. He thanked the community members for attending the council meeting.

Mr. Liebold congratulated Coach Elder on his Conference Championship for girls track, also Coach Grahl as his lady streaks also won their conference championships. He commented on the tree planting on McPherson Blvd. Mrs. Hafford thanked everyone who voted on the Mental Health Levy. The Steps of Change annual event takes place this Saturday, May 18th at Connor Park. She also announced that Boy Scout Trent Goatee and his troop will be having a Flag Retirement Dedication Ceremony this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Walsh Park. This is part of his Eagle Scout project.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Liebold seconded, motion carried 4 yeas votes. Meeting was adjourned.