

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

June 20, 2019

Before the regular council meeting, Judge Jeremiah Ray swore in Matthew Barbour to the position of Councilman at Large. 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, Barbour, Smith, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Sleek. The minutes from June 6th were approved. Councilman Zilch added a resolution to the agenda authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, seconded by Liebold. Motion passed 7 yea votes.

President Hafford read a notice for a public hearing to be held August 1st at 7:00 p.m. pertaining to rezoning a parcel on the east end of Mulberry Street.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign, and enter into contracts for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) for 2020 funding and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained to council this was for the annual OPWC grants that they apply for every year. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Smith motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2075

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,728.00 to Bonded Chemicals Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that the auditor office did not apply credit back to this purchase order. Mr. Grahl asked to suspend rule for on the next 3 resolutions. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2076

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$25,862.50 to Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that there was no purchase order in place for the work in the Engineering Department. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz 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. 2019-2077

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$5,143.66 to Campbell, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this is related to maintenance worked at the Police Department. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Barbour and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2078

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Morlock Asphalt, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$151,305.00 for the Upland Reservoir Trail Paving Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen stated this is for the paving of the Reservoir. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2079

Liquor License Approval - Mr. Melle explained that the Liquor License Approval is a new license for Walgreens to sell beer. Councilwoman Ruiz made a motion to show no objection, seconded by Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the State of Ohio Capital Grant Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained that ODNR required a resolution to enter into an agreement to receive grant funds. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Barbour, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2080

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated the Police Department and Fire Department are doing well.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek stated that there is a lot of activity at the former K-Mart and the activity that is going on with the new Krogers.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch reported a committee meeting is scheduled for July 18th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss fees for maintenance of properties and adding UTV's to be legal in the City of Fremont.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Barbour nothing to report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Thanked everyone who participated in the Great Bike Adventure. She thanked everyone who attended the Juneteenth Event and the Farmer Market; the rain did not deter people for coming. She stated that there will be a parade at 10:00 a.m., car show, Mike Piero Event at Rodger Young, and the Fireworks. She stated that mural on the Brady Wall will begin soon. She ended with the City has been nominated for the Best Hometown in Northwest Ohio through the Ohio Magazine.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Ken Frost stated he volunteered at the GOBA. He updated the council on several projects and praised Mr. Woods on his effort to clean up the city with the junk cars and properties.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen stated that a pre-construction meeting was held for the Garrison Street project and they are close to beginning preliminarily on July 8th.

Mayor Sanchez gave Mr. Sleek his deepest condolence in the loss of his father. He stated that LPW will be in Downtown Fremont this weekend.

Mr Melle nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder congratulated Mr. Barbour on his appointment and condolences to Mr. Sleek.

Mr. Grahl echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Elder for Mr. Barbour and Mr. Sleek.

Council Comments

Mr. Sleek stated he appreciated everyone's outpouring of love for the loss of his father. He announced the Mayors Concert will be Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Liebold congratulated and welcomed Mr. Barbour to City Council. He thanked Mr. Fredericksen for assisting him with a tour of Garrison and answering questions on the Rawson Ave. project.

Mr. Zilch also welcomed Mr. Barbour to council. He also thanked Mr. Woods for the great work he has been doing. He also reminded citizens to keep grass clippings out of the roads.

Mrs. Ruiz gave condolences to Mr. Sleek, along with welcoming Mr. Barbour.

Mr. Otte also echoed sentiments of condolences to Mr. Sleek. He stated that he and Mr. Smith went to the Water Treatment Plant and were very impressed with the process and what they do. He stated that Subway Sandwiches donated sandwiches to the Liberty Center. The Center is always in need of water and cereal. He stated that he is an advocate for keeping Kroger on the eastside, please continue to shop there.

Mr. Smith stated that he attend Mr. Sleeks fathers visitation and gave condolences to him and his family. He also congratulated Mr. Barbour on his appointment. He said the Water Treatment Plant visit was very education. Mr. Smith said he attend the 2020 Bicentennial Meeting. He encourages everyone to attend the events that will be held on the Fourth of July. He thanked Amanda Sears for filling in for Mrs. Martin during her illness. He thanked Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Elder on their efforts towards the Juneteenth Event.

Mr. Barbour gave his condolences to Mr. Sleek. He also thanked his parents for being in attendance for his swearing in. He stated he looked forward to working with council and making this city the best that it can be. In honor of TK he stated that everyone remember to shop your local bars, restaurants, and taverns.

Mrs. Hafford also gave her condolences to Mr. Sleek, she also congratulated Mr. Barbour. She stated that the July 4th meeting will not be held. If a special meeting needs to be held, council will, but the next meeting will be July 18th.

Public Comments

None

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President