

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
February 1, 2018

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, Otte, Ruiz and Sleek.

Minutes for January 15th were approved.

Before the regular meeting, we had a presentation pertaining to the 4 State Capital Budget Projects presented by Kerri Carte, Planning & Development Coordinator from WSOS. Ms. Carte broke down each of the grants that the city of Fremont will be applying for with the State of Ohio. The first one is the paving of the Upland Reservoir Trail. The second one is the Sandusky River Sand Dock Fishing Access, The Third is the North Coast Inland Trail Hub, and lastly Tennis Court Improvement Project. Council asked question of Ms. Carte concerning each project and thanked her for her help along with WSOS on this endeavor. Mayor Sanchez thanked WSOS and Terra State for their partnership in these projects so they can be ready to give to Rep. Reineke.

Mrs. Hafford welcomed Boy Scout Nickolas Rhoad to the council meeting. She then read the Terra Community College Annexation notice. All information can be reviewed in the Engineers Office.

Second reading of a resolution approving the Plan of the City of Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Gross asked for a suspension of Rule 4. On a motion to suspend by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. Mr. Smith stated that this is just an advisory board that will advise both administration and council on major housing to the footprint to the city. Mr. Liebold questions the plan and that it did not contain enough information. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. Res. 2018-2040

Second reading of a resolution approving the Project of the City of Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Gross asked to suspend Rule 4 and stated that Dr. Webster was in the audience to answer any questions. On a motion to suspend by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. Dr. Webster passed out the housing information to council to review and fielded questions from council. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 7 yes votes. Res. 2018-2041

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,977.00 to Aqua-Line, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this is pertaining to a company that does leak detections for the city. The work was done during the month of September. The invoice was not received until the first week of January. On a motion to suspend by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. Res. 2018-2042

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that someone from Vanguard will be at council the first meeting in March.

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Mr. Otte stated that the meeting was held earlier pertaining to a water tap at 1508 Port Clinton Road. He made the motion to accept the annexation covenant and Mr. Knisely seconded. Council voted 7 – 0 to approval.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing this evening.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz explained the presentation held earlier by Chief Bliss to form a Citizen Academy for the new Block Watch. Anyone who is interested can obtain an application from any council member, the police chief, or the Mayor's office.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing this evening.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek thanked Chief Bliss for his presentation, he also thanked WSOS for their partnership with assisting the city with the 4 Capital Budget Proposals. He commented on the Napa business at the Potter Village. He mentioned the new car wash on St. Route 53, and mentioned the light at K-Mart and his discussions with Mr. Frost.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith state that registration is open for Volleyball leagues for both Adults and youth. The Home Show will be held March 2nd – 4th. Softball registration is taking place.

The Rec. Department is developing plans for the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat Event. He spoke about the Friday night ice skating and how much fun everyone seemed to be having. He stated that the Rec.

Department Advisory Commission is taken applications to be on the Board until February 15th.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. passed out the membership and sponsorship flyers for the year. Anyone interested or having questions, please give her a call.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost thanked WSOS for their presentation along with Chief Foss on his Citizens Academy. Mr. Foss reminded everyone that the sidewalks in front of your homes are your responsibility, please keep them clear. He stated that the Durbin Road project has been started.

Chief Bliss stated if anyone has questions concerning the Citizens Academy, please contact him.

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

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Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez welcomed the Boy Scout to the council meeting. He thanked Dr. Webster for coming along with WSOS. He stated that it will take a lot of collaboration to bring dollars to our city. He thanked Chief Bliss for putting together the Citizens Academy. He believes this could be a game changer in addressing the crime in our city.

Mr. Melle stated that council was in receipt of lawsuit summary and was happy to state that there are only two cases pending right now. He also stated that he had the privilege of judging the Martin Luther King Oratorical Competition. He would like to celebrate the winners of the competition by having them present their speeches to council at the next council meeting.

Mrs. Elder nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl asked Mr. Liebold to call a Finance Committee Meeting for February 16th at 6:00 to discuss the budget. He would also like another meeting on March 1st. He shared his condolences of the passing of community member Doug Beck.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch reminded citizens of the upcoming Home Show in March. He reminded that Republic offers recycling bins, please put cardboard in those bins and remember to breakdown the cardboard and rinse out the plastic. If you have any questions, the city has the republic link on its new website. He thanked the Boy Scout for attending and thanked all who presented.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that Chief Schneider did an excellent job of speaking at the Kiwanis meeting. She echoed the sentiments of thanking the Boy Scout and those making presentations. She stated that she attended the TMACOG General Assembly. She was very proud to represent Fremont.

Mr. Knisely thanked Chief Bliss on his great presentation along with WSOS and the scout in attendance.

Mr. Otte he also stated that Fremont should be proud of how advance that our city is with the water and sewer. Birchard Historical Committee is in the stages of planning this year events. The Hayes Center will have a presentation on Gypsy Moth and the spraying that will be taking place. He also complimented the city on the new website.

Mr. Smith stated that it has been a busy two weeks since last city council. He attended the Neely Center at Terra where he attended a Codethon. He said it was very education and very interesting to be in attendance and judging the event. He thanked Superintendent Jon Detwiler on all his accomplishments. ProMedica will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. Mr. Smith also thanked Mayor Sanchez and Bob Gross for their work along with Mrs. House and WSOS on putting the work in on the great project the city is hoping to obtain funds for. He wished Terra the best of luck on their expansion and welcomed Nick Rhoad to council. He thanked Chief Bliss for his presentation then mentions White Birch, a local business and mentioned their open house this weekend. Mr. Smith also mentioned the website and the compliments he has received from citizens about it.

Mr. Sleek also stated TMACOG meeting and was very interested in what he witnessed. He thanked Nick Rhoad for attending.

Mr. Liebold stated he also attended the oratorical contest. He also attending the TMACOG meeting and mention that Mrs. Ruiz got reappointed to the Transportation Board and he is an alternate. He stated that SJCC will hold its Super bowl Pancake Festival in the cafeteria. He thanked Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman on their work with the world trade organization and the foreign made washing machines. Hoping that Whirlpool continues to hire and pay well to make up for those losing their jobs at the Plastic Plant. He mentioned that the Mayor of Norwalk mentioned to him at the TMACOG meeting about the number of local dollars that are being cut.

Public Comments

Rev. C.J. Burel 501 N. Brush St. thanked the city and the Mayor on the kindness that was shown during the loss of his brother in law, Mark Conley. He stated that Mark would have been proud of the scout in attendance because he used to be a cub master. He thanked Mr. Webster for the advancements he is making at Terra and stated it was a dream of his mothers to have housing at Terra when she was on the Terra Board. He mentioned there will be two celebrations in the month of February 11th will host their Black History Program at 4:00 p.m. and on February 25th they will be hosting Youth has Talent event.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President