

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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August 1, 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, Barbour, Smith, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Sleek. The minutes from July 18th were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1709 Administration and Enforcement Code Section 1709.042 Charges made a lien for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing pay increases and modifications to the fringe benefits of elected city officials for future terms beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing for 2021, 2022, and 2023.

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

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 377 Golf Carts for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Zilch explained that the ordinance was to add UTV's to the Golf Course ordinance and was discussed at a LRO committee meeting held earlier. Mr. Zilch asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Zilch and seconded by Ruiz motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3969

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1505 Public Nuisances Code Sections 1505.02 Summary Abatement and 1505.04 Noncompliance; Abatement by Fire Chief; Sale of Materials for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle explained that they are bringing the ordinance up to standards by adding in the mechanic lien.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,595.00 to Burkett Industries Inc., and declaring an emergency. Reference for warrant for payment for computes in IT. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Barbour, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2082

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$142,684.50 to Morlock Asphalt Ltd., and declaring an emergency. In reference to the paving of the reservoir. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Zilch motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2083

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 129 Department of Public Safety-Service Code Section 129.04 rates for mowing, removal and disposal services for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Williams stated that the ordinance is being adjusted to add a fee schedule for properties that the city must take care of.

First reading of an ordinance amending chapter 557 Trees, Shrubs and Weeds Code Section 557.23 Notice to Cut Noxious Weeds or Grass for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle stated that this is to just give one notice to residence instead of having to give multiple notices for work that needs to be done. Mr. Grahl asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3970

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$65,607.25 to Campbell, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained this is a service contract to provide routine maintenance to equipment throughout the city. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Zilch motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Barbour motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2084

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Barbour nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek stated he stopped in the former K-Mart store and he will have more information at the next council meeting.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith asked for a Committee meeting to be held on August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger thanked the workers who are making the work downtown transition smoothly. She stated that Fremont was selected as one of Ohio's "Best Hometowns 2020 in Ohio Magazine. She stated that the work is beginning for the mural on the Brady Building has started. It is an interactive mural. It is the 2nd anniversary for Elroy's. She stated that this Saturday will be the All In event downtown from 9 to 1 p.m. She thanked all who have partnered with her to put on this event. The Dog Days of Summer will be held on August 17th.

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Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost asked everyone to use caution will traveling through the downtown area while the workers are active. He stated that there was a wooden waterline on State Street that collapsed and caused a sink hole. He encourages everyone to enjoy the paved reservoir.

Chief Bliss nothing this evening.

Chief Schneider nothing this evening.

Mrs. Williams thanked council for passing the ordinance this evening.

Mr. Melle echoed Mr. Frost about the reservoir.

Mrs. Elder nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl mentioned the waterline work on State Street and mentioned that the crew was out there at midnight and then out the next night to take care of the problem. He wanted to thank them for their service and a great team effort to work together.

Council Comments

Mr. Smith stated he attended a presentation at the middle school concerning the new Ross High School. He encouraged everyone to attend the Farmers Market this weekend along with the Party in the Park.

Mr. Barbour thanked the citizens who attended the meeting tonight to voice their opinions...this is how government is supposed to work.

Mr. Sleek complimented Kristy and all her work downtown. He stated that the Kroger project has been pushed back due to the rainy weather. He stated that the company is looking for brick layers at \$48 an hour. He stated if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood please contact the police.

Mr. Liebold asked Mr. Frost about the spent lime that ended up on the road. He also wanted citizens to be careful of all the construction.

Mr. Zilch thanked Mrs. Williams and Mr. Woods for the work they are doing in getting the city cleaned up.

Mrs. Ruiz she echoed Mr. Zilch sentiments towards Mrs. Williams and Mr. Woods for the work they are doing.

Mr. Otte thanked Councilman Barbour for helping with the cemetery. They will be there tomorrow at 4:30.

He also thanked Mr. Wood for his service. He thanked all involved in showcasing our city and us winning the world. Mr. Otte stated the Liberty Center needs water.

Mr. Gross stated that the Mayor was out of town and will be back at the next meeting. He stated that a committee was developed to have a Parks Improvement Plan and the plan will be presented on the 15th at the committee meeting. It is their attempt to be ready with the State Capital Grants is available. He explained the Ohio Magazine award and how we received it. He stated it was an 8 hour day with tours, visits, and meetings. Mr. Gross stated that he was grateful for all who helped.

Public Comments

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President