

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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October 3, 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, Sleek, and Ruiz. The minutes from September 19th were approved.

Second reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage for the Sandusky County Combined General Health District (Public Health Department) (“Health District”) Renewal Levy and declaring an emergency. Mr. Otte moved to suspend rule #4, the motion was not seconded. Mr. Zilch reiterated the importance of passing this levy and that it is just a renewal.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$22,926.17 to Carmeuse Lime and Stone, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that Carmeuse sent an invoice that the blanket po had already run out. Mayor Sanchez asked that we suspend rule #4 so we could get them paid. On a motion to suspend rule #4 by Zilch, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2089

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont, to enter into the Bridge Inspection Program Services for PID No. 109334 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that this was a renewal for ODOT to continue to do our bridge inspections. There is no cost to the city. He asked that we suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend rule #4 by Ruiz, seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2090

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz stated that the Police and Fire Departments are still working hard.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek commented on the progress of the new Kroger Store. The Grand Opening will be Wednesday, November 6th.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Barbour nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte stated that Garrison Street project is coming along and that Park Ave. and Clover Street will be closing soon for work.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost stated that will be major work at the intersection of State and Front Streets.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Schneider stated that October the department will start their hydrant winterization program.

He cautions everyone to get their furnaces serviced before starting them with the cooler temperatures coming in. There is a program in place at the Fire Department that if someone is in need of a carbon monoxide detector that they can receive one free, along with smoke detectors.

Mr. Gross nothing this evening.

Mayor Sanchez nothing this evening.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Liebold stated that voter registration is quickly approaching, if you are not a registered voter pick up a form or you can do it online at the Secretary of State website. He recently met Allen Rellinger who is the owner of Centex on Knapp St. They make cast iron and cast bronze products such as veterans plaques that go in cemeteries and they also are the suppliers of American made flags. He reminded everyone to support the Film Festival this weekend.

Mr. Zilch stated flu season is upon us and don't forget about getting your flu shots. He stated that the St. Joe school salvage is moving along quickly. Demolishing will probably start the second or third week of October.

Mrs. Ruiz stated there are many things going on this weekend in Fremont. Please take advantage of those events.

Mr. Otte followed up with some citizens' concerns as to why the State Street work and the railroad work done at the same time. He stated that it was up to the Railroad to make that determination. He also reiterated all the events going on in the city along with the Historical Society Brews on the Bricks event from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m.

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Mr. Smith encouraged everyone to go to the Presidents Film & Literary Festival along with the other events in the city. He stated that Laura Bush visited the Hayes Presidential Center.

Mr. Barbour also commented on the flu shots. He stated that is important to get them early because the earlier you get them the better you are protected when flu season rolls around.

Mr. Sleek asked the administration team about a complaint he received about the corner of Miller Street and Rawson Ave. He stated that Bill Lenke stated that people are waiting for to turn and others are going around those waiting causing a dangerous situation. He was wondering if the city could do anything about that.

Mayor Sanchez that he did receive a similar complaint and they will be looking at a turn lane was the Rawson Ave. project is completed.

Mrs. Hafford stated the Fremont Ross Marching Band was asked to play at the Skull Season at Ohio State this weekend. She said that her granddaughter is in the band and she will be attending that event.

Public Comments

Joe Albrechta 1711 McPherson Blvd. made a presentation on the 2nd Presidents Film & Literary Festival. Since last year, this event has grown and expanded to outside our city. Mr. Albrechta stated that every elementary student in Fremont City Schools along with Sacred Heart was blessed to have a presentation from world known illustrator Jeff Ebbeler. He stated that there will be films from internationally known film makers that want to come to Fremont to have their films shown. He stated that there are activities that are free to the public at Birchard Public Library. His vision is that the festival expands to a 10 day event in the near future. When this events expands so will the commerce and notability of our community and our town of Fremont, Ohio. He encourages the administration to next year dedication this week to the Presidential Film & Literary Festival. He stated that Adrian Miller will be the keynote speaker and encouraged everyone to attend.

Joe Michel 825 Clinton Street wanted to address his concerns on the increased wages of administration how that was going to be down with the decreased population in the city. He mentioned that the money is not in the checkbook with the gross income of our city. He stated that the practice of given incentives should not ultimately end up on the shoulder of tax payers and rate payers. He felt that the citizens are supplementing the businesses. He just wanted city council to be cautious before agreeing to such incentives. He also asked that the slip opinion decision be added to the minutes concerning the Mulberry Street project.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Barbour, motion carried 7 yes votes.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President