

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
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President Pro Tem Ruiz stated before the regular meeting started, we would have the swearing in of newly elected officials and council person by Honorably Daniel L. Brudzinski. Law Director Jim Melle, Councilwoman Kristine Weiss, Councilman Denis Otte, Councilman John Elder were all sworn in before the council and those in attendance.

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 Pro Tem Angie Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Weiss, Smith, Otte, Elder, Ruiz, and Sleek. Councilman Liebold was absent. Mr. Smith made a motion that Stephanie Martin be appointed as City Council Clerk for the next two years. Mr. Sleek seconded. Motion passed 6 yea votes. Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Angie Ruiz as President Pro Tem. Mr. Sleek seconded. Motion passed 6 yea votes. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Rules of Council for 2020-2021, Mr. Sleek seconded. Motion passed 6 yea votes. Minutes for December 19<sup>th</sup> were approved. Agenda for January 2<sup>nd</sup> was approved.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with HF Gerald Construction Co. for an amount not to exceed \$87,324.55 for services to improve and renovate the Rodger Young Park and Biggs-Katter Park tennis courts in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Smith, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2020-3998

Second reading of an ordinance accepting the plat and survey of Sunset Meadows Subdivision Phase One.

Committee Reports

Council committees have not been established by council president so no reports for the night.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez thanked council for voting on the ordinance tonight. He reminded the public that it is a grant that the city received from State Capital Improvement on the Tennis Courts. He welcomed all new council members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Melle wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Judge Brudzinski nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder congratulated all newly elected council and officials.

Mr. Frost congratulated all new officials and commented on the New Year's Eve celebration and its success and thanked all who worked on the project.

Mr. Gross stated that Paul Grahl is not in attendance due to a family emergency. He also stated he is looking forward to 2020 and to all that we can accomplish in the City of Fremont.

Assistant Chief Schneider congratulated new members and wished everyone a safe and happy 2020.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Kristie thanked everyone who attended the New Year Celebration. She stated it was a lot of hard work and a lot of sponsorship dollars. She also commented on the Ohio Magazine publisher, Jim Vickers not being able to say enough about our town.

Council Comments

Mrs. Weiss stated she is very honored to be in this position and serve the City of Fremont. She looks forward to working with everyone on council and the administration. She wished everyone a happy 2020.

Mr. Otte wished everyone happy new year. He is excited to see what the next four years brings.

Mr. Elder thanked everyone who supported his candidacy. He will work hard for the continued growth of Fremont. Mr. Elder stated that although we may disagree, it is only on the disagreement of the direction and not personal and all for the betterment of our town.

Mr. Sleek congratulated the new council member and elected officials. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and commented on the team effort for the amazing New Year activities.

Mr. Smith congratulated all elected officials on retaining their positions. He also congratulated the new council members. He stated that he is looking forward to a productive 2020.

Mrs. Ruiz also congratulated all new elected officials and council members. She echoed Mr. Elder's sentiments about being able to disagree but always looking out for the best interest of Fremont. She also complimented Ms. Bilger on the New Year Celebration.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.