

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

June 18, 2015

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 Dallas Leake called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Gross, Knisely, Ruiz, Kreilick, Stout, Koebel, and Michles. The minutes for council meeting held on June 4th were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a 2015 Zamboni 546 Ice Resurfacers from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$95,635.45 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Ward explained the procedures for purchasing vehicles and stated that the procedures were followed. Mr. Doug Peters, a representative from the Frank J. Zamboni & Co., answered questions directed from the council. Mr. Michels shared information that he had obtained. Mrs. Kreilick explained that she was not against the purchase but thought there were other alternative methods that would not challenge the budget the city has. She stated that she is trying to do what she believes best for the community with the information that was provided to the council. Mr. Grahl made a statement that he was confused why the council questioned this purchase and not the purchase of the snow plow and compared the two. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 5 yes votes to 2 no votes. (Ord. 2015-3771)

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$95,635.45 from Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 to Recreation Fund 211 and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Stout. Motion carried 6 yes votes to 1 no vote. (Ord. 2015-3772)

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 and Recreation Fund 211 and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Gross, seconded by Knisely. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3773)

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$113,800.00 for the 2015 Ohio Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained that the ordinance was a requirement for the Chip Grant Sewer Collection System. On a motion to suspend Rule #4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yes votes. (Ord. 2015-3774)

Presentation from Mr. Tim Ellenberger requesting a Trex Economic Development Transfer Form for the Down Thyme Cafe in which he is the owner. Council had no objections and a letter will be drafted to Mr. Ellenberger from the City.

Mr. Gross made a motion for the council to go into Executive Session following the council committee reports, council comments, and public comments with no further business to be discussed, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 4 yes votes to 3 no votes.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Kreilick reported that a committee meeting will be held on July 2nd pertaining to the Ballville Dam GMP at 6:30 p.m.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Koebel reported that applications for the 4th of July parade will be accepted until June 29th. The Citywide Garage Sale will be held June 26th - June 28th. Also free Family Fun Nights will be held July 14th and August 16th.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Gross asked Mrs. Bilger to explain why the ordinance for the Downtown Fremont Grant Application for the Community Block Development Grant was not put on the agenda. Mrs. Bilger explained that there was a conflict of interest with two of the council members and that they would try to reapply next year. She also focused on the first Farmer Market that will be held on June 15th. She also stated that Downtown Fremont will also have an open house on the same day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout read a press release pertaining to a Hometown Fremont Opportunity Retreat. The meeting will be held at the Pontifex Center and will focus on reaching the city's youth population and finding ways to keep them invested in the city so they can return as adults. Mr. Craig Schroeder from the Rural Entrepreneurship Center located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Finance and Labor Committee - Chairman Michles asked Mr. Grahl to please get back with him on the scheduled a bond review for city council.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Citizens Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

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Council Comments

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mrs. Stout nothing this evening.

Mrs. Ruiz nothing this evening.

Mr. Gross thanked the council for the healthy discussion on the Zamboni issues. He thought it was very informative.

Mr. Knisely thanked city employees for the fine work that they do every day. He is proud to be a citizen of Fremont.

Mrs. Kreilick apologized for the conflict of interest pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Michles made a comment that it is the council's responsibility to be stewards of the citizens' money. He pointed out that differences of opinions are not necessarily personal. He stated he is trying the best that he can for the citizens of Fremont.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl thanked council for the kind words spoken at the last council meeting about the positive comments about State. He stated that Jeffery Barnett placed 6th in long jump and Madison Kleinschmidt from St. Joe place in the 200 meter dash. Both athletes competed last week in the State of Ohio Midwest Meet of Champions. He is looking forward to the Farmers Market this weekend.

Department Heads

Mr. Ward nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen passed out handouts that pertained to the Phase 1 GMP for the Ballville Dam. He wanted to give council a chance to review the documents before the committee meeting on July 2nd.

Assistant Chief Schneider nothing this evening.

Mr. Smith nothing to report this evening.

Ms. Bauman stated that Jeffery Barnett was a Rec. Department employee and that they were very happy about his success at the State Track Meet. She also announced the 2 Family Fun Nights being held at the Rec. Department July 14th and August 6th.

Public Comments

Tim Ellenberger 2647 South Buchanan wanted to applaud the Chief for going after the BWC Grant.

He offered his services if they need help with the application. He thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. He invited everyone to his 20th anniversary open house on July 23rd for his company Motion Control Robotics.

President Leake agreed with Mr. Gross about the long discussions concerning the items on the council agenda. He stated that it is the council job to be stewards of the community's tax dollars. He stated that questions are not always criticism; the council is just trying to gather information. He believes informed discussions are needed.

The council retired to Executive Session.

After the Executive Session, there being nothing further to come before council, on motion to adjourn by Ruiz, seconded by Stout, motion carried 5 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.