

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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April 4, 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, Knisely, Smith, Ruiz, Otte, and Sleek. Councilman Zilch was absent. The minutes from March 21st and the agenda for April 4th were approved.

Before the reading, Chief Foos introduced 4 new employees for the Fremont Fire Department - Zachary Baker, Ken Dresser, Ryan Gargas, and Joseph (Scotty) Slauterbeck.

Erica Williams introduced Brian Woods who will be the City's Code Enforcer and welcomed to the job.

Third reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of improvements to Garrison from Washington to South Front Street, including widening, pavement and curb replacement, catch basins and waterlines, as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by council; and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Ruiz asked to make an amendment to the ordinance changing South Front Street to South Bidwell Ave. every time it appears in the ordinance. Mr. Liebold second. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3950

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Zimmerman Building Company in an amount not to exceed \$134,072.00 for construction of the Rodger Young Park for the restroom and shelter improvements utilizing the 2019 CDBG Funds and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that the council to suspend rule 4. Mr. Knisely made a motion to suspend rule 4, Mr. Smith second. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3951

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Practical Inspections in an amount not to exceed \$136,000.00 for 2019 Cedar Street Water Tower Mixing System Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost also asked that we suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Otte motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3952

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Capital Improvement Fund 410 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl said that this ordinance is related to item #6. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Ruiz motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3953.

First reading of an ordinance petitioning the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners to adjust the boundary lines of Ballville Township so as to exclude the territory that, as a result of annexation, now lies within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fremont (submitted by KF Ventures annexation of 2.019 +/- acres – ordinance no. 2018-3933). Mr. Gross requested suspension of rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3954

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Perram Electric in an amount not to exceed \$402,467.77 for 2019 West State and Front Street Intersection Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost requested suspension of rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3955

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Seven Brothers Painting in an amount not to exceed \$531,100.00 for the 2019 Cedar Street Water Tower Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost requested a suspension of rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek and seconded by Ruiz motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3956

First reading of an ordinance approving inclusion of certain land, situated in the City of Fremont, owned by Sandy Knoll Farms, LLC into an Agricultural District for a five year period. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Knisely motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, motion carried 5 yea votes 1 abstain. Ord. 2019-3957

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold introduced Eric Kuhns with AVM. He gave an update on the project stating that they are about 90% through with it.

Utility and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz congratulated the new firemen to the Fire Department. She also congratulated those retiring and those being promoted in the Fire Department.

Economic Development Committee - Chairman Jim Sleek congratulated Brian Woods on his new position. Last Thursday Mayor Sanchez and he took a group of young welders from Fremont City Schools to the new Kroger site. It was a great experience.

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Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated he hopes to have a speaker in May.
Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing this evening.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost congratulated the new firemen and Mr. Woods. He thanked council for passing the ordinances tonight and appreciated their help.

Chief Bliss also congratulated the firemen and Mr. Woods. He thanked the administration on putting together a good team to recruit more people to the police department.

Chief Foos congratulated the MLK winners for their presentations to City Council tonight. He congratulated Mr. Woods on his new position. He also thanked council for letting him present the departments new recruits. Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mr. Fredericksen also echoed Mr. Frost sentiments about the council moving forward with all the projects that are happening in the city.

Erica Williams nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Mr. Detwiler and Mrs. Gfoeller for the work they have done with our youth. He recognized the NAACP State President for his visit to our city today. He thanked Mrs. Williams our local NAACP President for her hard work and dedication to the organization and to the city. He thanked Chief Foos and reminded the citizens that the CASA dance will be April 13th.

Mr. Melle congratulated the new firefighters and the students who spoke.

Mrs. Elder stated that she was a judge at the MLK contest and reminded us that tax day is April 15th. She warned the citizens to beware of scams concerning the IRS.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Otte stated he was impressed with the response with the river rescue. He wanted to suggest a group to help at the dog park. He thanked those who stayed for the council meeting.

Mr. Smith thanked the students for coming down. He congratulated the new firemen and Brian Woods.

Mr. Sleek congratulated the students and stated that the youth of this community are future.

Mr. Liebold wished those competing in the CASA event good luck. He gave his condolences to the Dwayne Simmons family.

Mrs. Ruiz commented on her encounter with Mr. Aaron Root this morning. She commented on the speeches. She also gave her condolences to Mr. Simmons and stated that she will always remember his smile. She stated that she hopes that the citizens understand the importance of passing agenda items with the rule 4 passing.

Mr. Knisely echoed the sentiments of others with the students, new city employees and he encourages the citizens to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio. It is a great city to live in.

Mrs. Hafford

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Smith seconded, motion carried 6 yes votes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President