

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**

***Journal of Council***

***August 15, 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, and Ruiz. Councilman Sleek was absent. The minutes from August 1st were approved.

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Smith, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3971

Third 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. Councilman Liebold asked a question about raises for other city employees. Andy Roberts commented on his disapproval of the raises. A discussion was held with comments from council and the auditor. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3972

Second 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. Mr. Hirt stated that he believed that Mr. Liebold should remove himself from discussion with his property. Mrs. Williams sent council a copy of the different residential districts. Mr. Hasselbach again voiced his disapproval of the ordinance. Mr. Zilch asked Mr. Hasselbach several questions. A long discussion amongst council, administration, and the public was held. Mrs. Hafford ended the discussion and moved on. Mr. Liebold commented on Mr. Hirts comment and said he would look into it.

Second 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.

Second 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. On a motion to suspend rule for by Zilch, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3973

First reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (city Council). Mr. Grahl explained that annual resolution from the County Auditor Jerri Miller that must be passed by council. On a motion to suspend rule for by Ruiz, seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2019-2085

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Revolving Loan Fund Agreement with Roger Kuns DBA BVK Properties, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mr. Kuns explained that his business is growing and he would like open a larger location. Mr. Gross asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule for by Ruiz, seconded by Smith, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2019-2086

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule for by Zilch, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Mr. Grahl explained the budget adjustment for the Fire Department. Chief Foos elaborated on Mr. Grahl explanation On a motion to suspend rule for by Ruiz, seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Barbour, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3974

First reading resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$5,325.00 to Adkins Sanitation, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the service rendered was more than what the po was. He asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule for by Ruiz, seconded by Smith, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Smith, motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2019-2087

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated that the committee meeting held earlier tonight was very informative from Mr. Gross.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Barbour stated that although he expected to have someone speak in August, it did not happen. He will keep council informed when there will be a presentation.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte stated there was a traffic safety committee meeting. He said that each comment or complaint is taken seriously by the committee.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz thanked those who attended the memorial service of Richard Joseph.

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

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Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger passed out packets for events being held. She stated that the Dog Days of Summer would be held this upcoming weekend. After the Farmers Market the Brews, Blues, and Brats event will be held. She mentioned the interactive mural and thanked those who worked on the mural. She mentioned that the Labor Day Parade in September 2nd at 10 a.m. Last but not least she mentioned the Auto Show that Fremont Federal Credit Union on September 6th and on the 7th will be the Bar-B-Que Competition and the Chocolate Walk. Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Bilger for all her work and effort to make Downtown Fremont wonderful.

### Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost he asked that everyone bear with the city as construction is going on downtown. He asked that everyone be cautious driving around the Fairgrounds during the Fair Week.

Chief Bliss echoed Mr. Frost sentiments about Fair Week and also mentioned that school will also be starting too. He stated that he appreciated everyone's cooperation with the added security at tonight's meeting.

Chief Foos thanked Mr. Grahl for the work he put in for the budget increase for the Fire Department. He thanked donors that helped out with first responders needs.

Mrs. Williams nothing to report.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Mr. Bischoff nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez thanked the city team for all of their assistance with the presentation on the parks. He also thanked Mr. Grahl for all his hard work and dedication to the city. He stated the he and councilman Sleek drove around his ward and held conversation with citizens in the ward

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

### Council Comments

Mr. Otte thanked administration for the security. He thanked the Exchange Club for the Music Fest. He hoped everyone support the events coming up this weekend. The Historical Society announced that October 5th will be the Brews on the Bricks on Lincoln Street. He mentioned the craft beer event at the Hayes Center on August 31st.

Mr. Smith stated he will be one of the judges at the dog show this weekend. Wished everyone good luck at the fair and for the upcoming school year. He also commented on the Music Festival and congratulated Mr. Kuns on his business expansion. He did want to reemphasized that although he and his colleagues may disagree, the council is doing what we think is best for the City of Fremont and economic development.

Mr. Barbour nothing this evening.

Mr. Liebold thanked Tom and Shaun Kerns for their investment in Downtown Fremont and being their first landlords. He thanked Cheryl Wendt at Wendt Key for being their realtor, Fremont Credit Union, and Ace Hardware, and everyone who helped with the move to their new home. He also wished good luck to fair goers.

Mr. Zilch stated that council does what it does in the best interest of the city. He also stated be careful at the fair and watch for the children.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked the street department for repairing the sign on her street. Also stated that she is also doing the best for Fremont and what will help the city grow.

Mrs. Hafford stated that she spoke with Ken Frost about having security during city council meeting in lue of the recent shootings. She spoke on the CRA and the zoning question on Mulberry Street. She stated that the acquisitions made against the Mayor about this issue. The city does not operate that way.

### Public Comments

C.J. Burel thanked everyone who supported the church school supply give away. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the great work that they are doing for the city. He stated that the city is changing so rapidly, that citizens are having trouble handling the change. He thanked everyone for the help that they have given to him and specifically thanked Mr. Smith with his help with the curbs. He thanked everyone for everything they have done.

Tom Kerns thanked the council for all that the city is doing and being a Hometown City in the state of Ohio.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Smith seconded, motion carried 6 yes votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President