

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
December 7, 2017

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: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz and Stout. Minutes from November 16th were approved.

Councilman Zilch made a motion to add an item to the agenda a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Council of Governments, upon its formation, in order to join, establish, and operate a joint Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) Communications System for the Dispatch of Police, Fire, and EMS Services in and for the Cities of Bellevue, Fremont, Gibsonburg, Woodville, and all Townships within Sandusky County, and other Communities that may later join said Center, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Councilwoman Ruiz made a motion to remove item #7 and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 172 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont regarding Income Tax, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3874

Second reading an ordinance modifying Codified Ordinance Section 171.19 and 82-2231 to rename and amend the purpose of Fire Equipment Fund 420 and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal and interim employees, and Boards and Commissions of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance establishing the fee amount to be paid to the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3875

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$5,093.00 to Expert Air, LLC, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2034

First reading of a resolution Authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,426.00 to Memorial Hospital Healthlink, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2035

First reading of an ordinance to make temporary appropriations in the amount of \$52,529,600.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2018 fiscal year January 1 thru March 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez explained that the ordinance was a temporary budget to allow the city to continue with normal day operations. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3876

First reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfer from Water Operating Fund 510 into Water Replacement/ Improvement Fund 541, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that transfer was going into improvement of the dam removal and that most monies are covered by a grant and will be reimbursed once we submit for reimbursement. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2017-3877.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Water Operating Fund 510, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl requested suspension of Rule 4 since this ordinance is tied to the previous ordinance and we would be able to complete the transfer of money. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2017-3878

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Council of Governments, upon its formation, in order to join, establish, and operate a joint Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) communications System for the Dispatch of Police, Fire, and EMS Services in and for the Cities of Bellevue, Fremont, Gibsonburg, Woodville, and all Townships within Sandusky County, and other Communities that may later join said Center, and declaring an emergency. After much discussion amongst the council, on a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Otte and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2036

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch reported there are open spots on the Board of Zoning Appeals and anyone interest in serving on the board can fill out an application and return by December 29th.

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Koebel stated that Chief Bliss is designing a new program for Block Watch Committee and will be a Citizens Academy that will be formed the first part of February.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout nothing to report.

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Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported on the Tree and Beautification Committee and that lawn judging would be held on December 17th.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely reported Vanguard will make a report first of the year.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. She thanked everyone for a very successful Holiday Parade. She thanked all those who helped and participated in the event. First prize was presented to Jarrett Tree Service for their version of the Griswold's in the parade. High Society and KF Construction were 2nd and 3rd place in the parade float judging. She explained that there were many people downtown on the 1st and the 2nd and that the free movie at the Cinema was a huge success with over 700 children participating. She thanked Share & Care, The Food Pantry, and the Paramount Cinema for their efforts on making the event a success. Santa House is every Friday and Saturday until December. She spoke about the New Year Eve. Events that will be Downtown.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost stated that the Police and Fire Departments are working very hard this time of year; please keep them in your prayers while they are out keeping us safe.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Sheriff Hilton stated that the Sheriff department will provide added security on New Year Eve night to help the Police Department keep everyone safe.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez discussed the shooting that happened earlier in the day. He thanked the Chief Bliss and Sheriff Hilton for working together to resolve the current issues going on in the city. He did mention that administration is going through the budget to add extra security to the building after the bomb threat to city hall.

Mrs. Elder reminded that the deadline to register for the Affordable Health care is next week.

Mr. Grahl stated that council should be in receipt of the monthly financial report. Questions can be directed to him. He stated that he spoke with Income Tax Director Janet Schroeder and that our income taxes are up 3% through the month of October.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz wants everyone to stay safe and warm.

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mr. Taylor reminded everyone to check in on neighbors and elderly during this winter season. He congratulated the new owners of the 818 Club and wished them well.

Mr. Zilch echoed Mr. Taylor's sentiments of checking on the elderly, being safe and staying warm. He also reminded owners to check on pets.

Mrs. Stout reminded citizens with the possibility of snow coming remember to get back into your winter driving mold. Please drive cautiously.

Mr. Otto commented on the tree lighting ceremony at Meier Park with the Birchard Association. He invited everyone to go up and take a look at the tree and the park decorations.

Mr. Knisely stated that the Christmas decorations are beautiful and the city is looking well. He wished Fremont a wonderful holiday season and reminded citizens to shop Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Koebel asked if there was still a program to help senior citizens with the shoveling of snow during the winter season he believed it was through the engineer's office. Mr. Frost was not aware of such a program. He asked the Mayor about Briggs-Kettner Park honor sign being placed at the entrance of the park. The Mayor responded that they had not discussed that particular project, but there are some capital funds that are available and there are some projects that will help bring life back to some parks, possible sand docks and reservoir.

Mr. Gross said that the city had recently been contacted by several churches concerning volunteering services. He suggested that if he knows of people who needs service contact him. He also reported that ODNR is having a public meeting to discuss the Darr Boat Ramp on Tuesday, December 19th. Also he mentioned he attended a meeting where ODNR are looking at ways to improve river access. They are looking to spend some funds in the area to improve and increase public access to Sandusky River. He stated that the Board of Zoning Appeal will meet on Thursday, December 21st to discuss and organization moving into the Community Health Department and Kroger will at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.