

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
December 21, 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 December 21st were approved.

Councilman Zilch made a motion to add an item to the agenda a resolution appointing two (2) representatives to serve on the Board of Tax Review of the City of Fremont, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. The motion was also made by Mr. Zilch to add an ordinance to the agenda amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Ohio CDBG Fund 260, Fines & Forfeitures Fund 253, Revolving Loan Fund 265, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Internal Equipment Fund 601, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Before the regular readings, Mayor Sanchez introduced Amanda Sears, Administrative Secretary who explained the CHIP grant the city will be applying for. She was then awarded the December Employee of the Month Award by Mayor Sanchez for her hard work and dedication to the city.

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2017-3879

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3880

Third 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. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3881

First reading of a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a Revolving Loan Fund Agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2037

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First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Ohio CDBG Fund 260, Fines & Forfeitures Fund 253, Revolving Loan Fund 265, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Internal Equipment Fund 601, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz 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. 2017-3882

Committee Reports

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Stout stated that the city was moving in the right direction and she is excited to see what the future holds.

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Chairman Taylor asked that everyone be safe.

Citizens Service Committee – Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte 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.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported that the Rec. Center had discounted membership available for last minute Christmas gifts. She reminded the citizens of the Kids New Year's Eve party from 12 to 2 p.m. and skating to follow from 2 to 4 p.m. She reported the Tree and Beautification Committee winners of the Christmas Lawn Judging – Pete and Joy Chudzinski, Ryan and Nichole Wiechman, and Brian and Peggy Bliss.

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

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. She reminded everyone that this will be the last weekend for the Santa House. Kristy also spoke about the Holiday Festivities that would be taking place in Downtown Fremont on New Year's Eve.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost congratulated Amanda on her award. He also commented on the outstanding work of both the Fire and Police Departments.

Chief Foos stated that if any citizen need a smoke detector that they are available free of charge at the Fire Department.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle congratulated Amanda on her award. He thanked Council members Koebel, Stout, and Taylor for all of their hard work and dedication to the council. He wished them all well in the future and wished everyone Happy Holidays. Mayor Sanchez also echoed the sentiments of Mr. Melle concerning the departing council members. He encourages everyone to attend the New Year Eve Celebration Downtown.

Mr. Grahl also congratulated Amanda and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Council Comments

Mr. Knisely wished Fremont a wonderful holiday season and reminded citizens to shop Fremont, Ohio. He thanked Amanda for her hard work and dedication.

Mr. Otto congratulated Amanda and stated that the city had loss a valuable member of the community in the loss of Doug Gallagher.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Amanda for her services. She thanked those members of the council who would be leaving and especially will miss Mrs. Stout and their trips to Toledo. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wants everyone to stay safe and warm.

Mr. Zilch wished the new council members the best of luck, echoed the sentiments of everyone on Amanda's award, and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Mrs. Stout stated that it was a pleasure serving the citizens of Fremont. She wished everyone happy holidays and stated that she would still be around in a capacity yet to be determined.

Mr. Taylor thanked Amanda for everything she does. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated he enjoyed working on council.

Mr. Koebel thanked both Amanda and Jennifer for their services in the Mayor's office. He commented on the New Year Eve Party and encourages everyone to go out and support. He stated that he may have upset people during his tenure on council, but he did what he believed was best. He complimented Mayor Sanchez and wished the best of luck to the new council members.

Public Comments

Justin Smith 1019 June St. wished the departing council members the best and thanks Mr. Koebel for his services to the community.

Jim Sleek 2040 Dickinson St. also thanked those council members leaving and stated he will do his best to continue the work that council woman Stout has done.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.