

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
*November 16, 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, Otte, Zilch, and Ruiz. Council members Koebel and Stout were absent. Minutes from November 2nd were approved.

Before the regular meeting readings Mayor Sanchez along with Chief Bliss and Captain Conger swore three new officers in – Ryan Reed, William Fry, and Alec Simpsma.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Fines & Forfeitures Fund 253, Water Operating Fund 510 and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 5 yea votes. Ord. 2017 - 3873

Second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 172 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont regarding Income Tax, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that the new chapter was added a couple of years ago and over the last year the State has made some edits to the law. This ordinance simply is bringing our income tax codified ordinances into agreement that the General Assembly has passed at the state level. Mr. Grahl suggested any questions be addressed to Janet Schroeder, in the Income Tax office.

First 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.

First 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.

First 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.

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

First 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.

#### Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch reported on the Committee meeting that was held earlier concerning the Sandusky County Communication Center.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz reported that the Red Cross was hosting an Ohio State vs. Michigan Blood Drive this Saturday at the Rec. Department. From 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Norwalk & RR Club is hosting a Model Train Show and Swap Meet at the Rec. Center on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. She announced that the Rec. will having a Membership Black Friday Sale with 20% discount on all memberships from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Gala of Hope Craft Show will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Knisely nothing to report

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. passed out items pertaining to Small Business Saturday. She mentioned the 40 foot Christmas tree that has been placed. The tree lighting will take place on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Small Business Saturday will be held on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Live Edge Cafe is having an event from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. where breakfast will be available at a discounted price. Downtown Fremont is doing Downtown Dollars for every \$10 you spend you can enter to win a \$100 or \$200 drawing is open until December 18<sup>th</sup>. On December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Downtown Business will be open until 8:00 p.m. The Holiday Parade will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Department Heads

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

Mr. Frost nothing to report.

#### Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez announced that the Food Drive will be held tomorrow and asked for everyone support. The food is designated to go to the Pontifex

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. Melle nothing to report.

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### Council Comments

Mr. Taylor congratulated the newly sworn in officers. He stated that this was No Shave November for Men's Health Awareness Month and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Zilch reminded citizens to check their fire extinguishers from the recall from Kidde. The Veterans Day Service will be held at the County Court House. He also congratulated the three officers.

Mr. Otto wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He then introduced Jennifer Symanowski who spoke about the neighborhood association who will be having a Tree Lighting Ceremony at Meier Park on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be refreshments and the student from Hayes school will be decorating the tree.

Mrs. Ruiz reminded citizens to be careful with opening emails that are suspicious. She fell victim to a scam and wanted people to be aware. She asked Mayor Sanchez about an increase on electric. He explained that everyone is in the program unless they choose to opt. out. Mr. Gross explained the contract the City of Fremont is under for electric aggregation rate.

Mrs. Hafford welcomed the Boy Scout Austin Halbeisen to city council.

Mr. Knisely congratulated the three new officers. He wished Fremont a wonderful holiday season and reminded citizens to shop Fremont, Ohio.

### Public Comments

Chris Leibold 221 Croghan Street announced he shared that he was married this weekend and how much his new in-laws were impressed with the city.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Otte motion carried 5 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President