

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

October 18, 2018

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, Ruiz, Zilch, and Sleek. The minutes were approved from the October 4th meeting. Councilman Zilch made a motion to remove items #1 pertaining to the Position Classification Plan and item #5 regarding annexation, seconded by Mr. Liebold. On a motion to remove, motion carried 5 yeas votes.

Mr. Gross introduced Laura Burkett from the Sandusky County Health Department who presented a short presentation to council on the Always Choose Health Levy on the ballot November 6th.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Water Operating Fund 510, and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3925

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to State Farm for the Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2066

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Sandusky County, The Sheriff's Office, and the City of Fremont for an amount of \$270,000.00 the first year, and \$225,000.00 thereafter, subject to amendments and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3926

First reading of an ordinance authorizing Fund Transfers in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio. Mr. Grahl explained that this item and the next are related to the Rawson Ave. Improvement Project.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and Income Tax Fund 201.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment for payment of \$3,051.57 to Clemans, Nelson & Associates, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated that this is a company that the city uses for personnel matters.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$7,167.00 to Aqua-Line and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that Aqua-Line test the waterlines for leaks.

First reading of an ordinance accepting the application for annexation for the parcel being part of the Northwest quarter of Fractional Section 2, Town 5 North-Range 15 East, Ballville Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing .301 acres, more or less, already approved by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2018-191, adopting the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for interim zoning of the area to be B-2 General Commercial District, and adjusting the boundary lines of Ballville Township for exclusion of the territory that is part and parcel of this annexation. Mr. Melle explained that ordinance is an amendment that included the boundary line language.

First reading of an ordinance petitioning the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners to adjust the boundary lines of Sandusky 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 University Housing Solutions annexation of 15.009+/- acres – Ordinance No. 2018-3895). Mr. Gross explained this ordinance is under a timeline and will be requesting a rule 4 at the next council meeting.

Before Committee Reports, President Hafford announced that the November 15th Council Meeting will be held at the Hayes Presidential Center at 7:30 p.m. She also read a public notice a public hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. at the Presidential Center concerning the Planning Zone recommendation regarding the Liberty Center.

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced that he will have a presentation from Bishop Hoffman Schools speaking during his committee report on November 15th.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch announced that are open seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals Committee for President. The current president expressed interest to stay in the position. Mr. Zilch announced a committee meeting at 7:15 p.m. on November 1st to discuss the matter.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

Kristie Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. announced that October 20th is the last Farmers Market of the season. The events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be pumpkin carvers from the Food Network and Clydesdale Horse Parade. Downtown will have its trick or treat and costume contest. There are some additional fall decorations that can be seen on display. Bales of hay were donated by Mr. Mike Yeagle. She announced that on November 2nd WSOS is becoming the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership from 2 to 4 p.m. Ms. Bilger announced the Tree Lighting November 23rd and Small Business Saturday, November 24th. She announced the December 1st Parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. She shared with the public how wonderful the 100 years ProMedica event turned out.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Gross talked about the Economic Development plan that has been worked on. He passed out copies to the council and explained that this will be used as a sales tool to bring in more manufacturing to our community and more housing.

Mr. Frost announced that a series of trainings for our department heads and supervisors to improve the leadership in the city. Mr. Frost stated that the water meter project is going very well.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos announced that the ABM projects at his department are moving along nicely. He stated that the department is partner with ProMedica and he hopes to announce some good news at a later date.

Mayor Sanchez announced that Sandusky County is planning for its Bicentennial and on November 1st he will be attending a meeting to support the county in its efforts.

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Liebold commented that you can vote at the board of election from now until Election Day.

Mr. Zilch recommended that everyone take the time to research what the ballot language is before you vote.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that the weather is changing and hopes everyone is preparing for winter.

Mr. Knisely stated that he was impressed with the Economic Development Plan and how it is looking so far. He appreciates all the hard work that has been put in to make the city better. Keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Sleek thanked Chief Bliss for his assistance on an issue at K-Mart. He also stated that he has asked about the Kroger's project and that it is still in the moving forward planning.

Public Comment

Council returned from executive session. On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold moves to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sleek motion carried 5 yes votes. Meeting adjourned.

Clerk of Council

Council President