

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:45 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, Smith, Ruiz, Zilch, and Sleek. Councilman Otte was absent. The minutes were approved from the September 6th meeting.

Before the readings, Mayor Sanchez introduced Cody Bischoff, Rec. Department Director. Mr. Bischoff announced a partnership between the City of Fremont, Momma's House, Sandusky County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, and Fremont City Schools to open a chapter of Momma's House at the Rec. Department. The program will be run by Jordan Mackey and Cassandra Tucker. Mirceau Handru and Chari Mullen both shared their excitement of this collaboration.

President Hafford read a notice concerning of annexation paperwork received from KF Construction pertaining to the Poorman Property. All information regarding this annexation can be reviewed in the Engineering/Zoning Office.

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, CDBG Fund 260, and Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Ord. 2018-3922

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfer from Municipal Income Tax Fund 201 into Capital Improvement Fund 410, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-3923

First 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. Mr. Grahl stated that the budget has been reviewed and adjustments needed to be made and listed in his letter to council concerning the ordinance.

First reading of a resolution approving the designation of a State Bike Route and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained to the council that our Bike Route had been designated as a US Bike Route. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2062

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez explained that Administration has been looking at making improvements in parks. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2063

First 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. This grant application is being filed for the Fire Department Safety Program. Chief Foos elaborated that the grant could be used to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

First reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council supporting the Inaugural American Presidents Film & Literary Festival September 27th – October 7th and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2018-2064

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to sign a memorandum of understanding with 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. Mr. Frost explained that this ordinance is in conjunction with the Consolidated Dispatch Program that was introduced to council in December 2017. He asked that council agree to pass this ordinance to provide better service to the community. This would allow all units to receive and share information in a timely manner and be able to coordinate all agencies involved. The services would be shared with Gibsonburg, Woodville, the City of Fremont, and Sandusky County Sheriff Department.

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that the presentation was greatly appreciated that was held earlier this evening.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith thanked those who worked on the Momma's House collaboration.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold noted he received the monthly financial report from the Auditors office. He also noted that the business tax continues to be down as discussed earlier.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek that NAPA and the Juice Garden are doing well in his ward.

Kristie Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. stated there is a bike station located off of the Brady Parking Lot and Polter's Reality. There is a pump station and tools located there. She announced that WSOS is moving into their new building at 127 South Front Street. Lights have been installed in the alleyways. She stated that Downtown Fremont was awarded a grant to place a mural on the Brady Wall. The State Street Cruise will be September 29th and she placed out flyers that showed the judging stations.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost stated that the work on Sandusky Ave. will begin on September 24th replacing the waterlines. He stated that the Street Play Event was amazing. He stated that the police testing was completed last Saturday and 8 people past the test. This Saturday the fire department test will be this Saturday and 27 people have signed up for that test. He stated that he was so impressed with the work being done with the ABM project and the water meter project will begin shortly.

Chief Foos stated that the dispatch system has been thoroughly reviewed and agrees with all of the benefits that Mr. Frost explained in his presentation. He hopes that the council takes into consideration passing this ordinance. He encourages anyone who wanted to stop in to view the testing on Saturday to do so.

Chief Bliss stated that the department hosted the Autism Awareness Training Program for Law Enforcement; and over 80 people participated.

Mayor Sanchez nothing this evening.

Mr. Melle nothing this evening.

Mr. Grahl announced the Financial Monthly Report is located on the Finance Page on the city's website. He also commented on how the lights looked downtown. He thought the lite up lights really brings the downtown to life.

Council Comments

Mrs. Ruiz complimented those who worked on the Economic Development presentation. It was an excellent presentation and she is very impressed about the future of Fremont. She complimented the City of Gibsonburg for the 911 Memorial Service that was held.

Mr. Knisely extended his condolences to the John Lauer family of the passing of their brother Jim. He also thanked the city employees for their continued excellent service. He encouraged everyone to keep shopping Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Frost for his continued great service to the city. He thanked Joe Albrechta for his work with the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival. He thanked those who worked on the Momma's House collaboration. Mr. Smith wished his father Mike Smith a very happy 60th birthday.

Mr. Sleek thank everyone in the room, and everyone in the city for working together. He stated you can feel it, you can see it, and he thought that it was awesome.

Mr. Liebold stated that this Saturday the Butt Buster two milers will be held at Walsh Park at 8 am.

On September 29th Brews on the Bricks will be held on Lincoln St. beginning at 6 p.m.

Mr. Zilch once again stated that signs need to be back and out of the way of public. He mentioned the Tiffin Street pave job and that everything was repaired and everything was back to looking great.

Public Comment

Chuck Miller, Sandusky County Commissioner, wanted to thank the Mayor and the Rec. Department for their work on the Momma's House project. The city, the county, the mental health board and our youth will benefit greatly. He also stated that the county is supporting the Consolidated Dispatch Program and would really like to see it come full circle. It will benefit the citizens of our county with safety and services.

He stated that he and his family shared a vegetable dinner where all the vegetables were purchased at the last Farmers Market. He encouraged everyone to go down and patronize our local farmers.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.