

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 Pro Tem Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Knisely, Smith, Otte, Zilch, and Ruiz. Councilman Sleek was absent. The minutes were approved from the August 2nd meeting. Councilman Liebold made a motion to add a Liquor License to the agenda. Motion carried 6 yea votes.

Before the agenda Judge Robert Hart made a brief presentation on the hidden disaster of State Issue 1. This amendment is a constitution amendment that would reduce drug possession penalties and directing the savings from reduced incarceration to expanded drug treatment and resources to crime victims. His objections are that the amendment also hinders judges from adding consequences as it relates to the possession of fentanyl, a lethal opioid.

Third reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Committee and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Grahl explained to council that it is the same resolution the city drafts every year concerning the budget from the County Auditor. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2060

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Safety Service Director to enter into an extension to the Sanitary Sewage Collection and Treatment Agreement between the City and the County through September 30, 2019 and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2018-2061

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, CDBG Fund 260, and Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency.

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring and emergency. Mr. Frost explained this is a part of our ADM project. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3919

First reading of an ordinance amending authorizing a fund transfer from Sewer Operating Fund 570 into Sewer Improvement Fund 590, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3920

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Buckeye Excavating & Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$933,697.00 for 2018 Waterline Improvements Project and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained to the council what streets this waterline entailed. He asked that the council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Knisely and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Ord. 2018-3921

Mrs. Ruiz presented a liquor license stock transfer for Pub 400. The council showed no objections to the transfer.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith announce that the Truck or Treat will be held at the Rec. Department on October 27th.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced a committee meeting at 7:15 p.m. on September 20th.

Mrs. Ruiz commended on the Government and Economic Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening. She thanked all those who worked on the plan and further developments.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez thanked the council for letting administration present the Economic Development Plan for the City of Fremont. He stated that more information will be available to the public. He announced that the Quarterly Newsletter will be completed tomorrow.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

Mr. Melle thanked all who helped on the Economic Development Plan. He stated that is was a great job and presentation.

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Mr. Frost stated that Tiffin Street had an issue and the new street that was just finished had to be cut and will be repaired. He stated that the Water Sewer Maintenance is continuing their move into the ODOT building. He invited everyone to take a tour of the new facilities. He stated that the gas station at East State will be removed by the end of the month. He stated that the dumpsters that are behind the building are actually a project with ADM. He invited Kyle Myers up to explain some of the projects that are taking place.

Mr. Myers stated that ADM retro fit for lighting has begun at several city buildings. New furnaces and air conditioners have been installed. He stated with weather permitting, they would start on the Municipal Building roof. Mr. Frost thanked ADM representatives that were in the audience for their professionalism and all the help they have given to the City of Fremont and making projects come together. He stated that they were a top notch organization and the city could have not asked for a better partner in moving the city forward. Mr. Myers asked Mr. Jeff Lamson, head of the Reclamation Center to the podium to explain the award that the city has won. Mr. Lamson explained that the City of Fremont was awarded the 2018 Image Award. A prestigious award presented to the city for building a state of the art facility and recognized at the State Conference.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Chief Foos stated the police department did win the softball game and it was a great event and fundraiser for the Mike Piero foundation.

Chief Bliss stated that there will be a police testing taking place this Saturday. He stated that he would like everyone to educate yourself on issue 1.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. updated the council on the Bar-B-Que Farmers Market was great time had by all. The next Farmers Market will be September 15th - Street Safe Saturday. She stated that the downtown will be a part of the Rolling Car Cruise on September 29th and will be a judging station. There are lots of wonderful things happening in the city.

Mr. Gross thanked the council for listening to the presentation.

Mrs. Ruiz recognized Sandusky County elected officials in attendance at the council meeting.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch thanked Mr. Gross for the presentation. He thanked ADM for their excellent customer service and congratulated Mr. Lamson on the award.

Mr. Otte echoed the sentiments of Mr. Zilch to Mr. Gross, ADM, and Mr. Lamson. He congratulated Chief Bliss for his win at the softball game. He stated that the Liberty Center is in need of gift cards from Krogers or King Savers. There will be a tailgating party with the Birchard Historical Party on September 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Knisely also congratulated Mr. Lamson and stated keeping shopping Fremont Ohio. He loves Fremont. Mr. Liebold he announced that the St. Casmir cabbage roll dinner is Wednesday September 19th for \$9.00 He stated he purchased tires for his car and bike and encourage citizens to shop local.

Mr. Smith said that the county fair was a great event. He attended the Birchard Association event with Mr. Otte. He thanked the Mayor and the Economic Development team for the presentation today. He encourages everyone to vote no on issue #1. September 11th he encouraged everyone to attend the event being held in Gibsonburg.

Mrs. Ruiz stated she need some help to move a large desk at her residence. She posted a call for help on Facebook. She would like to thank Terry Frye and his son for volunteering their services to get the job done. She thanked Chris Liebold and Chief Bliss and his son for answering her call for help. The help she received shows you that there are still good people who are willing to help people. She is proud to live in Fremont were people help people and a wonderful place to live.

Public Comment

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President