

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. via virtual zoom meeting in the form prescribed by The General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Weiss, Otte, Elder, Ruiz, Smith, and Sleek. The Minutes for May 21st were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance to vacate the portion of High Street between Croghan and Garrison Street and the alley between parcel nos. 238, 4203, 255, 240, 241, 253, and 252 in the City of Fremont State of Ohio. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4020

First reading First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Geddis Paving and Excavating for an amount not to exceed \$150,802.75 for services to the North Coast Inland Trail Extension in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained the project and the location extension. After several questions from the council and the public, it was decided to place a map on the city website to show the location. He did ask that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4021

First reading of an ordinance authorizing hazard pay to all certified Fremont Firefighters beginning March 24th and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that this is in the same form that council past for the Fremont Police Department. Mr. Smith asked when the hazard pay would end since the pandemic seems to be winding down. A discussion was held amongst the council. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes.
Ord. 2020-4022

Stephanie Martin stated how proud she was of the city of Fremont and their response to the peaceful protest held the day before in connection to the George Floyd murder. She gave special thanks to People for Peace & Justice Sandusky County, the Fremont Police and Fire Department, and Mayor Sanchez. She stated that racism is alive and out there, and she suggested that if you want to make a difference...just be kind to one another and treat people how you want to be treated.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Updated the council on the upcoming Farmers Market to be held June 20th and the regulations that both vendors and patrons will have to follow. All guidelines will be on the Downtown Fremont website and Facebook page.

Auditor Paul Grahl gave council and the public an update on the city's revenues for the month of May. Income taxes are down about 4% due to collections from business next profits. He stated that a number of our major employees said open and withholding are steady. The Rec. Department revenues are down due to the closing of the department. However there was a strong start during the beginning of the year. Water is down, but ahead of where they were expecting to be in 2020. Sewer is down and as he stated in the last update he believes many of these items are due to the unpaid bills due to Covid-19. He is hoping revenues pick up as many businesses are being to open back up.

Jim Sleek shared with the council that Pet Supply Plus has opened at 2180 Sean Drive, Suite A in Fremont. He also that a new Dollar General Store will be located at the corner of Prospect and East State.

Chris Liebold shared that he received an email from a citizen that stated she was extremely happy with the improvements and completion of Garrison Street.

Angie Ruiz requested to the public if you haven't done your 2020 census, please do so...everyone needs to be counted.

No Committee reports were given. No comments from Department Heads, Elected Officials, Council or the Public were made.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Sleek, seconded by Mr. Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.