

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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June 18, 2020

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: Weiss, Sleek, Ruiz, Otte, Elder, Smith, and Liebold. The minutes from June 4th and June 18th were approved.

Mr. Elder made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Cod 121.22(G)(2) to consider purchase of property for public purposes, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person who's personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. No member of a public bod shall use division (G) (2) of this section as a subterfuge for providing covert information to prospective buyers or sellers with council business to transpire thereafter. Motion was seconded by Mr. Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Council entered Executive Session inviting Roger Kuns and Cody Bischoff.

Council resumed regular session.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the City's Fiscal Officer to send a letter to the County Auditor's Office vacating liens on the real estate tax duplicates against parcel no. 34-50-00-0320-00 in the amount of \$8,859.28; this letter is contingent upon proof of the purchase of the parcel by the city, address being 223 South Arch Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420, currently owned by Morton Properties, LLC and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4023

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with Morton Properties, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$66,600.00 for the purchase of 223 S. Arch Street, Fremont Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4024

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with William Klaehn & Amanda Allender in an amount not to exceed \$24,500.00 for the purchase of 310 Birchard Avenue, Fremont Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Sleek and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4024

Auditor Paul Grahl reminded council and the public that the extension for filing income taxes is quickly approaching. The income tax administrator for the city is available via phone and you can call and make an appointment if you need to come in. You can also file online to RITA. The deadline date is July 15th.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Reminded the council on the upcoming Farmers Market to be held June 20th and the regulations that both vendors and patrons will have to follow, along with the closures of some streets. All guidelines will be on the Downtown Fremont website and Facebook page. She also updated the council on the Bidwell project.

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. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.