

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: Elder, Smith, Otte, Weiss, and Liebold. Council members Sleek and Ruiz were absent. The Minutes from July 16th were approved.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan and the Employee Compensation plan for non-union employees to include the position of Custodian and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated that he has been in discussions concerning the cleaning company we have and that the city could manage the position better while saving the city money and managing accountability of who is in the building. He asked that Rule 4 be suspended. Councilman Smith stated that we did not have enough members present to suspend Rule 4.

First reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 5.01 regarding City Sick Leave and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that they would like to amend the policy and make it only applicable to full time employees. Part time employees do not need sick leave and they just do not go on the schedule and can take off the time they need. This cleans up the ordinance for his office.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, G.O. Debt Fund 108, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated a letter was sent to council concerning the amendments to each fund to the council. Amendments within various funds were in relations to Municipal court receiving a Covid-19 grant, adjusting budget in the probation department, pay off of Garrison Improvement Note Issue, budget adjustments for the Rec. Department , street light repair work, refunds, Sand Road Pond cleaning to name a few.

First reading of resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (City Council) Mr. Grahl explained is our annul resolution accepting the amounts and rates and needs to be back to the County Auditor by October 1, 2020.

Committee Reports

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte stated they were in discussion about the Franklin Ave. speed limits and the Traffic Light at Wood and Croghan.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold asked about the Fremont Police presence at the Trump visit in Clyde. Mr. Frost stated Fremont was more than happy to lend a hand at the request of the Clyde Department.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder wondered if it would be a good idea to have a public discussion concerning designated outside refreshment areas in Downtown Fremont like other cities have established.

Community Partnership Committee –Chairwoman Weiss stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a webinar on August 27th concerning restaurants and online ordering.

President Hafford stated that the numbers for Covid are still on the rise and asked that everyone please wear their mask in public.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mrs. Weiss, motion carried 5 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President