

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: Smith, Otte, Elder, Ruiz, Liebold, Weiss, and Sleek. The minutes and the agenda were approved.

Third reading of a resolution supporting an Essential Workers Bill of Rights. Councilwoman Weiss and Ruiz urge council to vote no on the resolution. Monica Ramirez read the letter she sent to council. Jim Kelly asked questions pertaining to the ordinance and also encouraged a no vote from the council. Beth Hannam suggested that the language needs to be revisited before passage. After a lengthy discussion, On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion failed 5 no votes to 2 yea votes.

First reading of an ordinance repealing section 1161.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont detailing protests against proposed amendments. Mr. Melle explained the reasoning pertaining to the ordinance. The ordinance is in direct conflict with State law.

First reading of an ordinance amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal and interim employees, and boards and commissions of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this is an annual ordinance for update to adjust for minimum wage.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,000.00 to Wolf Pack Tree Service, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the work was done before the PO was issued. He asked that council suspend rule for so the company could be paid. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2112

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within local Coronavirus Relief Fund 264, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this a budget adjustment to increase the budget from the third round of the Relief Fund. He asked that council suspend rule 4 On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Smith motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4039

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated there will be a budget meeting next month.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder stated there will be another public meeting on November 19th. He also said that the Board of Zoning Appeals will have a position opening next year.

Anyone interested please apply.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairwoman Weiss introduced Jamie Belcher who would like the 29 Retailers to Post Ohio Tobacco Quit Line by point of purchase.

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Kristie Bilger encourage residence to support our local small businesses during these trying times.

Mr. Gross stated that the bids for the Jackson Annex have been out and will be certified. He mention the ordinance will be on the next agenda and will ask the council to suspend rule 4.

Mr. Frost updated the construction on Rawson Ave. The work will resume early March. He also stated that the Bike Trail expansion will probably be done next week. The tennis courts at Rodger Young are being worked on.

Holly Elder asked about the Bike Stop on Hayes Ave. He encourage the city to check out the water fountain. She encourage that everyone go back to the table on the Essential Workers Bill of Rights and update the verbiage so everyone could support it.

Jim Posey from Sandusky County Public Health asked if someone from council could help with the Safe Service letters for those participating in the DORA. A committee was formed to help with this.

On a motion to adjourn by Weiss, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.