

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

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$16,000,750.00 for Fiscal Year 2021, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4057

First reading of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Revitalization District with the City of Fremont established in Ordinance No. 2015-3786 Mr. Gross explained that Mr. Farmer asked the city to amend the revitalization to include more properties north. The hope is to spear revitalization on the north side of State Street. Mr. Farmer stated to the council that amending the ordinance would open the door to ideas that are being tossed around for improvements.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Probation Services Fund 232, CDBG Fund 260, Capital Improvement Fund 410, Water Operating Fund 510, and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this is our annual clean up ordinance to amend the Funds listed. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and 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. 2021-4058

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Annual Winter Road Salt Contract (21-22) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01(B) and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost stated annual salt bid and asked council to suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4059

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Joint Cooperating Agreement with Sandusky County, City of Clyde, and the City of Bellevue in applying for the Community Development Housing Impace and Preservation ("CHIP") Grant for the 2021 Funding Cycle and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend rule #4. He explained this would bring additional monies into the city. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2021-2115

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$115,617.00 for the 2021 Graham Drive Intersection Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the project is a complete reconstruction of the intersection and adding a turning lane and asked that council suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4060

Mrs. Hafford read a letter from Tucker Frederickson stating the projects that planned for 2021 - Graham & Castalia Intersection Improvements – • Ozzie Rauch Park Improvements – April 1st • New Chemical Feed Building at the Reservoir – April 1st • West State Water Line Replacement (Christy to RR) & Wayne Place Improvements (New Water, Sewer & Resurfacing) – April 15th • Cherry Street Improvements (New Water, Sewer & Resurfacing) – July 15th • Dickinson Street Improvements (Resurfacing & Section of Water) – July 15th • Hamlin Street Sewer Repairs – August 5th • North Street Sewer Rehabilitation – August 19th • Charles Woodson Way Resurfacing & Improvement

Comments

Mr. Sleek no comments.

Mrs. Ruiz hoped everyone was staying safe and healthy.

Mr. Smith complimented the Mayor and the Fremont Football team for their participation in the Charles Woodson legislation. He thanked President Hafford for bringing up the upcoming presentation.

Mr. Elder shouted out Ethan Green for placing 3rd at the State Wrestling Tournament.

Mr. Miller stated there is a lot going on in the city to make us a current and up to date city. The county will be doing 20 miles of resurfacing.

Mr. Grahl spoke on the income tax deadline to May 17th and the expects the same from the state soon. Information will be put up on the website concerning income tax assistance.

Mrs. Martin nothing this evening.

Mr. Gross also congratulated Ethan Green for his State Tournament win.

Mr. Otte also wished everyone to stay safe. He encouraged everyone to get the vaccine.

Mrs. Elder stated if you have any questions on your taxes, please go to [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Mr. Liebold asked Mr. Gross about the development of several buildings downtown. Mr. Gross stated that he could ask Mr. Genzman to make an announcement soon about his improvements.

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Mrs. Weiss stated that schools will be going back to 5 days a week with the exception of next week when the teachers will be receiving their second vaccine on the 26th.

Mr. Frost stated that the text message received from the city is not a scam and just a reminder to review your water bill online. The garbage contract will expire this year and he will be putting it up for bid. He reiterated that Rawson Ave. is under construction, please choose an alternative route. He also stated that it is illegal to park across the sidewalks. He stated that the police department will begin giving tickets.

Ms. Mullen addressed the CRC (Citizen Review Commission) and that Bethany Brown will be meeting with the committee to address the vaccine issues and bringing awareness to the city. She also addressed the process of CRC was reviewing the ordinance and put out a call for interest and wanted to bring up the committee to the 13 member allowance. The members will be invited to a council meeting to introduce the members to the council.

Mayor Sanchez stated that the DORA Dash will be April 2nd. He also stated that the Memorial Day Parade will take place, and that the fireworks will be July 3rd and they will be held at Terra State Community College.

Mr. Melle spoke about a liquor license based on economic development. It is transfer from a Speedway in Tiffin, Ohio to Fremont Speedway TREX. He will check on license and report back to us.

Mr. Schwochow stated that everything is looking good with Sandusky County. April 1st on the steps of the County Building, the county will be celebrating their Bicentennial.

Mr. Smith complimented Ms. Mullen on her accomplishments in her department.

On a motion to adjourn by Sleek, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President