

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**

***Journal of Council***

***March 17, 2022***

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the form prescribed by The General Rules of Council via Zoom. President Pro Tem Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Sleek, Smith, Elder, Otte, and Ruiz. Councilwoman Weiss was absent. The minutes from February 24th were approved.

On a motion to excuse President Hafford and Councilwoman Weiss by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion passed 6 yea votes.

Mr. Otte made a motion to add 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 (2022-23) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B) and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Elder. Motion passed 6 yea votes.

Peggy Courtney and Brenda Havens made a presentation for the Sandusky County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Executive Director shared with council the group tour numbers, the travel shows the bureau has attended, and what the Bureau is able to do for tour operators. She shared the new logo and invited council to browse through the packets that they put together. Mrs. Havens explained the EPIC training that was established for the State of Ohio and announced that the Historic County Jail and the Hayes Center have received certification from Ohio Travels in this program. She circulated an invitation for April 7<sup>th</sup> for a joint Open house and ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Center entitled "Running with Scissors".

President Ruiz Pro-Tem read a notice of a Public Hearing April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a letter to the OSS Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Liebold and seconded by Smith, motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2022-2145

First reading of an ordinance repealing ordinance no. 2022-4103, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked to suspend rule 4. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Ord. 2022-4104

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Capital Improvement Fund 410, Water Operating Fund 510, and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Liebold and seconded by Sleek, motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Otte, motion passed 6 yea votes. Ord. 2022-4105

First reading of an ordinance establishing the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained this is for monies from a lawsuit and this ordinance is the first piece to be able to receive the money. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Otte and seconded by Elder, motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Otte, motion passed 6 yea votes. Ord. 2022-4106

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First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,120.00 to Campbell, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost stated same situation with Campbell to close out the contract, he asked to suspend rule 4. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2022-2146

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 (2022-23) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B) and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Elder spoke about Citizens for Fremont Pac to help with the passing of the Street Levy. He presented the door hanger that will be distributed throughout the city. Mr. Gross chimed in to speak about the talking points on the street levy. In addition, Mr. Gross said there will be a Facebook page created to launch soon.

Mr. Gross stated that the state gave out demolition grants to the land banks and the guidelines have come out. There are 18 properties in the grant money and 12 are in the city. He spoke to the public meeting and the reasoning - Andy Genzman has a small portion of right away that was presented to Planning Commission to vacate. He spoke about the relocation grant that Treasurer Elder brought to the council. He stated that businesses wanted information about the grant so a rack card has been created. Pancake festival is April 20<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for volunteers and will be a drive through like last years. Mr. Gross stated that he has had two hotel chains reach out to him, but they would like to be out by the turnpike. He stated that 56 million people travel up and down the turnpike, so that is why they choose to be outside of the town.

Jay Cullen announced the MRDD Basketball game on April 6<sup>th</sup> Celebrity Basketball game at the middle school.

Mr. Otte stated that the Exchange club is trying to get active again and they will be painting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Fortress. He also congratulated the city administration for the grant that the city received and was led by Senator Sherrod Brown.

President Pro Tem congratulated Ethan Green Ross High Senior congratulations on his victory at the State Wrestling Championships. She also wished Safety Service Director Ken Frost a very happy birthday.

On a motion to adjourn by Elder seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President Pro Tem