

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**

***Journal of Council***

***November 17, 2022***

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the form prescribed by The General Rule of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Smith, Weiss, Otte, Elder, Liebold, Ruiz and Sleek.

Second reading of an ordinance to vacate a portion of land situated within Autumnwoods Estates Phase 2 evidenced in Plat Book 24, page 112 specifically Inlots 6562 through 6579 inclusive, 6587 through 6604 inclusive, and Autumnwoods Drive located in the City of Fremont, Sandusky County, State of Ohio as referenced in Exhibit A.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$88,822.00 to Midwest Compost, Inc. and declaring an emergency. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2022-2165

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1503 local provisions to include Sections 1503.10 Definitions and 1503.11 Inspection and Maintenance responsibilities for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with RFC Contracting, LLC for assistance with the Fremont Amphitheater Project (“Project”) for an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, and declaring an emergency. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Sleek and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Auditor Grahl stated that this company will help make sure the project continue to runs smooth and not over tax the engineering department. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2022-4130

First reading an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$66,132,900.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2023 Fiscal Year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Auditor Grahl previewed the budget and suggested a Finance committee meeting for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$24,880.22 to Corrigan Oil Co, No. 11, and declaring an emergency. This resolution is related to our Fuel Depot according to Auditor Grahl and the timing of a purchase order. On a motion for suspension of rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte, motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2022-2166

Liquor License TRFO from Jimmy G S LLC to Moonshine Entertainment LTD. Council showed no objection.

Community Partnership Committee Chairman Kristine Weiss nothing to report.

Finance & Labor Committee Chairman Chris Liebold nothing to report just a reminder of the Finance Committee meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Government & Economic Development Committee Chairman Jim Sleek nothing to report.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee Chairman John Elder nothing to report.

Traffic and Utilities Chairman Denny Otte informed citizens if you have a street light out please report it to him and he will make sure it is taken care of it and turn into Mr. Guhn.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman Justin Smith nothing to report.

Citizens Service Committee Chairman Angie Ruiz nothing to report.

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Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Kristie Bilger thanked Bob Gross for his presentation. She stated she was a guest on NBC 24 on what's going on...her segment was approximately 10 minutes and stated they were interested in our city. She spoke about Pink Friday that will take place tomorrow. Shop Small First is the theme. Tree lighting will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup> along with the Santa House. There will also be a trackless train giving rides in the downtown area. December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Holiday Market that will be moved indoors and the Holiday parade beginning at 6:00 p.m. She mentioned the ThinkFremont Card that can be used for drawings downtown with 35 businesses participating.

Mr. Frost stated he attended a sneak preview of the Christmas Lights at the courthouse and they were very impressive.

Mr. Gross nothing else to report.

Ms. Mullen invited the council and the community to attend the next Youth Resource Consortium Roundtable on December 6, 2022 at 10 a.m. located at Terra State Community College. They will be having conversations concerning local resources and services in Sandusky County with various youth serving organizations. Mayor Sanchez encouraged everyone to attend.

Chief Wensinger announced that 12 people have applied to be Fremont Police Officers. Interviews will be held next Friday and Monday and they are hoping to hire at least 2 or 3 new officers.

Mayor Sanchez stated they had a meeting with the City Department Heads and they are doing an excellent job. He is proud of the collaboration between the departments. He feels good where the city is at this moment. He wished everyone happy thanksgiving.

Jim Melle welcomed back Jim Sleek to council after his sickness. He spoke of the Ohio State Michigan Game and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Paul Grahl joked of Mr. Melle wearing a Michigan jersey at the next council meeting.

Angie Ruiz mentioned that the downtown is looking beautiful and is very excited. Pete and Joy Chudinski have a beautiful display on James Place and December 3<sup>rd</sup> you can look and have hot cocoa.

Denny Otte thanked the Exchange Club for cleaning the plaques on the trees on Memorial Parkway.

Kristine Weiss made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chris Liebold, meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President