

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 15, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor James Rynberg and Councilmember's Dick Conley and Larry Breuker. Councilmember Jane Drake arrived at 7:30 pm. Councilmember James Breinling was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Bryan Gruesbeck, City Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake and Police Officer Matt Hendrie

Public Present: Andy Lofgren, Nichol DeMol, Kimberly Moorman, Scott Wagenmaker, Jeff Jahr, Anna Deur, Mike Oosterhouse, Norm Knorr, Araceli Alvarez, Vennessa VanBoven, Transito Perlo, Emily Hicks, Desha Deters, Britney Nadeau, Dean Morehouse, Tom Moore and Doug Berends

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mayor Rynberg requested addition of Resolution R-10-05 honoring a "70-Year Marriage."

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve the meeting agenda as amended; motion approved.

Consent Action Items

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to authorize and approve the following Action Items:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held February 1, 2010
- Resolution R-10-04: authorizing Fremont Chamber of Commerce' application for a Michigan Charitable Gaming License to conduct a community benefit raffle
- Request from NC District Health to use Branstrom Park for Annual "Girls on the Run" event on Friday, May 14, 2010
- Request from Heartland Hospice to use Veterans Memorial Park & Amphitheater for Memorial Service & Fellowship event on Friday, May 21, 2010
- Update City Fee Schedule to include fees for finger printing services at Police Department
- Resolution R-10-05: honoring Dennis and Jeanette Teerman of Fremont for their seventieth (70) marriage anniversary on February 22, 1940

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated February 11, 2010 totaling \$628,396.88

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the 2/11/10 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$628,396.88; motion approved.

Receive Final Report on Fremont Lake Water Quality Study

Dean Moorehouse introduced Nichol DeMol, of Annis Water Resources Institute, and expressed his appreciation for the combined efforts between the Fremont Area Community Foundation, City of Fremont and Fremont Lake Association in coordinating the Fremont Lake Water Quality Study.

Ms. DeMol gave a brief presentation on the Study and its results. She noted the lake experiences high oxygen during spring months and low in the summers, causing excessive plant growth early on with die-off to follow. She also noted Daisy Creek, which passes through the City, deposits more pollutants and phosphorous in the lake, than any other tributary. She attributed this to storm water runoff from streets and parking lots.

Request from Newaygo County Economic Development Office (NCEDO) for 2010 Financial Support

NCEDO Director Andy Lofgren gave a brief presentation on NCEDO's 2009 activity and updated Council of the most recent projects completed.

Councilmember Jane Drake arrived at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to authorize NCEDO's request for 2010 funding of \$7,000; motion approved.

Employment Agreement with City Assessor

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to authorize the City Manager to execute an employment agreement with the City Assessor, confirming the City Assessor Joann Hunt as a part-time employee of the City for \$15,000 per year; motion approved.

New Fremont Public Schools High School Site Plan – Access Management

City Manager Gruesbeck submitted the school's proposed new drawings and reported school officials are not interested in the City-owned parcels north of the proposed site, to incorporate a northwest connection from the high school to Gerber Avenue.

Council authorized the City Manager to offer the School a city-owned parcel just west and northward from the school's proposed Warner Avenue entrance to the new school. With this parcel, the school would be able to decrease construction costs by diverting north of a wetland area, of which they plan to build their entrance drive through. Council also requested the City Manager request the School to consider keeping their bus garage connection to the new high school's west end, a closed-loop connection to avoid a thoroughfare of traffic through the Middle School parking lots, which could potentially be a dangerous traffic situation.

Reports

Mayor Rynberg informed Council the City has been paired with City of Norton Shores for Mayor Exchange 2010 in May. He also noted he has been asked to serve on the MML Municipal Services Committee.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Finance Director's January Revenue/Expense Report for General/Water/Sewer Funds
- Finance Director's Quarterly Investment Report for period ending 12/31/09
- Letter from Comcast (2/09/10)
- FCJPC Zoning Workgroup Meeting Notes (2/1/10)
- Minutes of the Regular Fremont Planning Commission Meeting (1/26/10)
- Meeting Minutes Fremont DDA (2/3/10)
- Sherman Twp Board Meeting Minutes (2/01/10)
- NC Notice of Committee openings on Mental Health Board and Planning/Zoning Commission
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (2/08/10)

Closed Session: To Consider a Possible Land Acquisition

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to close the regular meeting at 8:17 pm and enter into a closed session for the purpose of considering an acquisition of land; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Closed Session ended at 8:25 pm and the Regular Session reconvened.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Drake to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk