

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 19, 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, James Breinling and Larry Breuker. Councilmember Jane Drake was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Bryan Gruesbeck and City Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake

Public Present: Michele Burt and Robert Lumen

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the meeting agenda; motion approved.

Consent Action Items

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held April 5, 2010
- Authorize First Reformed Church request to use Veteran's Memorial Park & Amphitheater for a VBS Kickoff on June 13, 2010
- Resolution R 10-12: approving a State of Michigan Gaming-Raffle License for Newaygo County Fair Association
- Approve VFW Post 6898's annual request for street closures for Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, 2010
- Approve NBBF's annual request for Rock N Rest event at City Hall, during the festival from July 21st to 24th

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated April 16, 2010 totaling \$341,810.27

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the 4/16/10 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$341,810.27; motion approved.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Lumen, of RJ's Collision, requested Council consideration for vacating the alley by his business. He reported a portion of the alley between Sheridan & Oak and Merchant and Division is closed and the remainder of the alley should be as well.

City Manager Gruesbeck will look into the alley's history and assess the need to keep it open or close it and report back to Council.

Resolution R-10-13: Request for New Liquor License under the DDA Re-Development District Program

Michele Burt, owner of Pizza Notions, Inc. (Spanky's Pizza) at 1042 W. Main Street, briefly described their new building plans and how they intended to use the Tavern & SDM liquor license if awarded.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve Resolution R-10-13 authorizing a Tavern & SDM liquor license with Sunday sales and outdoor service, under PA 501 of 2006; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution R-10-14: Request for Transfer of Class C Liquor License

A motion was made and withdrawn, following discussion on the potential loss of one of the City's Class C "quota" liquor licenses. Staff reported the quota license currently under the name of Danior, Inc. (Giuseppe's Restaurant) placed in escrow could potentially be sold any where in Newaygo County.

Council requested staff contact the State Liquor Control Commission to confirm the process and regulations of licenses being placed in escrow.

Extension of Novi Energy Option Agreement for Industrial Park Property

At the April 5th meeting, Council authorized to extend Novi's Option Agreement for six months

with a possible valuation adjustment to the remaining price of \$71,720. City Manager Gruesbeck reported the City had originally negotiated a 60% reduction from the selling price and the City Assessor believes the remaining price is still well below market prices for vacant industrial park land.

Council confirmed the purchase price of \$71,720 upon their exercising the Option Agreement, but authorized a pay back of \$21,720, following construction within the six-month extension period, making the final purchase price potentially \$50,000.

Reports

City Manager Gruesbeck reported construction of the new DPW Garage began the week of April 12th and the MEDC has given pre-approval of the southeast Downtown Parking Lot grant project. He also reported the FPS Gateway Collaborative will meet on May 13th to discuss potential uses of the current high school property after completion of the new high school.

Councilmember Breinling reported with the Deer Task Force program's success and procedures being in place, the committee will most likely only meet a couple times a year now.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Finance Director's March Revenue/Expenditure Report for General/Water/Sewer Funds
- Healthy Lifestyles/Green Committee Meeting Minutes 3/30/10
- City of Newaygo Spring Newsletter
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (4//10)
- Sherman Township Board Meeting Minutes (4/5/10)
- Fremont Lake Association's 2010 Spring edition of "Lake Shore Breeze"
- Michigan's Smoke-Free Law (effective May 1, 2010): Compliance Checklist for Businesses

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Conley to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk