

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 21, 2008 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Larry Breuker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor James Rynberg and Councilmembers Larry Breuker, Dick Conley, Jane Drake and James Breinling

Staff Present: City Manager Chris Yonker and City Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake

Public Present: Doug Berens, Lowell Godfrey, Mike & Elena Sabo, Ted Caris and Joan Obits

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Proclamation: Honoring “Arbor Day” in Fremont

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to confirm Mayor Rynberg’s Proclamation honoring Arbor Day on Friday, April 26, 2008; motion approved.

Consent Action Items

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker and approved to approve the following Consent Action Items:

- Minutes of the Regular & Closed Council Sessions held April 7, 2008
- VFW Post 6898’s request for use of City facilities & streets for Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 26, 2008
- Confirmation of City Manager’s appointment of Mr. Rusty Boeskool as Fire Chief for the Fremont Fire Department
- Authorization to distribute up to fifty \$30 Arbor Day Tree Coupons to City residents, while continuing temporary suspension of use of coupons toward the purchase of Maple trees
- Traffic Control Order No. 1320: No parking on eastside of Hillcrest Dr. between Elm & Cherry Streets, between 7 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday, except for bus loading & unloading
- Purchase of 8 metal flower planters for placement along Main Street in Downtown for \$6,716
- Resolution R-08-13: Authorizing execution of MDOT Grant Contract 2008-0247 for construction of the parallel taxiway for Runway 18/36 (North/South) at the Fremont Municipal Airport, and amending the FY07/08 Budget to reflect the federal share of \$1,227,200, state share of \$268,450 and the City’s local share of \$38,350 (2.5%) from the General Fund for the project

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated April 17, 2008 totaling \$46,309.65

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the April 17, 2008 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$46,309.65; motion approved.

Request of Restitution for Private Sanitary Sewer Lateral Cleaning

Joan Obits submitted a letter requesting the City reimburse her for costs related to cleaning and maintaining her private sanitary sewer lateral from her building located at 28 W. Main Street. She contended the City trees planted next to her building in the downtown walk-thru have penetrated her sewer lateral and continuously cause problems with her roof’s storm drain also. She also requested the trees be removed.

City Manager Yonker recommended the City deny her request for reimbursement and removal of the trees. He noted an arborist specifically selected the Maple trees for that site and suggested the deteriorating sewer lateral should have been replaced years ago when the building was expanded.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to remove the two Maple trees in the walk-thru next to 28 W. Main Street. Following discussion, Councilmember Breinling motioned to amend the motion to include all three trees along the west side of the walk-thru, seconded by Councilmember Breuker; amending motion approved; amended main motion approved.

Request for Use of Veterans Memorial Park & Amphitheater for Festival

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve Mr. Lowell Godfrey's request to use Veterans Memorial Park & Amphitheater to conduct a "Pagan Awareness Day" festival on Saturday, September 27, 2008, subject to the City's standard use conditions and cleanup procedures; motion approved.

Request for Use of portion of Fremont Lake Park for "Fishing for Kids" Event

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve Mrs. Jeannie Caris' request to use Fremont Lake Park boat launch area and pavilion for a "Fishing for Kids" event on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, subject to the City's standard use conditions and cleanup procedures; motion approved.

Resolution R-08-09: Ordering the Levying of Special Assessments for the Improvement of Maple Street, Ammon Avenue and Cherry Street

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve Resolution R-08-09 ordering the levying of the Cherry, Maple & Ammon-Street, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Water and sidewalk Improvements Special Assessment District". Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to amend the motion to extend the assessment payment period from 7 to 9 years; amending motion approved; amended main motion approved.

Consideration of Process for Disposition of Various City-Owned Properties

City Manager Yonker submitted a list of city-owned properties to be considered for disposition and requested Council's direction as to the process to be used. Following discussion, Council selected the following three parcels to be disposed of by way of local realtors:

- 16 W. Pine St. (62-17-02-252-007) – zoned Neighborhood District
- 207 N. Stone Rd. (62-13-34-481-016) – zoned Multiple-Family
- 10 W. Main St. (62-17-02-203-015) – zoned Downtown Business District

Council requested the City Manager surmise a fair method of realtor selection for each parcel and have the properties officially listed by June 16, 2008.

Fremont Planning Commission (PC) Appointment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to appoint Jim Sloan to the Fremont Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of David Crosley, for the remainder of a 3-year term ending 6/30/2010; motion approved.

Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission (FCJPC) Appointment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to appoint Jim Sloan to the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of David Crosley, for the remainder of a 3-year term ending 12/31/2010; motion approved.

Fremont Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Appointment

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to appoint Robert Stehouwer to the Fremont Downtown Development Authority to fill the vacancy of Dusty Bitson, for the remainder of a 4-year term ending 6/30/2011; motion approved.

Reports

City Manager Yonker reported the City will be flushing water hydrants and performing routine water shutoff valve exercises during the evening of April 25th.

Mayor Rynberg noted City Treasurer Gay Krouse has announced she will be retiring on September 29, 2008.

Mayor Rynberg asked City Manager Yonker why council meeting packets are continuously delivered late. He noted receiving them on Saturday or Sunday, as opposed to the required 5 PM on Friday before the meeting, has become a hindrance to Councilmember's preparation for the meetings. Following discussion, Councilmember Drake requested the City Manager follow up on processes used by other city managers, and requested this concern be placed on the next regular meeting agenda. There was Council consensus with no objection.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- City Manager's "Friday Newsletter," Work Log and Calendar (available prior to mtg.)
- Finance Director's Rev/Exp Budget Comparison Report for General/Water/Sewer Funds for March 2008
- Letter re: Notice of Retirement of City Treasurer
- Downtown Rental Housing Rehab Progress Report: Jan. – March 2008
- Notice of "Blessing of the Planes" Event @ Fremont Municipal Airport
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes of the 4/14/08 Meeting
- MDOT M-82 Construction Project Preconstruction Mtg. Minutes & Schedule
- MML E-Mail: Implementation of MI's Second Principle Residence Exemption process

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk