

**FREMONT CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, May 3, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Councilmember James Breinling 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 James Breinling. Councilmember Jane Drake and Larry Breuker were absent.

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

**Public Present:** Doug Berends

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

City Manager Gruesbeck requested the addition of "Authorization to Upgrade HVAC System for the Fire Department Office Area." Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the meeting agenda as amended; motion approved.

**Consent Action Items**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held April 19, 2010
- Request to use Fremont Lake Park on July 6<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chris Caris Memorial Fishing for Kids event
- Lost to Unity Ministries request to use Veterans Memorial Park on June 26<sup>th</sup> for a community Pig Roast event

**Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated April 29, 2010 totaling \$53,329.62**

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the 4/29/10 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$53,329.62; motion approved.

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

City Clerk Blake reported that if the Class C quota license currently under the name of Danior, Inc. (Giuseppe's Restaurant) was placed in escrow by Huntington Bank, it could potentially be sold any where in Newaygo County and the City would not be eligible for another quota license. The State Liquor Control Commission confirmed that Huntington Bank could still sell the Class C license without it being placed in escrow, but with the existing limitation of sales to a business within the governmental jurisdiction of Fremont.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley adopt Resolution R-10-14 disapproving the rights to renew the Class C quota liquor license under the name of Danior, Inc and transfer to Huntington National Bank to be held in escrow; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Agreement for Assessing Services with GIG Consulting**

City Manager Gruesbeck reported that following the City Council's approval an employment agreement with City Assessor Joann Hunt, a new contract for other assessing-type services would be necessary for GIG Consulting. The proposed fees are the difference between the original agreement of \$42,000, minus the employment agreement of \$15,000, with a 2.5% increase each year for three years. The total three year contract is for \$85,119 and GIG Consulting has already reviewed the updated agreement and agreed to the changes.

Motion approved by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the three-year agreement with GIG Consulting for miscellaneous assessing-type services for \$85,119 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; motion approved.

**Ordinance O-10-03: Amendments to Fremont Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 "Streets and Sidewalks"**

Staff reported the City contracted with Shoreline Landscaping to develop a downtown landscape plan and review City Ordinance Chapter 18 "Streets and Sidewalks" to ensure that the plant species recommended were appropriate. As a result, Shoreline Landscaping recommended changes to reflected common practice in terms of care of street trees. Staff and the Planning Commission concur with the proposed changes.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to adopt Ordinance O-10-03 amending Chapter 18 “Streets and Sidewalks” of the Fremont City Code of Ordinances; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Authorization to Upgrade HVAC System for the Fire Department Office Area**

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to authorize an HVAC system upgrade by Quality Air for \$4,671, for the Fire Department office area; motion approved.

**Reports**

City Manager Gruesbeck reported NC District Health Department will be at the District Library on May 18<sup>th</sup> to educate the public on the new smoking ban. A representative from Recycling for Newaygo County will also give an update on the recycling market and its impact on the environment. He also noted the Pride building at the corner of Division & Oak Street was sited as a blighted building and must be demolished by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The City’s first community yard sale seems to be a success with 67 postings on the list to be published in the local papers.

City Manager Gruesbeck also noted Novi Energy has agreed to the City’s six month extension of the land purchase option agreement. They’ve agreed to the purchase price of \$71,720 with an option to receive back \$21,720, if construction begins within six months of their exercising the purchase option agreement.

City Clerk Blake requested Council’s approval of his son, Hunter Blake, to be hired as a seasonal summer laborer in the Department of Public Works. He noted the Charter requires Council approval of immediate family being hired.

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to authorize the Department of Public Works to hire Hunter Blake as a seasonal laborer; motion approved.

**The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:**

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Letter from Comcast RE: Rate Increases (4/22/10)
- Election Ballot (copy) for School Election on May 4, 2010
- Letter from Michele Ribant to Pride Youth Program (4/26/10)
- Blighted Building Hearing Minutes (4/20/10)
- Blighted Building Hearing Notice (4/20/10)
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes (4/28/10)
- Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission Working Group Meeting Notes (4/19/10)
- Fremont Planning Commission Meeting Minutes (4/27/10)
- Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes (4/26/10)
- Invitation to Groundbreaking for New Fremont High School (4/26/10)
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (4/26/10)
- Dayton Township Board Meeting Minutes (3/11/10)
- Sheridan Township Board Meeting Minutes (1/19/10, 2/16/10 & 3/16/10)
- NC District Health Dept / Recycling for NC flyer for “No Smoking Ban” & “Recycling” update

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM; motion approved.

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James M. Rynberg, Mayor

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Todd M. Blake, City Clerk