

**FREMONT CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, November 3, 2008 – 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 Councilmembers Dick Conley, Jane Drake, James Breinling and Larry Breuker.

**Staff Present:** City Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake (Interim Manager)

**Public Present:** Bill Baldrige, Iva Prouse, Min gu Kang, Jordan Curtice, Anna Deur, Chase Curtice, Mike Dennis, Shannan Merrill, Jessica Rogers, Dena Kingsbury, Sherry Claflin, Krystal Maclean, Kaylee Wilson, Jesse Fox, Haley Bolles, Bill Whitney, Kirk Stephens

**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 Conley and approved, to authorize the following Action Items:

- Purchase Dodge Charger patrol car from Bill Snethcamp Dodge/Chrysler for \$21,726.50
- Approve Downtown Façade Improvement Grant for painting of the East side building at 20 E. Main Street (Attorney Ted Caris) for \$600

**Minutes of the Regular Council Session held October 20, 2008**

Councilmember Breinling noted under “Reports” on page one, it was the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission’s “Zoning work group” that would be meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to approve the minutes with the above insertion; motion approved.

**Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated October 30, 2008 totaling \$195,966.40**

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the October 30, 2008 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$195,966.40; motion approved.

**Auditor’s Presentation of City Financial Statements & Independent Auditor’s Report for FY ending 6/30/08**

Mr. Eric VanDop of Brickley/DeLong presented the audit of the City’s FY 07/08 Financial Statements and gave a brief overview of the year. He noted two management concerns regarding shared financial duties and announced the City received an “unqualified audit opinion,” which is the highest recommendation from an auditor.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to accept the auditor’s report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; motion approved.

**Discussion on Search Process for City Manager Position**

Mr. Bill Baldrige, with MML professional services, suggested some changes to the proposed list of interview questions and summarized his role in the interview process. Following discussion, there was Council consensus on the questions and their order during the process.

**Ordinance O-08-06: Amendments to Chapter 22 “Zoning” Ordinance**

City Clerk Blake reported the Ordinance O-08-06 was not in final format, so Council requested it be placed on the next agenda following completion.

**Consideration for Disposition of City-Owned Land**

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling and approved, to authorize the City Clerk list the following city-owned properties with the local realtors:

- 10 W. Main Street (a Downtown 2-story building)
- 10 W. Pine Street (vacant lot, formerly Stage Door Players box office)
- 207 N. Stone Road (vacant lot at NW corner of Stone & Rex Street)

City Clerk Blake noted the City should either have the house moved from the 4 ½ acre parcel at

1203 Ramshorn Drive and retain the entire parcel for recreational use or split the 4 ½ acre parcel to create a ½ acre parcel with the existing home on it and a vacant 4 acre parcel. Then the City could sell the home, place it back on the tax roll and retain the 4-acre parcel for recreational use.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to authorize a request for bids for purchase and removal of the house and retain the entire parcel for recreational purposes; keeping the right to refuse any and all bids if none suitable are presented; and if not, then splitting the parcel as recommended above and listing for sale by March 1, 2009; motion approved.

### **Reports**

City Clerk Blake announced Water & Sewer Supervisor Doug Hartger has submitted his request for retirement on 12/31/08.

Councilmember Drake reported the “Future of Fremont” committee met to make recommendation to the School Board for a new high school construction site by the Middle School. She also noted there are two locations by the Middle School being considered, one to the east and the other to the south.

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

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Staff Report on MERS Annual Convention
- NC Clerk Notification of NED Director Michele Ribant’s Appointment to Brownfield Authority Board
- Fremont Planning Commission Minutes of Special Meeting on 10/23/08
- FCJPC Zoning Work Group Meeting Notes of 10/21/08 Meeting
- FACF Third Quarter 2008 Fund Statement for William Branstrom Parks Fund, City Endowment Fund, Fremont Beautification Fund and the Town & Country Path Construction & Endowment Funds
- Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett (October 2008) “Watt’s New?: Michigan Energy News”
- Comcast Letter on 10/17/08 regarding the upcoming “Broadcast Digital Television Transition”
- Comcast Notice of Residential Installation Rate changes effective 1/1/2009

### **Closed Session: Discuss Union Negotiations**

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to close the Regular Session at 8:48 pm and enter into a Closed Session for the purpose of discussion Police employee union negotiations; motion approved by roll call vote.

The Closed Session ended at 9:02 pm and the Regular Session reconvened.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM; motion approved.

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James M. Rynberg, Mayor

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Todd M. Blake, City Clerk