

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 17, 2008 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember James Breinling 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: Samuel Waters, Nate McLean, Kelsey Nestle, Kerrie Baker, Mark Ramsey, Dan Robinson, Kelly Smith, Jay O'Connor, Anita Scurlock, Erika Scurlock, Lou Meeuwenberg, Stephanie Scott, Shirley Hooker, Ellie Brewster, Amanda Wagenmaker, Tim Wagenmaker, Mononne Lorsa, Dale Zwing, Felecia Trevino, Randy Kessler, Antoine Aurain, Zack Winchel, Ben Schultz, Brittani Hanna, Brian Wilde

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Drake to approve the meeting agenda with addition of "Discussion on Search Process for City Manager Position"; motion approved.

Consent Action Items

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling and approved, to authorize the following Action Items:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held November 3, 2008
- Professional Service Agreement with Lakeshore Signs, LLC for construction and installation of City "Entry-way" Signs for an amount not to exceed \$31,695
- Change Order #1 to Maple/Ammon/Cherry Street Construction Contract with Meeuwenberg Excavating for an additional \$10,691.50; requiring a budget amendment from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the additional sub-base work needed on Cherry Street
- Resolution R-08-25: Committing Funds to Street Construction Projects related to Northside Alternate Truck Route and supporting submittal of a Category A Economic Development grant to MDOT

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated November 12, 2008 totaling \$336,666.93

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the November 12, 2008 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$336,666.93; motion approved.

Recycling Update from Cart-Right LLC

Mr. Mark Ramsey, Cart-Right, LLC Manager, gave a summary report of their activity and the level of participation in Fremont's Residential Recycling Program. He also noted they are accepting colored glass at the curb-side and recommended notice to the residents of the addition.

Review & Discussion of Updated Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive & Growth Management Plan

Councilmember Breinling summarized the review process for the Plan's update and recommended Councilmembers review the proposed Plan and forward comments and recommendations to NED Director Michele Ribant soon. He also reported the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission (FCJPC) will be meeting on Monday, November 24th to review the proposed Plan and any comments related to such.

Council briefly discussed Appendix A and the Action Plans within the proposed Plan. Following discussion, Councilmember Breinling noted that following a 63-day review period the FCJPC will convene to review all comments and adopt a Plan for recommendation to the participating jurisdictions.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to authorize the dissemination of the proposed Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive & Growth Management Plan to the public for a 63-day review period; motion approved.

Discussion on Interview Process for City Manager Position

Mayor Rynberg confirmed interview times with candidates Bryan Gruesbeck and Eric Wiederhold and noted he and Councilmember Breinling planned to greet the candidates and participate in the community tour with the candidates and staff. There was discussion regarding the Mayor and Vice-Mayor's participation in the tour process without a quorum of council.

Reports

City Clerk Blake reported preparing a grant request to MDOT for Category A Economic Development Funds up to \$800,000 and requested Council's confirmation of a north-side alternate truck route. The route would alleviate truck traffic on Main Street and provide a secondary route for trucks traveling to and from Gerber Products shipping/warehousing facilities along Weaver Avenue. City Clerk Blake noted MDOT has placed a requirement for the reconstruction of a section of 44th Street, between Stone and Market and lying in Dayton Township under Road Commission's authority, as a part of the grant request.

There was discussion regarding the use of Elm Street as part of the north alternate truck route with regards to the residential neighborhoods it would traverse. Following discussion, Council requested staff research an alternate route with less residential impact or modify the grant request to request only a direct route from Gerber Products to MPH Trucking.

NC Road Commission Director Kelly Smith informed Council the project did not fall within theirs or the Township's budgets, so the City would most likely have to cover the 30% local match requirements of the grant for that section of 44th Street.

Mayor Rynberg announced there will be a WMSRDC meeting next Monday at the Tamarac and requested Councilmembers notify him if they plan to attend.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- NC Clerk Notification of Newaygo County Boards/Commissions Position Openings
- Fremont Streetscape/Signage Committee Minutes of 11/11/08 Meeting
- Draft of Letter from DDA Parking Sub-Committee regarding proposed Downtown refuse program & proposed Refuse Service cost spreadsheet
- Chamber Membership Letter 11/6/08: "Christmas Celebration"
- Water & Sewer Supervisor Doug Hartger 11/12/08: Notice of Retirement
- Daniel Wharton's Thank you Letter to Supervisor Doug Hartger
- Fire Department Minutes from 10/27/08 & 11/10/08 Meetings

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk