

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 16, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Jane Drake 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 Manager Bryan Gruesbeck and Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake

Public Present: Jason Felton and Doug Berends

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Consent Action Items

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held March 2, 2009
- Request from American Decency to use the front steps of the Municipal Building for their annual National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 7, 2009

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated March 13, 2009 totaling \$87,680.47

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the 3/13/09 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$87,680.47; motion approved.

Consideration of Support for New Fremont High School Location

City Manager Gruesbeck submitted copies of Resolutions R-05-39 and R-08-01, both supporting Fremont Public Schools with regards to acknowledging the need for a new high school and its proposed site location. The resolutions were considered each time the school selected a different site location during recent bond campaigns.

Following discussion, there was consensus for drafting a new resolution confirming the City's support for the need for a new high school, utility extensions and coordinated traffic management.

Review FY 09/10 Draft Fire Department Budget to be Submitted to Contracted Townships

Following discussion, there was consensus to authorize staff to move forward with the Fire Department budget review process based on the proposed FY 09/10 Fire Department Budget as submitted by the Fire Chief and City Finance Director.

City Clerk Blake reported as required by the City's Fire & Emergency Services Agreement with five surrounding townships, the budget and other supporting materials will be submitted to the Fire Department Budget Advisory Committee. Upon review, the Committee will make recommendations to staff for preparation of the Fire Department portion of the FY 09/10 City Operating Budget to be submitted to the City Council.

Appointment to fill Vacancy on Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the appointment of Randy Stacik, CEO of Gerber Memorial Hospital, to the DDA Board for the remainder of a term ending June 30, 2011; motion approved.

Reports

City Manager Gruesbeck reported the City may qualify for a \$95,000 Small Urban Grant through MDOT.

Councilmember Drake recommended Council consider discussing projected property tax revenue declines and Fire Department services during the strategic planning session next Monday, March 23rd.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Comcast Lineup Changes (2/27/09)
- Comcast Cable Rate/Lineup Changes (3/9/09)
- MML Legislative Link (3/3/09)
- MML – News from the Legislative Conference (3/4/09)
- Rep. Hansen Legislative Update (3/6/09)
- FAFAC Theft Alert Letter (3/10/09)
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (3/09/09)

Closed Session: To Discuss Union Negotiations

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to close the Regular Session at 8:00 PM to enter into a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations, pending litigation and a possible land acquisition; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Closed Session ended at 8:50 PM and the Regular Session reconvened.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to authorize ratification of the proposed three-year labor contract with the Police Officers Labor Council Union, agreeing to make a 3% wage adjustment the first year of the contract retroactive to July 1, 2008 and authorize a 3½% increase each of the remaining two years; motion approved.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk