

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2009 – 11:00 AM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 11:00 AM, 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 and James Breinling. Councilmember Larry Breuker arrived at 12:03 PM.

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

Public Present: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Goals and Issues to be Considered for FY 2009-2010

City Manager Gruesbeck submitted and summarized the following list of short, mid and long term issues for Council to consider addressing for the upcoming fiscal year:

Short Term:

- Industrial Park Re-Certification
- Downtown Historic District Application
- Commercial/Industrial Properties – Marketing Materials
- Engineering Firm Retainer
- Hanson Litigation Resolved
- Review Inspection Program (buildings and blight)
- Newsletters – quarterly, more often or less
- CM Blog/Facebook on city website or linked to the website
- Mayor/Staff/CM column in the Times Indicator

Mid/Short Term:

- Council Packets on Thursdays
- Staff Job Description Update

Mid/Long Term:

- Downtown Parking Improvements
- Expand Campground
- Extend Elm Street Eastward
- Ramshorn Drive Boardwalk along Lake
- Complete addition Town & Country Pathway
- Improve/Repair Branstrom Park Lodge
- Introduce Downtown Movie/Music Night
- Continue MSHDA Downtown Housing Project
- South Alternate Route
- Extend Sanitary Sewer around Fremont Lake

Revenue Trends and Expected Revenues

City Clerk Blake submitted a graph showing the history of assessed and taxable valuations since 1994, when Proposal A was enacted. He noted with establishment of the renaissance zone and decreasing property valuations, City tax revenues are expected to decrease approximately 8.7% for the 2009 tax collection season.

He also noted 2010 would most likely flatten out or possibly start increasing with expected construction projects in town.

Reports and Comments

Councilmember Drake requested staff incorporate a “citizen request” process on the City’s website.

Councilmember Breinling noted staff should also secure preliminary discussions with school representatives regarding the proposed new high school, traffic maintenance and access and utility extensions. The City should also have an “energy” audit performed.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk