

**FREMONT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 1, 2009 – 5:00 PM**

Mayor James Rynberg called the Budget Work Session to order at 5:00 PM.

City Manager Gruesbeck and Clerk/Finance Director submitted an updated proposed Operating / Capital Budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 and reviewed it with Council.

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

**Public Present:** Loren Edwards, Ken Haggart, Kurt Crandell, Leslie Anderson, Tim Steele, Victor DuBois, Chet Scott, Ted & Jan Glaser, Jack Brinkman, Lora Perkins, Mary Sovinski, Annelise Raquet, LeAnna Perkins, Gary Rottier, Jason Felton and Doug Berends

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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

**Student Presentations on Upcoming Yahaba, Japan Friendship City Exchange**

Yahaba Director Loren Edwards introduced some of members of the June 2009 Delegation traveling to Yahaba this month. A few of the students gave brief introductions and presentations of their projects to be presented in Japan.

Mr. Edwards also presented a model of a Japanese Bent Farm House traditionally used by farmers to live in with their families in the early 1900's. The hut was construction by Mr. Seiichi Muramatsu, who grew up in a house similar to this one in Yahaba, Japan. The model farm house will be displayed from time to time at City Hall, the Library and the Middle School.

**Consent Action Items**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held May 18, 2009
- Approve Amendments to the Façade Improvement Program Guidelines to allow for work on external entryways and side facades
- Authorize Downtown Façade Improvement Program Grant Awards to the Tasty Cakery at 14 W. Main Street, for rear (\$705.03) and side (\$297.50) facades
- Amendments to the FY 08/09 Operating Budget

1) Various General Fund Revenues are down, so an increase in Transfer from Fund Balance is needed

101-000.000-402.000	Current Property Taxes	\$50,000	
101-000.000-437.000	City IFT Taxes	13,000	
101-000.000-447.000	Property Tax Admin Fees	7,000	
101-000.000-574.002	State Revenue Sharing	15,000	
101-000.000-665.000	Interest Earnings	60,000	
101-000.000-699.028	Transfer from Fund Balance		\$145,000

2) Dura's Bankruptcy Case is final and the County has charged back tax changes for 2006-07, of which is more than the City budgeted.

101-899.000-964.000	Tax Refunds-Chargebacks	\$20,000	
101-000.000-699.028	Transfer from Fund Balance		\$20,000

- PCA Summer Program's request for use of Fremont Lake Park for "2009 Kids Summer Programs" on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Amendment #1 to Contract with Mead & Hunt for Construction Engineering Services (\$12,077) during replacement of the 4' sections of perimeter fence around the Airport Terminal
- Purchase Fire Department Hurst Tool System Equipment for \$2,715 from 5-Alarm

**Request for Qualifications to Prepare a Downtown Fremont Landscape Plan**

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to authorize dissemination of the RFQ for selection of a firm to prepare a Downtown Fremont Landscape Plan; motion approved.

**Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated May 29, 2009 totaling \$124,922.04**

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve the 5/29/09 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$124,922.04; motion approved.

**Public Comments**

Several residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the zoning compliance letter recently sent, regarding RV and trailer storage on their residential lots.

**Public Hearing: Proposed Amendment to the DDA Development Area & Tax Increment Financing Plan**

Mayor Rynberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm, to receive public comment on the DDA's proposed amendments to the DDA Development Area and Tax Increment Financing Plan. Following staff's brief comments and no public input, Mayor Rynberg closed the hearing.

**Public Hearing: Proposed FY 09/10 City Operating / Capital Budget**

Mayor Rynberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm, to receive public comment on the City's proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Following staff's brief comments and no public input, Mayor Rynberg closed the hearing.

**Ordinance O-09-01: Amending DDA Development Area & Tax Increment Financing Plan**

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to adopt Ordinance O-09-01 amending the DDA Development Area and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution R-09-10: Establishing the City of Fremont 2009 Property Tax Millage Rate**

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to adopt Resolution R-09-10 establishing the City of Fremont's 2009 Property Tax Millage Rate as 14.0 Mills; motion approved.

**Adoption of the FY 09/10 City Operating / Capital Budget**

Staff reviewed the 5-yr Capital Project Schedule for the proposed budget review process.

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 City Operating / Capital Budget; motion approved.

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

- Staff Report: City Projects
- FAF Grant Application & Letter re: Fremont Downtown Beautification Endowment Fund
- Letter from City of Holland re: Mayor Exchange
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes of 5/11/09 Meeting
- GMHS 5/22/09 Edition: "The Source"
- MML Legislative Link (5/19 & 5/26/09)
- Dayton Township Board Minutes of 4/9/09 & 5/14/09 Meetings
- FY 2009-2010 Operating/Capital Budget Message

**Closed Session: Discussion and Consideration for Purchases of Land**

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to close the Regular Session at 8:08 PM and enter into a Closed Session to consider a possible land purchases; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Closed Session ended at 8:29 PM and the Regular Session reconvened.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley authorizing purchase of the property located at 125 E. Dayton Street, for \$5,000 plus the required recording fees and taxes, from the Newaygo County Treasurer Tax Sale; motion approved.

Staff noted a letter would be sent to the County Treasurer for notification of the City's decision to purchase the property through the Treasurer's annual tax sale for public purpose.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM; motion approved.

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James M. Rynberg, Mayor

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Todd M. Blake, City Clerk