

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2009 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Dick Conley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor James Rynberg and Councilmember's Dick Conley, Jane Drake, James Breinling and Larry Breuker

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

Public Present: George Sutphen, Mike Dennis, Dena & Ellis Kingsbury, Kurt Lowdermilk and Doug Berends

Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

Consent Action Items

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Conley to authorize and approve the following Action Items:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held August 3, 2009
- Authorize execution of Construction Contract (62338-106867) with RMD Holdings, Ltd. to construct Perimeter Fence at Fremont Municipal Airport for \$86,000, with local match of \$2,150
- Authorize purchase of Kubota tractor mower from The Power Shop for \$10,370, for Cemetery Operations
- Appointment of City Clerk Blake as Officer Representative to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Municipal Employee Retirement System
- Authorize renewal of 3-year lease for Downtown parking lot area with the United States Postal Service, with a first year lease amount of \$2,700
- Agreement to establish a Fremont Public Art Fund at the Fremont Area Community Foundation
- Authorize Grant Award of \$3,450.20 to Robert Stariha (48 W. Main Street) for a front façade building repair under the DDA Downtown Façade Improvement Program
- Receive the Fremont Lake Survey Results from Professional Lake Management (PLM) and amend the Annis Water Institute Study agreement to permit a final delivery date in February 10'

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated August 13, 2009 totaling \$3,334,120.86

Motion by Councilmember Dick Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the 08/13/09 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$3,334,120.86; motion approved.

Public Hearing: To Receive Public Comment on the Confirmation of the Proposed Special Assessment Roll for Street Improvements Associated with the Vacation of Ammon Avenue between Pine & Oak Streets

Mayor Rynberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm to receive public comment on the special assessment roll. There were questions regarding the final cost breakdown and concerns regarding final payment to the contractor, whereas the project was not finished with proper grading and seeding.

City Clerk Blake acknowledged the City was aware of the finish work and noted the City has followed up on some of the areas and will revisit them this fall. He also noted the City withheld funds from final payment to the contractor.

Mayor Rynberg closed the hearing at 7:10 pm.

Resolution R-09-16: Confirming Special Assessment Roll for Street Improvements associated with the Vacation of Ammon Avenue between Pine & Oak Streets

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve Resolution R-09-16 confirming the Ammon Avenue Street, Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk Improvements Special Assessment District Roll; motion approved.

Discussion regarding Mr. George Sutphen's Letter to Council on August 03, 2009

City Manager Gruesbeck submitted a memo to Council addressing Mr. Sutphen's concerns and City staff's position regarding such.

Mr. Sutphen thanked Council and staff for their quick response and attentiveness to his concerns.

Reports

City Manager Gruesbeck reported the received notification of a grant award from USDA Rural Development, for reconstruction of the southeast downtown parking lot area. Mr. Gruesbeck also reported the northeast corner of Fremont Lake will be treated for weeds the week of August 24th and noted the spraying service company has recommended the entire lake be treated.

City Clerk Blake reported petitions for candidacy to the City positions on this November's ballot have been turned in by incumbents only, so the election will most likely be uncontested on Election Day.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- FCJPC Zoning Working Group Meeting Notes ((7/20/09)
- FACF Notice Letter (8/7/09) re: "Foundation Match Day"
- "Thank You" Card from Larry Brant
- Letter from Dr. Donald Reinders to Jane Drake (8/09/09)
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (8/10/09)

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk