

June 17, 2008

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing regarding Downtown Revitalization was opened by President Loretta Smart. Ann Marie Lindenmeyer with Region 3A conducted the Hearing. Ann-Marie stated that this was a Community Focus Fund grant and CDBG funds were used. The formal presentation of the plan was made in May. With no public input, Loretta Smart closed the Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Fremont Town Council

President Loretta Smart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown and Joe Thomas. Kay Clark and John Ludy were absent.

Others representing the Town were:

Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer
Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent Steve Gard, Water Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney
Ann Abernathey, Park Board President

Others attending were: Michelle Linn with the Herald Republican, Jim Measel with WLKI, Matt Tubergen with Wenzel Metal Spinning and Tom Johnson with API Construction.

Minutes: Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Claims, payroll and comp time: Joe Thomas moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

STREET BIDS: Bids were opened for the Phase 1, 2008, Street Project

<u>API</u>	Part 1 - \$18,839.00	<u>Brooks</u>	Part 1 - \$21,005.00	<u>E & B</u>	Part 1 - \$24,725.00
	Part 2 - \$39,387.00		Part 2 - \$38,180.00		Part 2 - \$47,275.00
	Total - \$58,226.00		Total - \$59,185.00		Total - \$72,000.00

Part 1 consists of Sheppard Street: Albion to Toledo

Part 2 consists of a section of Tillotson/Michael/Sierer: North of North Street (shaped like a "U")

Bids will be taken under advisement and awarded at the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Pass: *We have received the third and final draw on the original EDA grant. We have not received a draw on the supplement grant. Repairs have not been completed. Chris is waiting on a quote from ACS graphics for a sign memorializing the truck route. Steve Brown thought that it may be nice to have a list of industries on a sign when entering the truck route. The Council will keep this in mind.*

Downtown Project: Resolution 2008-05 *was introduced explaining the Downtown Revitalization grant. Joe Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2008-05, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Abatement request Resolution 2008-04: *A tax abatement request from Wenzel Metal Spinning was presented to the Council that had received favorable recommendation from the Fremont RDC. Joe Thomas asked Matt Tubergen with Wenzel Metal Spinning, when the three new positions would be added. Matt said that one had been hired and that two would be hired within the next nine months to one year. Wenzel Metal Spinning agreed to the 10% savings to be reimbursed to the town. Steve Brown moved to approve the tax abatement for seven years, and the tax abatement agreement, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

Utility Credits: *Steve Brown made a motion to accept the utility credits presented to the Council, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

RDC appointment: *House Bill 1001 requires that a non-voting member be appointed to the RDC from the School Board. The School Board recommended Peggy Bailey. Joe Thomas made a motion to approve Peggy Bailey to be appointed to the RDC, as a non voting member, as required by the new regulation, for a two year term, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

REPORTS:

Court - submitted.

Police – submitted – *Brett Steele, one of the cadets, has completed the first level of the B.A.D.G.E. program. With Council approval, He is now ready to proceed to the second level. He can be sworn in when we have received all the written documentation from the Police Chief and the trainer. Joe Thomas moved to allow Brett Steele to proceed to the next level with the proper documentation provided to the Clerk-Treasurer and the Town Manager, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

Street - submitted

Sewer – submitted – *Jim Humbarger was not in attendance due to illness. Chris Snyder requested that a pump for non potable water be purchased for \$680.00. Steve Brown made a motion to approve the pump purchase, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

Water -submitted.

Town Superintendent - Chris requested that North Wayne Street be closed July 10, 11 and 12 for Musicfest. Joe Thomas made a motion to allow the street closing and to approve special comp time for police and fire, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Fire Department –submitted – Chris wanted to let the Council know that the Fire Truck was sold at auction for \$6,000.00 with the auction company retaining 10%. The net amount received for the truck was \$5,400.00. Steve Brown made a motion to accept this amount for the truck, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Eric requested six radio pagers be replaced for \$2,550.00. Steve Brown made a motion to purchase the pagers, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Joe Thomas moved to approve the mutual aid agreement with Northwest Township in Ohio, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Park Board – submitted- Anne Abernathey reported that they have had a Master Gardener look at the water area in the Skate Park. They said they could do a 30' swath at approximately \$500.00. They would like to have approval to do the swaths, not to exceed the \$5,000.00 that they have budgeted. Joe Thomas moved to allow the plantings, not to exceed their budget line item of \$5,000.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Discussion took place on the fencing in the park area and what options there were for removing it. This will be looked into further to come up with options for the removal of the fence.

Other Business: FYCO, a local church in town is putting in a Soccer field and would like to have a credit on the watering of the field. It would be better for the water department and the accounting department in the Clerk's office to allow them to have a summer sprinkling credit for this summer. Joe Thomas moved to allow the summer sprinkling credit for the summer, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A claim came in late for Umbaugh and the Council was asked to allow this to be paid instead of waiting for the next meeting. Steve Brown made a motion to approve the claim, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Kathy Parsons went over the 1782 notice received from the Department of Local Government Finance, in regards to the 2008 budget. There would be only two cuts, one in the CCD fund and one in the Major Moves Fund. Kathy Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer, felt comfortable with these cuts since with Major Moves you can only appropriate the cash that you have and the CCD has room to make the cut in Capital outlay Projects. The Council expressed their appreciation for the work done with the budget.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Loretta Smart, Council President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA

Clerk-Treasurer