



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting  
November 17th, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 7:30 p.m. on November 17th, 2015 at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
Al Lewis, Alderman  
W. T. Smith, Alderman  
Leon Mooring, Alderman  
Joyce C. Reid, Alderman  
Annie Lewis, Alderman

Also in attendance, Interim Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Marti Jones, Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell and Public Works Director Tim Howell.

Mayor pro-tem Harold Cuddington and Chief Paul E. Moats were not in attendance.

**Quorum Present: YES**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Flowers offered a prayer. Alderman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the closing of the Town Hall for Veteran's Day and also to include a closed session for employment. Alderman Al Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda for November 17th, 2015 with the amendments as stated per Mayor Flowers. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Alderman Joyce Reid made a motion to accept the minutes of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

- 1) STEP Meeting November 24th, 2015 @ 5:30.
- 2) Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving November 26, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 3) Christmas Parade will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1pm

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Flowers opened the public comment session.  
No public comment.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing session.

### **Cemetery Ordinance**

No comments

Mayor Flowers closed the Public Hearing session.

### **Action Items**

#### **A) Keith Spivey Step Reporting/Minutes**

Mr. Spivey stated the Step program has received a 2 month extension even though we asked for a 6 month extension. He stated he has been working with Mrs. Barbara on a budget amendment/revision which he has submitted to the STEP program to try to shift some funds around. If it does happen he is looking at updating outdated playground equipment at Martin Luther King Park. He stated as soon as he knew if we received the adjustments he would let everyone know.

Mayor Flowers asked if there was a committee involved in making these decisions and Mr. Spivey stated that due to the turnaround time, no that Mrs. Aycock was the only one involved.

Mayor Flowers stated that since the board acted to approve the STEP program thru October 31<sup>st</sup>, he would like to accept a motion that the board approves a motion to approve the amendment as presented subject to the approval of Mrs. Aycock of the STEP program thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Motion made per Alderman Mooring seconded per W.T. Smith. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Aycock asks have we received any more information about the PARTF grant. Mr. Spivey said he had not heard of anything. Mrs. Aycock stated she would try to reach Mr. Moler.

**B) Approve Cemetery Ordinance**

Mayor Flowers stated if approved this will replace the existing cemetery ordinance. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the cemetery ordinance as written. Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C) Approve to have County inspect 201 East Main Street Property for Recommendation.**

Mrs. Aycock stated the property was brought before the board before and that Mr. Childers was supposed to heed to the ordinance and have the building repaired. Mr. Childers has been contacted several times and nothing has been done. Mrs. Aycock stated she had attended a meeting with the North Carolina Preservation Committee and they showed slides of where they had property donated to them to fix it up back to the former way and then they will sell it after it has been completely restored. She stated we have a meeting with them and Mr. Childers Thursday at 10:30 to see if this building is one they will work with. If Mr. Childers will relinquish the property he would get a tax write off and we would not have to demolish it. We have to get his permission and the Preservation Committee to want the property. Mayor Flowers stated the action on this would be deferred until next month if no objection to wait and hear from the Preservation Committee.

**D) Name Change of Street.**

Norwayne Alumni has requested changing the name of Branch Street from west to east with boundaries from Memorial Church Rd west to Dock Street east to be changed to Norwayne Alumni Way. A petition with signatures of the home owners were supplied to the Town. Mrs. Aycock stated we would announce a public hearing for the next board meeting and if no objections the name change should occur. No further discussion at this time.

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

All financial reports reviewed. No discussion noted at this time.

Alderman Leon Mooring stated he believed the Town Hall should observe Veteran’s Day. Motion was made per Alderman Mooring to close Town Hall and Public Works on Veteran’s Day. Motion seconded by Alderman Smith. No discussion noted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Works**

Tim Howell, Public Works director reported on the work and progress the Public Works department is doing. He stated all of the smoke testing leaks have been repaired except one. They are working on the sidewalks and drainage at the 500 block of Wayne St. He stated grass cutting season is almost over and leaf season will be until February.

Mayor Flowers stated we had applied for a \$2 million grant for the sewer and right now we are #11 with them funding thru #10. He stated if we were to get this grant it would not solve all of our problems but it would help out a lot.

Alderman Annie Lewis stated she would like the streets to be checked on especially Goldsboro St because of excess water that pools at the south end. She also stated that at Joyner's people were parking on the sidewalks and could we do anything about that. Also noted were the excess amount of trailers that park on Goldsboro Street. It was noted that the Chief had addressed these issues and would be brought to his attention again.

It was mentioned that curb stoppers should be ordered and signs placed saying no parking. Everyone was in agreeance with this.

Motion was made to go into closed session for personnel matter per Alderman Mooring. Motion seconded by Alderman Annie Lewis.

Motion made to come out of closed session per Alderman Annie Lewis. Motion seconded by Alderman Mooring.

Mayor Flowers stated we needed a motion to hire Jeffrey Hill as a Full Time employee. Alderman Mooring made a motion to hire Jeffrey Hill Full Time. Motion seconded by Alderman Annie Lewis. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn per Alderman Annie Lewis to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Mooring. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

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Martha A. Jones Town Clerk

