



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting  
September 15th, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 7:30 p.m. on August 18, 2015 at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
Harold Cuddington, Mayor pro-tem  
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 Karen Peeden, Billings and Collections Clerk Shameshia Fennell, Public Works Director Tim Howell and Chief Paul Moats.

Alderman Al Lewis was not in attendance.

**Quorum Present: YES**

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda**

Mayor Flowers stated to remove item F from the agenda. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda with the deletion of item F. Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the agenda for September 15, 2015 with the option of removing item F. Alderman W.T. Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alderman Joyce Reid made a motion to accept the minutes of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- 1) STEP Meeting September 22, 2015
- 2) 2016 NC Public Power Calendar (Fremont will be the main town displayed)
- 3) Draft Feasibility Study Summary I-795/US 117

## **Public Comment**

Mayor Flowers opened the public comment session.

Pastor Ira Reynolds with Renewal Place states he wanted to give an update on 411 S Sycamore Street. Stated they have cleaned the house out and removed all of the furniture and debris. They are continuing to receive estimates so they can have a budget for this house. They have a grant writer also how is working on the grant and also trying to get donations to help repair this house. Looking at over \$20,000 to repair this house with the roof being repaired also. There is a meeting scheduled for Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am at First Baptist Church and are inviting the entire community to come out to the meeting. Pastor Reynolds stated that he needed a support letter from the Town of Fremont stating that the Town supports Renewal Place in fixing up these houses. Mayor Flowers stated he had been by and saw all of the hard work that has been going on out there.

Pastor Reynolds stated that he recently attended a meeting with the Golden Leaf Foundation about community based grants. He found out they have \$1.5 million set aside for Wayne County. We have to come up with a plan of how we can create jobs with this money. He stated perhaps we have some land that is not being used right now and how we could help veterans and people with PTSD. The deadline to send a letter with a plan for our intentions for the money is by Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the only year for Wayne County. After this year they go to another county. This is our year he states. He requested a meeting be set up with the county manager. Mrs. Aycock stated she would set up a meeting with Mr. Wood.

Pastor Reynolds stated he needed an idea of how many houses he could work on and vacant lots also to apply for this grant in one sum instead of separating per house. The minimum grant amount is \$250,000. Also he spoke with Habitat for Humanity to partner with him in completing these projects and advise us.

Alderman Mooring stated he wanted to thank Pastor Reynolds personally for the things he is trying to do for the Town.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

## **Action Items**

**A) Presentation for Danny Wooten: Citizen Award**

Danny Wooten was not present at the meeting.

**B) James Upchurch: NC Dot (Wayne County Comprehensive Transportation Plan)**

Mr. Upchurch is with a Division with the DOT called Long Range or Transportation Planning. This presentation has been given to different committees and boards has been endorsed with a comprehensive transportation plan (CTP). This plan is for counties and towns all around the state of NC. He is trying to bring Fremont into the CTP for Wayne County. He has met with Mayor Flowers and Mrs. Aycock and rode around Fremont looking at and seeing who is using the system such as bicycles, golf carts, etc. He gave a presentation on the CTP and how it would benefit Fremont. The idea of the CTP is to have a common long range vision for a local area. He explained that this is a long range plan, but it can be amended. A survey was given to let citizens fill out to help give input on what they would like to see improved or added to the Towns sidewalk and transportation system.

Alderman Mooring asked what did Mr. Upchurch expect the Town of Fremont to do as a whole? Mr. Upchurch states that the expectation from each town is to develop a set of recommendations that we can include in this long range plan. They are looking to capture whether we need improvements or if new sidewalks need to be placed. He stated they were going to gather all of their information and bring back ideas for us. Projected date for completion of the process is for the county to meet in late November to adopt the entire plan.

**C) Michael McAllister (Cemetery Ordinance)**

Mike states he had drove around with Mrs. Aycock and she had stated some concerns about the cemetery. He stated we needed to have a cemetery ordinance put into place. He has written us an ordinance to help us to improve the situation at the cemetery. Mayor Flowers commended Mr. McAllister for writing the ordinance. Mayor Flowers stated he would like to look over the ordinance before it is approved.

**D) Motion to Close Public Session**

- \*Motion made per Alderman Mooring to go into closed session for legal contract  
Motion seconded by Alderman Annie Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.
- \*Motion made per Alderman Mooring to go out of closed session  
Motion seconded by Alderman Annie Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

**E) Michael McAllister (Resolution CDBG)**

Mayor Flowers stated that after getting school readings we have computed that over 1yr we have paid \$116,000 to treat sewage at Norwayne that we had not charged them. Mrs. Aycock sent a letter to the school board making a request that they reimburse us \$100,000 for that use. Mayor Flowers, Michael McAllister and Mrs. Aycock made a presentation to the school board and it was all factual and to the point and looked to be in our favor. After their presentation the maintenance director stated he had just gotten back from Norwayne and the installer of the water meter there had just calibrated the meter and it was not correct. Mr. McAllister stated this was on the conservative side. He stated

they have replaced the line going thru the woods. He stated we would revisit this as soon as we get the calibration confirmed.

Mayor Flowers asked if there was a motion to table the Resolution involving Fremont and Eureka.

Alderman Smith made a motion to table the Resolution involving Fremont and Eureka until after the meeting. Motion seconded per Alderman Mooring. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**F) Business/Garage Mr. Cris Roma---Omitted from Agenda**

**G) Keith Spivey Report Step Grant Information**

Mayor Flowers stated Keith Spivey had to leave so he is unable to give an update at this time.

**H) Fall Cleanup**

Clean up October 12-16, 2015 This announcement will be put on the bills and flyers placed around town.

**Reports**

**Financial Summary**

Karen Peeden stated we needed to keep a check on our spending and not over spend. No questions or comments

**Electrical**

No questions or comments

**Water**

No questions or comments

**Sewer**

Mrs. Aycock stated this is the lowest bill we have paid to Goldsboro in many years. She stated the biggest thing that has helped is finding the problem that was at the pool. Tim Howell stated they did smoke testing on Sept 1-3 and thanked Alderman Mooring for helping to do that. As of to date found 60 cleanouts and 50 have been fixed so far. Mike McAllister stated this needed to be done about every 6 months.

**Solid Waste**

No questions or comments

**Late Penalties**

No questions or comments

**Chief Moats Police Monthly Report**

Chief Moats states there is not a lot to report. Everything is still quite. No major incidents to report. He stated he sent our a letter to the auction house. He met with David Daniels and renter and walked around with them and should them things that needed addressing. Advised him to neatly stack things and stuff that was of no good needed to be gotten rid of. They have been working on it. They are aware that we are in the abatement process of it and if it is not done in a timely manner then we will proceed with our abatement.

Alderman Annie Lewis stated a lady was supposed to come to meeting tonight to complain about music being so loud on her street during the alumni weekend. Chief Moats said they made them aware of the noise ordinance. Stated he only received 2 reports and both were checked on and spoke with the residents.

Motion was made 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

