



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont
Meeting
July 18th, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on July 18th, 2017. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
W.T. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem
Leon Mooring, Alderman
Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman
Al Lewis, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Marti Jones, Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell, Deputy Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Public Works Director Tim Howell, and Chief Paul Moats.

Quorum Present: YES

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Al Lewis gave the invocation. Alderwoman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda and Minutes

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Leon Mooring. Alderman Al Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Joyce Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

1) Mayor Flowers will speak and Barbara Aycock will answer questions at the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee Meeting on July 19th, 2017 at 4:00.

Public Comments

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for Public Comments

Larry Jones, President of Norwayne Alumni, of 106 E Norwayne Alumni Way presented the Town Board and staff with the plans for the Norwayne Alumni for the upcoming weekends of August 26th and September 2nd. He handed out booklets with the information of the events that will take place during these weekends. He also stated he would like for at some time the Town and Norwayne Alumni to put a big sign up on 795 and also he would like for the Town to think about helping the Alumni with a Community Center for the Town.

Isaac Artis of 507 E Lee St asked if the Planning Board had been resolved.

Mayor Flowers responded no

Mr. Artis stated they had not had a meeting in a year.

Mayor Flowers asked had Mr. Artis spoken with the chairman.

Mr. Artis stated no and this was a question for the Board.

Mayor Flowers responded not to his knowledge.

Lamont Whitley of 400 E Main St stated he would like to commend the Public Works Dept. for letting him know he had a leak at his house. It was later found to be a leak on the Town's side and it was fixed very promptly and he appreciated the help and fast service.

Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for Public Comments

Action Items

1) Approval for the rate of the Special Garbage Pick-up Services

Mayor Flowers stated this is for a rate for garbage pickup services for citizens who work out of Town only and cannot get there cans out and returned as they are supposed to.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the rate of the special garbage pickup services for \$35.00. Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Approve Billboard Sign Ordinance

Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the Billboard Ordinance. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Information

1) Graph for Goldsboro Sewer Cost/Rainfall

Mrs. Aycock presented the Board with a graph showing how the rainfall does affect our Sewer cost and how by finding issues such as at Norwayne and Hillandale how the rainfall may stay the same but our bills are getting lower. She states we are doing what we need to do to bring the cost down.

2) Graph for General Fund Balances

Mrs. Aycock stated she looked basically at the years 2013-2014 and we were in the negative in the general funds at this time. In each year we keep coming up but from 2013 back money was being transferred from the electric fund to the general fund. From 2013 forward we have not transferred any money.

3) 311 GIS App

Mrs. Aycock states this is something that has been in place for years. She states when it is finalized you can use an app on your phone or use our computer and you can put in for example like if you see a pot hole on the street you will be able to notify everyone on that system about the pothole.

New Business

1) Bids for painting the front of Town Hall

Mrs. Aycock stated around the big windows out front of the Town Hall are leaking because the caulking around the windows has deteriorated. She stated she has asked for bids to scrape, caulk and paint the white parts of the front of the Town Hall Building, They have received 2 bids so far. Mr. Ray West stated on his quote he left out scraping on his quote but that was to be included in the quote.

Alderman Artis stated she wanted to see in writing where Mr. West was going to add scraping to his quote.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to approve for Ray West to scrape, caulk and paint the areas discussed for his quote of \$1,500.00. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. 5 voted for Mr. West to do the work and 1 was opposed. Alderman Artis stated she would change her vote once she say that he had added scraping to his quote.

2) Request to NC DOT to insert signal/crossing gates at Main Street Railroad Crossing

Mrs. Aycock stated this was concerning a letter she had written concerning the crossing at the railroad. She stated the guy responded to her and told her it was a federal thing and they would take it into consideration. She stated she would stay on top of this and see if we can get some cross bars up at this railroad crossing.

Mayor Flowers stated they had closed North and South Street railroad crossings.

3) In Town Properties that need removal and/or condemning

Mrs. Aycock stated that in the agenda packet there are a lot of houses around Town that are in bad condition. The house at 103 Ward Street is one in particular that needs to be condemned plus there is an open well on the property. Mrs. Aycock stated she has sent

letters out to the homeowners to address these issue but she had only heard back from one person. Mrs. Aycock stated that if the owner does not comply with the letter then you have to have the house condemned and if this is done you have to tear the house down. If this is done the Town will have to tear it down and then try to get the money from the owner. She stated if she did not get a response to her letter within 30 days she would like to resend the letter and then see what our next step would be.

Mr. Howell gave a slide presentation of the abandoned houses.

Mrs. Aycock stated also we have a list of property's that the Town is mowing their grass. We have 3 guys that cut grass continuously.

Alderwoman Artis asked

Reports

Financial

Mrs. Fennell stated she added new information on the reports. This shows exactly how much money has been spent out of that fund for the month as well as the year. She stated on the Late Penalty report she added the reconnect fees and payment adjustments. On the cash trending report looking at the comparison from 2015-2016 of June we are \$300,000 ahead as of right now.

Mayor Flowers stated on the budget report there was a Grant Statement and he wanted to review that.

Mrs. Aycock stated her and Shameshia wanted to put a report together that showed the different grants. Mrs. Aycock reviewed each of the grants. The lagoon has had a lot of work done there with the back pond being drained. After the liner is put in they will drain the front pond and put into the back pond. The Gold Leaf funds will be used to fix the Hillandale Pump station. She stated after these grants are completed our sewer system should be in good working condition and we should see better results.

Alderwoman Artis asked about the CSX grant. Mrs. Aycock responded they have not paid us yet.

Tim Howell, Public Works

Mr. Howell states he has nothing more to share.

Chief Moats

Chief Moats wanted to thank the staff as far as their assistance with their budget. He stated they apply for a GCC grant and they have gotten it the last 6 years he has been here. He states this helps him to get upgraded and new equipment without it being a cost to the Town. He states his department runs on a minimal budget for the necessities of every day operations. Chief Moats stated there was an accident at the railroad tracks involving a train and a Coca-Cola truck but there were no injuries.

Mayor Flowers commended the chief on his work at the Fremont Stars School and at Peele Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated he believed we should contact CSX about putting crossbars at the railroad tracks on Main St.

Mayor Flowers asked for any other questions or comments.
None noted.

Alderwoman Annie Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Martha A. Jones Town Clerk