



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont
Meeting
June 20th, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on June 20th, 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 Alderwoman Joyce Reid. Alderman Leon Mooring 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 May 16th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Annie Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

1) Town Hall will be closed July 4th, 2017 in Observance of Independence Day

Public Comments

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for Public Comments

Gloria Whitley of 815 S Sycamore St stated that there are some houses down the street from her that are abandoned but people are coming in and out of there and you can see flashlights in the house at night. She states she has reported this to the police and she is very concerned about this.

Mayor Flowers stated that we will look at this very seriously.

Chief Moats stated he will check on this and have his officers to continue to watch and monitor these houses.

Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for Public Comments

Public Hearing

Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2017-2018 budget

Mayor Flowers stated the budget must be approved by July 1st, 2017

There were no Public comments.

Mayor Flowers closed the Public Hearing

Speaker: Mrs. Katrina Holt from the Fremont Health Clinic

Mrs. Holt stated the free clinic has been serving Fremont and the surrounding counties since 1989. The Duke University Medical students and undergraduates, faculty members and residents of the Fremont community have been volunteering to provide free health care to Fremont and the surrounding areas. All services provided are free of charge to all individuals regardless of insurance or finances. Goshen Medical Center provides follow up care and primary care to patients of the clinic. They have been working on renovating the Clinic doing such things as a new handicap ramp, repairs to the buildings structure, repairing the window structures, installing new smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, repairs to the back porch, rear entrance and doorway and the purchasing of a new A/C unit. She stated these upgrades were made possible thru the contributions provided to the clinic from the Town of Fremont, fundraisers and community donations. They also have future projects in mind that they want to complete in the near future. She stated they provide services at least once a month on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-1 and are exploring the idea of adding more days for the clinic to be open. Mrs. Holt introduced the following Board of Director members that were present at the Meeting. Mrs. Wanda Artis, Mr. Bobby Artis and Mrs. Gloria Whitley.

Mr. Bobby Artis stated their goal is to try to expand the healthcare at the clinic, make it more accessible and make people aware that it is there.

Action Items

1) Approved proposed 2017-2018 Budget

Mayor Flowers stated we are looking for action to approve the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget as written. Alderwoman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2) Approve for donation to the Friends of the Wayne County Public Library

Mayor Flowers stated he wanted to find out more about this and contact the Fremont Library before we decided to act on this item.

3) Approve Billboard sign ordinance

Mayor Flowers stated our old ordinance does not contain much material and is outdated. He has had some inquiries from local land owners about placing billboards out by 795 and he has come up with this present ordinance that Wayne County has. He stated we could act on it tonight or could just review it and act on it later. He suggest if we have no objection we would turn this over to the staff.

4) Update for Garbage Ordinance discussion/action if needed.

Mayor Flowers stated in the agenda are updated pages to the garbage/recycle ordinance. Lynn Broome from Public Works stated he has been here for 4 months now and he has been doing citations for leaves not being bagged and for garbage cans not being pulled back. The cost for the books he is writing the citations on is \$48.44 and he has written 66 citations in the last couple of months. There is also a cost for letterhead, envelopes and there is a \$3.35 postage for the certified letters that are given after the second warning. Also the time it is taking for him to write the citations and for Mrs. Daly to write the letters. He states this is costing a lot of time and money. He states they are doing this on a monthly basis and by the time he gets back to check on the warnings the month is over and it is time to start over.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stated the present ordinance stated that the two warning were per calendar year and then after that the \$25.00 penalty would be applied to the bill.

Mayor Flowers stated that when we started this we wanted to try on a monthly basis and now we see this is not working so maybe we should change it to present ordinance of per calendar year.

Mr. Broome asked also what do we do if the person is out of Town working and cannot get back to pull his trash cans in? This is mainly for people who work out of Town not just on vacation or something.

Mrs. Fennell, Finance Officer, stated she knew that in Goldsboro they give a special rate for people who are out of Town working and they pull their trash cans out and in for them.

Mayor Flowers suggested the Board look through the garbage and recycle ordinance and we will discuss it at the next meeting and see how things are progressing with the citations. Also, he wants the staff to come up with a fee for people who work out of town and cannot pick their garbage up. He stated we will bring back the garbage, recycle and billboard ordinance for possible adoption next month.

5) Approve Budget Amendments #1664, #1665, #1671, and #1724.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to pass the above amendments. Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Information

1) Wayne Community College Classes

Mrs. Aycock stated Wayne Community College is offering classes in this area for citizens. Computer classes and others will be taught at the Norwayne Alumni Building and also at the Town Hall.

2) CCR Water Reports

Mayor Flowers stated we buy our water from Wayne Water District and the law requires that not only do they check the water we have to also. In the agenda is the reports from both Wayne Water District and the Town of Fremont.

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