



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont
Meeting
April 18, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on April 18, 2018. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman
Al Lewis, Alderman
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman
Leon Mooring, Alderman
Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell, and Public Works Director Tim Howell.

Those not in attendance were Mayor Pro-tem W. T. Smith and Chief Paul Moats.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Rev. Ira Reynolds and Alderwoman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Flowers asked that under Action Items (Pink) that approval of Ordinance Title I and Title III and closed session be added. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the changes. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 Board Meeting. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018.

Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the closed session minutes of March 20, 2018. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the closed session minutes of March 20, 2018. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comment.

Rev. Ira Reynolds from First Missionary Baptist Church stated that he received a letter from HUD about the lot behind Fremont Health Clinic and they were requesting that something be done to improve the appearance of the clinic. Mayor Flowers said that we will get with the right person and have a meeting to try to get something done and he told Rev. Reynolds that he would be invited to attend the meeting.

Rev. Ira Reynolds stated that due to the water in the ditch at First Missionary Baptist Church, the food truck is having a hard time getting the food to the church. He said that they would like this issue to be addressed and that they would like to put in a parking pad. Mr. Howell said that he and Mrs. Aycock have talked about the ditch and they will be getting it fixed very soon.

Rev. Ira Reynolds stated that they are having a meeting on April 30th at 10 am at St. James Church to discuss the picnic/concert at Charles B. Aycock Birthplace. He said the date has been set for August 18th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Rev. Ira Reynolds stated that there will be a Memorial Day service on May 28th at 2 pm at the Methodist church.

Alderwoman Artis asked Rev. Ira Reynolds if he was looking for assistance to help with the cost of the parking pad and he said yes. He stated that the cost is around \$2,800 and they are going to get it done before the third Tuesday of next month. Mayor Flowers said that the concern he has is the cost associated with the building that fell across the street. He suggested that they wait to address the parking pad until they discuss the cost for the cleanup of the building.

Travis Moore stated that the National Day of Prayer will be May 3rd at Fremont Missionary Baptist Church at noon.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

Information

Mayor Flowers commented on the letter from Colonel Walter J. Marm and his wife.

Mayor Flowers referenced the upcoming events.

Mayor Flowers was pleased with the hard work of the town staff during the Daffodil festival. He stated that we had a crowd and possibly 15,000 people attended.

Mrs. Aycock said last Monday the building across the street had fallen. She stated that the building was not owned by the town and we have had to go through a process before we could start to remove the debris. She said that the owner has filed bankruptcy and the town will have to tear down the building which will cost around \$10,000 and a lien will be put on the property. She said the town will get the building if the owner does not pay the cost for tearing down and removing the debris, and a contractor will begin to tear down the building tomorrow. She stated that the engineer is giving the contractor the information on how to brace the building so that there will be no damage to the other buildings that are attached to the fallen building. She said that there is no plan in the budget to pay the \$10,000 so there will have to be an adjustment to the budget. Mayor Flowers stated that Wayne county inspector condemned two of the four buildings and the other owner of the condemned building, Mr. Jeffreys, is willing to fix the issues with his building. Mrs. Aycock stated that Mr. Jeffreys has 10 days to give her a written agreement on what he is going to do to fix those issues. She said that once he does what he does to the building that she will have Wayne county inspector inspect it to make sure it is fixed properly. She said if she does not have anything from Mr. Jeffreys within 10 days she will contact our attorney to start the process of addressing the problem. Alderwoman Artis asked if we could do anything to make the owners of the other buildings in town fix the issues with their buildings. Mrs. Aycock stated that if we were to have the inspector inspect the buildings and if they get condemned then the town has a responsibility to do something with the buildings and the town doesn't have the funds to do that. Mr. Howell stated that we have flown a drone over the top of all the buildings in town and we have pictures of them and Mrs. Aycock stated that we are looking at all the buildings and are starting to address them.

Mayor Flowers mentioned that the job fair will be on April 24th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Mayor Flowers stated that the Joy of Birding class will be on April 24th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Town Hall. Mrs. Aycock stated that Wayne Community College is willing to come to Fremont to provide classes but if the community does not support it, then they will stop the classes.

Mayor Flowers stated that the town will be closed on May 28th for Memorial Day.

Action Items

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve ordinances Title I and Title II. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to approve ordinances Title I and Title II. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2777. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2777. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2787. Alderwoman Artis asked why the professional services were increased to \$11,525. Mrs. Fennell explained that it was due to several reasons. Some of them are the extra cost for the building that had fallen. Mrs. Aycock stated that there is cost for the engineer and the attorney to handle the issues on the building. Mayor Flowers asked if it included the \$10,000 to have it removed and Mrs. Aycock said no. Alderwoman Artis asked if the \$13,000 increase for maintenance & repair equipment was for the garbage truck. Mrs. Aycock and Mrs. Fennell said yes. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2787. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Town of Fremont to engage in electronic payments as defined by G.S. 159-28 or G.S. 115C-441. Alderman Mooring made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Town of Fremont to engage in electronic payments. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the resolution for interlocal agreement between Wayne County and the Town of Fremont and to approve the flood plain ordinance. Alderman Mooring made the motion to pass the resolution for interlocal agreement between Wayne County and the Town of Fremont and to approve the flood plain ordinance. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to amend Chapter 50 Ordinance - Garbage and Rubbish to change the \$10 per bulk item to the bulk item schedule and to add the fall and spring cleanup. Alderman Mooring made a motion to amend Chapter 50 Ordinance - Garbage and Rubbish. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss contracts. Alderwoman Reid made a motion to go into closed session. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to come out of closed session. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers announced that we were in open session.

Reports

Financial Summary reports were given by Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell. Mayor Flowers asked about the difference of \$24,000 between what was billed and what was collected on the sewer report and Mrs. Fennell stated that it has to do with how the Logics system applies the payments.

Mayor Flowers stated that he finds it remarkable that we only have about one check that gets returned per month.

Alderwoman Artis if there was a cash trending report and Mrs. Fennell said that there was not a cash trending report because the auditor requested that Logics reset all of our bank reconcilements for this year and she has to balance all the bank statements after Logics resets them.

Public Works Director Tim Howell did not have a report due to technical difficulties. He said he will present it next month. Alderwoman Artis asked if the public works staff had a special uniform that they wear when they clean out ditches and he said no, but they do wear steel toed boots and chaps when using a chain saw. Mrs. Aycock said that they do have Town of Fremont t-shirts that they wear.

Mrs. Aycock stated that Chief Paul Moats had nothing to report.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.



W. Darron Flowers, Mayor



Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk