

Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont

Meeting

August 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on August 15, 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, Deputy Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell, 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. Rev. Ira Reynolds 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.

Also, Alderwoman Joyce Artis made an amendment to the approval of the agenda for closed session on personnel for about 5 minutes. Alderwoman Joyce Reid seconded the amendment of the agenda.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Joyce Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Town Hall will be closed on Monday September 4, 2017 for Labor Day.

Public Comments

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Rev. Ira Reynolds from the First Missionary Baptist Church on S Goldsboro Street reported that his church and the churches in the community has purchased and donated school supplies for the children in Fremont to be given out on the 4th Saturday in August from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The student have to be present in order to receive this package. Also, I would like to thank the Mayor Flowers for supported me on my 8th anniversary at the church.

Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for Public Comment.

Action Items

1.) Approval of request for Shannon Daly as Town Clerk

Alderman W. T. Smith made a motion for Shannon Daly to become Town Clerk for the Town of Fremont. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The Oath of Office were given by Mayor Flowers. Mayor Flowers then congratulated Mrs. Daly. Mrs. Daly thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity of the responsibility. And to the citizens of Fremont I will do my best to serve you.

2.) Approval of Brunch Bill Ordinance

Alderman W. T. Smith made a motion to allow the sale of Alcoholic Beverages before noon on Sundays at licensed premises. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. The motion failed. Opposed were Alderman Al Lewis, Alderwoman Joyce Artis, Alderwoman Annie Lewis and Alderwoman Joyce Reid.

Information

1.) Matthew Wittle: Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro

Mr. Wittle thanked Mrs. Aycock and the Board for allowing him to come over and speak to all about Habitat for Humanity. I think there is definitely potential for a good and productive relationship between Habitat and Fremont. In your packet you will find the homeownership and home repair application that gives you all the information that is required. There are four basic guidelines that have to be met. (1) How can I qualify for Habitat home repairs? A. You have to own your home and have lived in it for at least one year. (2) You must be in need of home repairs. (3) Income and Ability to Pay. This is based on family size and income along with no bankruptcy in the last 24 months, payment history making your payments on time and no excessive debt or multiple bills in collections. (4) Be a willing participant to partner with Habitat. Meaning to put in a small number of required sweat equity hours helping with my own home repairs and those of others. Willing to attend workshops on how to maintain the repairs that have been made.

2.) Michael McAllister: Lagoon, Hillandale, Sewer Line, Letter.

Mr. McAllister reported that the lagoon project has gone into the construction phase and is moving along and it on budget. The Hillandale project is about ready to go on bid. We are applying for another Gold Leaf Grant for \$300,000 thousand and some and the Mellon Grant we have received it four times already. The county has signed an agreement with Eureka and Goldsboro to see if the fees that are being charged are feasible. We have not been contacted yet on this matter. ArrowBack and Cox Edwards will maintain the first system for Eureka. Mayor Flowers thanked Mr. McAllister for what he has done for Fremont.

3.) Town Hall will be closed on September 4, 2017 for Labor Day

Reports

Financial

Mrs. Fennell stated that she has added new information to the reports for clarity and if anyone needed to see more information please let her know.

Garbage Offenses

Mrs. Daly reported on the garbage offenses. There were 12 customers that received the first offense letter for this month. As for the bulk good items we ride around and get the addresses and then make the call to find out if the customer is wanting the town to pick up the items placed in front of the homes or will they have it removed. So far this seems to be working out.

Tim Howell Public Works

Mr. Howell was absent due to the death of his mother. Mayor Flowers asked for a moment of silence.

Chief Moats

Mr. Moats reported that he and the officers are continuing to do their jobs and crime at this time is down.

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

Shannon Daly, Town Clerk