



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont  
Meeting  
February 20, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on February 20, 2018. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
W. T. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem  
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, 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. Invocation was given by Mayor Flowers and Alderwoman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Flowers asked that under the Information (Blue) that #6 Public Hearing to approve the Resolution for the USDA Grant/Loan for work truck be added. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the changes. Alderman 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 January 16, 2018 Board Meeting minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of

January 16, 2018. Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Information**

Mayor Flowers stated that the items under information was self-explanatory but asked Administrator Barbara Aycock to comment on item #5 which was the sewer yearly report for 2017. Administrator Barbara Aycock went over the report and emphasized that there was over 18 million gallons of sewer that went through the Hillandale lift station that had been unaccounted for. This cost the town \$103,930. There was some discussion about the sewer report and the issues with the sewer throughout the town. Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that once the Hillandale project is completed, which will begin the first week in March and end in October, we should see a big difference in the amount of sewer going through the Hillandale lift station which will save the town thousands of dollars.

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comment.

Rev. Ira Reynolds from First Missionary Baptist Church stated that the food bank gave out 7,000 pounds of food. He stated that the local pastors will be meeting to discuss how they can use Charles B. Aycock Historical Center for the community, such as a picnic or gospel concert. He also asked for some assistance on fixing the ditch behind the church. Administrator Barbara Aycock said that the county has a grant to fix ditches in the community and we should know something about it this fall. He asked about the pipeline coming here because the town needs jobs and Administrator Barbara Aycock said that there were people working on getting it here. Mayor Flowers thanked Rev. Reynolds and his supporters for all they do for this town.

Joy Grant, a line dance instructor from the city of Goldsboro, was asked by Dr. Joe at Goshen Medical Center to address the board and offer to teach line dance to the citizens of Fremont. Mayor Flowers' concern was that we may not have the space to have it. Mrs. Grant was told that we had a community center that may work and Alderwoman Reid said that we had the Norwayne Alumni building. Mayor Flowers asked her to leave her information and we would see if there is any interest in line dancing.

Tina Moore, from Kinston, wants to open up an internet sweepstakes here in Fremont. Mayor Flowers said that we have an ordinance to give them direction. There were some discussion about the ordinance, zoning and where they would open up.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

## **Action Items**

1) Audit Report

Chris Martin from Andrew Harris, CPA PLLC gave the audit report and emphasized that each year our financial status is getting better. Mayor Flowers asked if everything was in order and if we were given the highest rating that he can give and Chris said yes sir.

2) Garbage and Recycling Ordinance

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the revised ordinance for Chapter 50: Garbage and Rubbish. Alderwoman Lewis made the motion to approve Chapter 50: Garbage and Rubbish. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the revised ordinance for Chapter 51: Recycling. Alderman Mooring made the motion to approve Chapter 51: Recycling. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Reports**

Financial Summary report was given by Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell. She stated that everything was on the up and up. She gave an explanation of why some of the numbers were off on the sewer and talked about us not be able to spray. Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that the reason we did not spray very much was due to the freezing weather and how it would freeze the lines and they would bust. Mrs. Fennell stated that she added the capital management savings fund back into the report and it is current.

Public Works Director Tim Howell gave his reports. There were some discussion about meter tampering, a water line in the irrigation house busting due to freezing, a storm drain that needed cleaning, a manhole being covered up, and a blow off hydrant. Tim stated that the paving crew will be here tomorrow.

Chief Paul Moats gave a brief report. He stated that we have had a quiet month here in Fremont, but he did want the public to be aware of there being a problem with ATM machines. He said that there have been some machines that have been tampered with in order to get your card and PIN number. There were none in Fremont, but he wanted the public to be mindful of this.

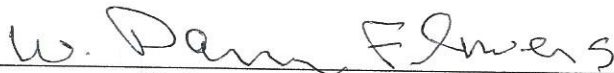
### Closed Session

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

Mayor Flowers announced that we were in open session.

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



W. Darron Flowers, Mayor



Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk