

Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting January 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on January 15, 2019. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Public Works Director Tim Howell, and Chief Paul Moats.

Those not in attendance were Alderman Al Lewis and Town Administrator Barbara Aycock. Shameshia Fennell resigned as Finance Officer and was not present.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Flowers gave the invocation.

Boy Scout Frederick led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Flowers asked to amend the agenda to add Sanitary Sewer System Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study and Railroad Crossing Closing to the Information section. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. Mayor Flowers asked if there is any discussion and Alderwoman Artis asked to amend the agenda to add discussing how to handle abstentions on voting. Mayor Flowers said that the motion had already been made and there was a second to approve the amended agenda as it is which did not include her suggested amendment. Mayor Flowers asked the board if they would like to add the amendment of how to handle

abstentions to the Information section and the board agreed. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comment.

Mayor Flowers asked the boy scouts to stand up and introduce themselves, along with the adults. Mayor Flowers asked why they were here and they said that they had to attend a board meeting in order to obtain their badge.

Paul and Ella Setliff who live at 300 E. Wayne Street stated that they have experienced flooding during the last two hurricanes. Both times their air conditioner was flooded and the cost of repairs were over \$10,000. Mr. Setliff stated that until the last two years, they have never experienced flooding and he cannot understand what the problem is. Public Works Director Tim Howell said that there is sand in the main drain in front of their house and that we are working with Fema to correct the problem. He stated that they have a meeting with Fema tomorrow at 2 p.m. to discuss these issues but the drains will be fixed. Mrs. Setliff showed the board and staff pictures of her property showing the flooding problem. Mayor Flowers said that we will see what we can do about this issue and asked Tim to keep Mr. and Mrs. Setliff informed. Mr. Setliff asked Public Works Director Tim Howell if he could ride by his house tomorrow and look at the ruts in his yard to see if it may be from the garbage or recycle truck. Mr. and Mrs. Setliff thanked the board and staff for listening to their concerns and Alderman Mooring thanked them for bringing it to our attention.

Leroy Ruffin stated that he has had the same problem with flooding during the hurricane. He said that the ditches are not draining properly which is causing major problems. Mayor Flowers commented that the ditches are a main concern for the town.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2018 Board Meeting. Mayor Pro-tem made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2018. Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. Mayor Flowers asked if there was any discussion. Alderwoman Artis wanted to correct the minutes to say that Rev. Ira Reynolds initiated the food bank instead of started it. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to amend the minutes to say initiated instead of started. Mayor Pro-tem made a motion and Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Information

Mayor Flowers stated that the town hall will be closed on Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and that there will be a program at St. James Church at 10 a.m. to recognize Mr. King's achievements.

Mayor Flowers discussed the Low-Income Energy Assistance for Wayne County residence. He stated that there are families that need this assistance and we need to get the word out about this program. He stated it will continue until March 29th and that the residence could receive either \$200, \$300, or \$400.

Mayor Flowers stated that Vocational Rehabilitation services will be available at town hall the 1st Tuesday of the month and at Norwayne Alumni building the 3rd Tuesday of the month. He stated that the food pantry is at the Norwayne Alumni building on the 3rd Tuesday also.

Mayor Flowers discussed the Sanitary Sewer System Merger/Regionalization Feasibility study. He stated that he attended a meeting today and it was determined that if Fremont merged with Eureka, Fremont will incur a rate increase, but Eureka will benefit from it. He said that if there was a merger between Goldsboro, Fremont, and Eureka, Fremont and Eureka will benefit from it, but Goldsboro will have a rate increase. Mayor Flowers stated that these results is exactly what we thought it would be. Alderwoman Artis asked for a copy of the study and Mayor Flowers gave it to Town Clerk Shannon Daly to make copies.

Mayor Flowers stated that the Main Street and Carolina Street railroad crossings will be closed. He asked Alderman Mooring to read the announcement on railroad crossing closings. Alderman Mooring stated that the crossing will be closed due to repairs. He said that Main Street and Carolina Street crossings will be closed from Thursday, January 17th until Monday, January 21st and Norwayne Alumni Way and Balance crossings will be closed from Monday, January 21st until Thursday, January 24th. Mayor Flowers asked Town Clerk Shannon Daly to discuss the detour route for trucks. Town Clerk Shannon Daly stated that the detour will be Wayne Street crossing and she had expressed to Mr. Timms, the Traffic Control Supervisor, that there have been several trucks that have gotten stuck on that crossing. She stated that Mr. Timms said that there was nothing he can do but pray that everything goes well. Mayor Flowers stated that we are dealing with DOT and the railroad and we are not involved in these decisions. Alderwoman Artis asked if we can inform the local businesses and Public Works Director Tim Howell said he has notified all the businesses. Chief Moats said he posted it on their face book page and if there is a truck that gets stuck then at least we don't have to be concerned about a train coming by. Mayor Pro-tem Smith asked when will Wayne Street crossing be closed and Public Works Director Howell said that it has not been scheduled yet. Chief Moats stated to not give out the contact numbers on the business card, but to give citizens the email address at the top of the page if they have concerns.

Alderwoman Artis gave each board member and staff a copy of a document that she found from MRSC, Local Government Success. This document gave an explanation and examples of Robert's Rule of Order concerning abstentions on voting. There was much discussion about this document and how the board has handled abstentions on voting in the past and how the board wants to handle abstentions on voting in the future. Mayor Flowers asked Alderwoman Artis for a motion. Alderwoman Artis made a motion to follow the Robert's Rule of Order and all abstained votes not be counted as either yes or no vote. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. Two favored, Alderwoman Artis and Alderwoman Reid; and three opposed, Mayor Pro-tem Smith,

Alderman Mooring, and Alderwoman Lewis. Motion failed for lack of the majority. Alderman Mooring made a motion that abstentions count as a yes vote. Mayor Pro-tem seconded it. There was some discussion. Three favored, Mayor Pro-tem Smith, Alderman Mooring, and Alderwoman Lewis; and two opposed, Alderwoman Artis and Alderwoman Reid. Motion passed.

Action Items

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the State SRP Grant for 1,200,000. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the State SRP Grant. Mayor Pro-tem Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked if Andrew Harris was here to give the financial audit and Public Works Director Tim Howell said no. Mayor Flowers stated that we cannot approve the financial audit and we will have to follow up later.

Reports

Town Clerk Shannon Daly gave the financial reports. Alderwoman Artis asked about the garbage truck and Public Works Director Tim Howell said that the truck is doing good so far. Mayor Flowers asked him to discuss the bidding process on the truck and he said that he put it on .gov and the first twelve days the highest bid was \$50,000 and the second twelve days the highest bid was \$16,000, but we have to have at least \$82,000.

Public Works Director Tim Howell showed pictures of asphalt they are working on, tree removal, and storm debris that they are hauling off. Mayor Pro-tem Smith said that there is water across halfway of the road in front of the speedway. Public Works Director Tim Howell said he will put in a work order to DOT. Alderwoman Artis said that 209 W. Norwayne Alumni Way has an issue and Public Works Director Tim Howell said that it was one of the projects they are working on with Fema.

Chief Paul Moats stated that overall the town's crime rate was lower than it was last year and that there were significantly less reports in 2018. He stated that unfortunately we had our first homicide since he has been here, which has been over eight years and it occurred on December 15th. He stated that Nacarsa Ford was the victim and was pronounced dead on the scene. He stated that the officers did an outstanding job in this investigation and they had put in 108 hours. He stated that they have arrested 3 of the 4 suspects. The first one was arrested within 24 hours after the shooting, the second one on the second day, the third one on the third day, and they have obtained an outstanding warrant for the fourth one. He stated that it will be a long process that will take from 24 to 36 months before they go to trial. He stated that their job is to catch the right individuals who committed the crime and bring closer to the family and that is what they have done. Alderwoman Artis asked if he knew who had hit the building on Wilson Street and Chief Moats said yes and that they had did a report, contacted the building inspector and Public Works Director Tim Howell, and closed the road until the building could be assessed.

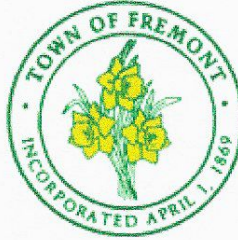
Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk



**Minutes of Special Called Meeting
January 29, 2019**

The Special Called meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 29, 2019. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Public Works Director Tim Howell, and Chief Paul Moats.

Those not in attendance were Alderwoman Annie Lewis.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Lewis gave the invocation.

Alderwoman Reid led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-tem Smith seconded it. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comment.

Mayor Flowers asked Chief Moats to introduce the guest. Chief Moats introduced the intern, Ke'Audrey Williamson, who will be doing her internship for Barton College which will consist of 363 hours of training and ride-along experience. She is a senior and

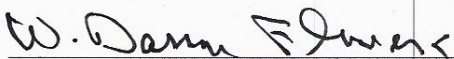
will be graduating in May. Mayor Flowers welcomed her, along with the board members and staff.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

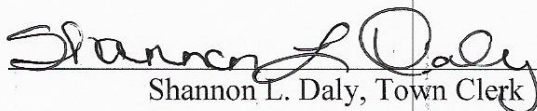
Information

Mayor Flowers asked Town Administrator Barbara Aycock to explain the information concerning the garbage truck. Mrs. Aycock stated that they had put the garbage truck on gov deals and had a bid for \$80,000. She explained that the payoff is \$70,395.07 and the loan would not be paid off until 2026. She said if we wanted to sell the garbage truck, Waste Industries can pick up the trash for the Town of Fremont. Alderman Mooring asked if the scheduled would stay the same and Public Works Director Tim Howell said yes, but the time may be different. Alderwoman Artis asked what the fee would be from Waste Industries and Mrs. Aycock said we charge \$18.00 per month, but Waste Industries will charge \$15.50 per month since we have our own garbage carts. She said once Waste Industries has to replace the carts, the price will be \$17.00 per month. Mayor Pro-tem Smith asked if we had extra carts and Mr. Howell said yes we do. Mayor Flowers asked if we would be under a contract and Mr. Howell said yes and Mayor Pro-tem Smith asked for how long and Mr. Howell said for one year. Alderwoman Artis asked if we knew who the buyer was and where he was from and Mr. Howell said he was from a waste company. She asked if he knew anything about the truck and Mr. Howell said that he had listed the truck as fair and has answered all questions that have been asked. Alderwoman Artis asked what Lynn's duties would be and Mr. Howell said he will still pick up yard debris, bulk good items, and Spring and Fall cleanup. Mr. Howell said he will also help with various other things such as grass mowing. Alderman Lewis asked when will recyclables be picked up and Mr. Howell said every other week. Alderman Lewis said that there will be a problem with the months that we have 5 weeks. Mr. Howell said he will check with Waste Industries to see how they will handle that. Alderwoman Artis asked how we will handle situations where people may need an extra cart due to a party or holidays. Mrs. Aycock said that we will work that out and if need be we could make sure they got the extra cart and we can use the grapple truck to pick up the extra trash in those situations. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to proceed with the sell of the garbage truck for \$80,000. Mayor Pro-tem Smith made the motion to proceed with the sell of the garbage truck for \$80,000. Alderman Mooring seconded it. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously.

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



W. Darron Flowers, Mayor



Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk