

**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont
Meeting
March 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 7:30 p.m. on March 17, 2015. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
Harold Cuddington, Mayor pro-tem
W. T. Smith, Alderman
Leon Mooring, Alderman
Joyce C. Reid, Alderman
Annie Lewis, Alderman
Al Lewis, Alderman

Also in attendance were Interim Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Finance Officer Karen Peeden, Public Works Tim Howell and Town Clerk Dianne H. Spellman. Deputy Clerk Marti Jones and Chief Paul Moats were absent.

Quorum Present: YES

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor pro-tem Harold Cuddington offered a prayer. Alderman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda

Mayor Flowers asked if anything more needed to be added to the agenda before approval.

Alderman Annie Lewis made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Alderman Al Lewis seconded the motion.

Alderman Joyce Reid mad a motion to approve the January 20, 2015, January 27, 2015 and closed session minutes of January 20, 2015. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Session:

Mayor Flowers opened the public comment session. There was no one present to speak. Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

Public Hearing / Agenda Abstract for Public Hearing

Mr. Mike McAllister from Municipal Engineering explained to the citizens the CDBG Grant for Wastewater for 1,888,310 million dollars the town was applying for. He went into detail to say that the money would be to partially fund wastewater lagoon

improvements including repairs to the erosion residual sludge in the bottom of each lagoon, wetwell repairs with new odor control system replacement of sewer line, manhole rehabilitation, and updating/ replacement of flow measurement devices.

This grant is due by March 31, 2015.

The agenda abstract for public hearing was read in its entirety. (Also included in the minutes.)

Mayor Flowers thanked Mr. McAllister for all the hard work he has shown toward this project.

Mayor Flowers closed the public hearing.

Action Items

Bid Tabulation for Water Project

Contractors Bids

Ralph Hodge Construction Company	\$ 827,838.00
T.A. Loving Company	\$ 912,531.25
Muter Construction Company, LLC	\$1,006,878.00

Mr. McAllister with MESCO recommends the Town enter into negotiations with Ralph Hodge Construction Company to reduce the project scope to an amount at or below the available \$620,300.00.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to award the contract to Ralph Hodge Construction Company to reduce the project scope to an amount at or below the available \$620,300.00 contingent upon those negotiations being successful and approved by the LGC. The town has the option of negotiating with the second lowest bidder, or reducing the project scope and re-advertising the project bids. Seconded by Alderman W. T. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion for Interim Barbara Aycock to execute all documents as needed. Alderman Harold Cuddington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation for appreciation

Town Clerk Dianne H. Spellman along with Public Works Director Tim Howell presented a certificate to Henry Jones for 33 years of service to the Town of Fremont. Mr. Jones retired on January 31, 2015.

Motion to Accept to Apply for the CDBG Grant of \$1,888,310.00 million

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to accept to apply for the CDBG Grant of \$1,888,310. million. Alderman W. T. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendments

Mrs. Aycock gives the explanation of the two budget amendments. The employees have found a major leak at the Fremont Swimming Pool where water is gushing in like someone is pouring water in the drain, and hoping to have put enough money into the utility fund to finish out the year for paying for sewer cost, because of all of the rain that we are getting.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 5 and 6. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Information - Keith Spivey Chairman

Mr. Spivey reported that the second round of logos was sent out and he is moving forward. Reminder that the STEPS committee meeting is next week, March 24th at 5:30p.m.

Also Main Street for small towns was held in Morganton, the mayor and 3 others attended. Everyone was treated very nice. Everyone got to see the main street beautification, and there is a lot of work that has to be done.

Reports:

1. Public Works Report Tim Howell

Mr. Howell reported that out near I-795 water, electric and sewer is now available within the 1 mile on each side of the highway. Also to report that land is available for purchase.

Interim Town Administrator:

Mrs. Aycock reported that Norwayne School/Paul Casey built and donated a picnic table to the town...

Utilities Bought and Sold Karen Peeden

Ms. Peeden asked if there were any questions from the sheet presented.

Financial Summary Karen Peeden

Ms. Peeden read over some of the line items that were in question.

Information Attachments:

Sewer Consumption Report was in packet.

Closed Session: ElectriCities - Mr. Roy Jones G.S. 143.318.11(a) (1)

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to go into closed session for contracts.
Alderman Al Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Al Lewis made a motion to go back into the regular open meeting session.
Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion Alderman Annie Lewis made a motion to adjourn.
Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Dianne H. Spellman, Town Clerk

Attest:

This is to certify that the minutes of March 17, 2015 is a true copy
for the Town of Fremont to be filed in the minute book.

Dianne H. Spellman, Town Clerk