

**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont
Meeting
May 19, 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, Deputy Clerk Marti Jones, Attorney Brian Pridgen, Attorney J.D. Gabriel Du Sablon and Town Clerk Dianne H. Spellman. Chief Paul Moats was 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 Harold Cuddington made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2015. Alderman Al Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

- 1) Step Planning Meeting May 26th, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. at Town of Fremont Meeting Room.
- 2) Budget Meeting May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Town Hall

Public Comment

Mayor Flowers opened the public comment session.

Mr. Barry Merrill (News Leader) stated that 4 months ago he came before this Board and announced the changes that were happening for the Wayne-Wilson News Leader. It is

still so very hurtful to know that the changes had to be made. Now I am asking that maybe someone will keep up with the news for Fremont and pass it on to another public paper so that everyone will still know what is going on in Fremont. I also told the subscribers that if you had paid for your news papers in advance then a refund would be given back to you. Some have paid up to 3 years subscriptions and they will be refunded.

Also to mention is Mrs. Barbara Aycock that is now acting as Interim Town Administrator is a jewel for Fremont. She works very hard to satisfy the needs of the people in this town. He include by saying thank you so very much for the trust that this Board and the citizens of Fremont have given to me.

Mrs. Aycock presented Mr. Merrill with a gold daffodil pin to say thank you.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comment session.

Action Items

Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing (Open floor for comments: on the following

Ms. Elondra D. Napper, Ed.S. is requesting a Conditional Use permit for property at 103 N Pine Street, and would like to open a Day Care/After School Program.

2. Public Hearing to replace a mobile home at 104 E Branch Street in the R-6 zone.

Mr. Ricky Rowe is also requesting a conditional use permit to replace the home at 104 E. Branch Street for his sister Joyce Rowe.

Mayor Flowers closed the Public Hearings.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to allow the request for a Conditional Use permit at 103 N Pine Street. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to allow the request for the replacement home at 104 E. Branch Street. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ElectriCities/ Cecil Rhodes NCEMPA/Vice President

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into close session for ElectriCities/Cecil Rhodes, NCEMPA/Vice President for contracts and personnel.

Alderman Al Lewis made a motion to go into closed session for ElectriCities- Cecil Rhodes/Vice President for contracts and personnel... Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman W. T. Smith made a motion to go back into open session. Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Brian Pridgen stated that consideration of Approval of Ordinance Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Full Requirements Power Purchase Agreement Between North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency and Duke Energy Progress, Inc. and to Consent to the Transactions Contemplated Thereby, and to Approve and Authorize the Execution and Delivery of the Debt Service Support Contract, the Full Requirements Power Sales Agreement and the Power Sales Agreement Termination Agreement Between the Town of Fremont and North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes congratulated Mrs. Aycock for a job well done and being a member of the Leadership team. He stated that this is a huge responsibility. Also that the Duke Energy Progress has sold for 1.2 billion dollars in assets. To date 9 cities have signed on. Everything should be finalized by June 30, 2015 when all 32 cities have come on board.

Alderman W. T. Smith made a motion to adopt the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Full Requirements Power Purchase Agreement between North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency and Duke Energy Progress, Inc, Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution for "Connect NC"

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Resolution #17 with the Town of Fremont in Support of Governor Pat McCrory's Connect NC Bond Proposals. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Michael McAllister/Sewer Ordinance for Fremont

Mr. McAllister briefed the Board on some of the sewer ordinance changes. He stated that this new ordinance now require any one using a 2" water meter is required to a sewer meter installed to measure the amount of actual water being used. This new ordinance will replace the old sewer ordinance.

Mr. McAllister also reported that the town did not get the CDBG grant on this run. We were 3 points away.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to adopt Chapter 55 Sewer Relations updated March 2015. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Planning Board re-appointment of 3 members

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Isaac Artis and Mr. Leroy Ruffin to another 3 year term on the planning board. Alderman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. One member did not return the call to state interest on the planning board so at this time there is one vacancy on the planning board.

8. Approve to purchase a 2015 Ford 150 (55% grant, rest paid by town)

Alderman Harold Cuddington made a motion to pursue purchasing the F-150 4x2 super cab 145 wheelbase 6 1/2 ft. bed from Deacon Jones Ford/Lincoln for a period of 7 years under state contract. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Close session recommendations:

Mrs. Barbara Aycock made the recommendation for Marti Jones to become Town Clerk effective July 1, 2015. Mrs. Jones is an asset to the town and all the citizens are enjoying her being here.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mrs. Aycock for Marti Jones to become Town Clerk as of July 1, 2015. Alderman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Jones walked around the table to thank the Board and Mayor for the position with a hand shake.

Reports:

Financial Summary Karen Peeden

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

Work completed by Time Howell's department

Mr. Howell presents a sheet that his crew is working on and some jobs have been completed. Also the D.O.T. will be cleaning out the ditches on Memorial Church Road just passed Wayne Street and 222 West.

Steps minutes were attached.

Mr. Keith Spivey was not present due to a family emergency out of state.

The reception for Dianne Spellman retirement will be held at the town hall on June 25th.

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

The meeting ending at 8:36 p.m.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Dianne H. Spellman, Town Clerk