



**Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont  
Meeting  
May 16th, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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 Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Marti Jones, Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell, Public Works Director Tim Howell, and Chief Paul Moats.

Absent was Al Lewis, Alderman

**Quorum Present: YES**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and also gave the invocation. Alderwoman Annie Lewis led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes and Agenda**

Mayor Flowers asked for an amendment to the agenda for the town to participate in the Wayne County Surplus Property Sell. Also, Alderwoman Joyce Artis would like to add to the agenda the updating of the Town's website. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mayor Pro Tem W.T. Smith. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18th, 2017 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Joyce Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements**

- 1) Town Hall will be closed May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day**
- 2) Historical Association is sponsoring a Memorial Day Service on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2pm at the Methodist Church Annex.**

### **Public Comments**

#### **Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for Public Comments**

Mrs. Tammy Skeens who is representing her mom who lives at 409 E Lee St, states they are having a problem with water backing up into her yard. Her dad came to the Town Hall about 4 years ago and was promised they would put in a storm drain. The other end of the road has one and every time it rains since they paved and lifted up the road all the rain runs into her yard and up under her house.

Alderwoman Joyce Artis asked if there were any plans to fix this issue.

Public Works Director Tim Howell stated he would look at it again.

Mr. Leroy Ruffin stated he wanted to talk about the CDBG and wanted to know if anyone from Fremont had thought about applying for it. Also, the golf cart that the lady drives to pick up the trash needs a light on it because it is dark most mornings and people cannot see her.

Mrs. Aycock stated they would address the golf cart issue and that we are trying to get the Gold Leaf Grant to help clean out all of these ditches in Town.

#### **Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for Public Comments**

### **Action Items**

#### **1) Approve Contract for Mr. Andrew Harris for the 2016-2017 Audit.**

Mayor Flowers stated we are looking for action to approve the contract for Mr. Andrew Harris for the 2016-2017 audit. He has done the audit for the last several years.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the contract and the addendum to the contract that is included in the agenda.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the contract for Mr. Andrew Harris for the 2016-2017 Audit and the Addendum to the contract. Alderwoman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. All in favor. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2) Approve Budget Workshop for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6 pm.**

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the budget workshop for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6pm. Mayor Pro-Tem W.T. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**3) Approve Budget Ordinance #1500.**

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the budget ordinance #1500. Alderwoman Annie Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**4) Approve to send letter to Gov. Roy Cooper RE: Support of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (FERC Docket #CP-15-554).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve sending the letter to Gov. Roy Cooper. Alderman Leon Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**5) Approve authorization for the Town to carry surplus to the county to sale.**

Mrs. Aycock stated the property they are making reference to is owned by the Town of Fremont and Wayne County. They have a buyer for the property and the buyer has to pay all of the taxes on the property and when the property sales Wayne County gets their part and what's left Fremont gets. The County is in charge of the sale.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to allow the town to carry surplus to Wayne County for sale. Alderwoman Annie Lewis seconded the motion.

Alderwoman Artis asked what property they were making reference to.

Mrs. Aycock replied 104 Ward Street.

No further discussion. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**6) Updating of the Town's website.**

Alderwoman Artis stated she was recently notified that the Town's website needed updating with the minutes and is there any way to video our meetings on our website.

Mrs. Aycock stated the minutes have been sent before and she would follow up and we would have to get a better recording system to video our meetings.

Mayor Flowers stated Goldsboro has someone who professionally records meetings for them.

**Information**

**1) Update on FEMA**

Mrs. Aycock stated we have 3 more payments we are waiting to receive. \$101,000, \$38,000 and \$5,000. So far we have received \$179,000.

**2) Wayne Community College Classes at Fremont Town Hall**

There are going to be some classes from Wayne Community College to be held at the Fremont Town Hall.

**3) Electricity Conference Myrtle Beach, SC August 10-12, 2017**

Mrs. Aycock stated this was just for information on the Electricity Conference

**4) Update on the Lagoon**

Mrs. Aycock stated the back lagoon had been drained and the sludge that we are taking out of the lagoon we can keep on site. This will hopefully save us some money.

The total bill for sewer this month was \$47,000 compared to \$27,000 last month. This is from us having to send to Goldsboro because it was so wet. Hopefully in July we can start the Hillandale Project.

## **Reports**

### **Financial**

Mrs. Fennell stated we will recoup about \$12,000 of the sewer bill cost because it was allotted in the sewer bill grant and we did spray a lot last month due to the rain. She stated we did take in \$13,000 in credit card payments this past month.

### **Tim Howell, Public Works**

Mr. Howell gave a video presentation showing the projects the public works department is working on. The projects included painting at the Daffodil Park, power line work, work at the cemetery, tree trimming away from power lines, cleaning out and cutting of ditches in town.

### **Chief Moats**

Chief Moats stated he did not have anything major to report in the last 30 days. He stated they had gone 5 months without any B&E or large sized larcenies. This is due to the officers being out and proactive.

He stated there has been an increase in activity at the Peele Park due to upgrades at the park, the ballfields, scoreboard, new back stop and additional lights. He stated there is now a girl's 8U softball team and they have not had one of those in 10 years and also some boy's baseball teams. He stated he heard a lot of good comments about the Park from people outside of our community.

Alderman Leon Mooring stated he would like to thank Chief Moats and his officers for keeping things good and continuing to.

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.

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W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

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Martha A. Jones Town Clerk