



## **Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting**

**June 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:30 p.m. on June 18, 2019. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
Leon Mooring, Alderman  
Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman  
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman  
Al Lewis, Alderman  
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Public Works Director Tim Howell, and Interim Chief Greg Bottoms.

Those not in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock and Mayor Pro-tem Smith.

**Quorum Present: Yes**

### **Call to Order**

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

Alderman Lewis gave the invocation.

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda and Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comments.

Carlos Ruffin stated that he was interested in opening an internet café and he would have his paperwork ready by next week. Mayor Flowers said that he would have to go before the planning board and they would make sure he was in compliance with the ordinances.

Pastor Travis Moore stated that Pastor Ira Reynolds' mother past away and he wanted to thank everyone that gave their condolences.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comments session.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Alderwoman Reid seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Information**

Mayor Flowers asked Town Clerk Shannon Daly to explain the billing schedule. Town Clerk Shannon Daly explained that the billing schedule shows when the meters will be read, when the bills will go out and when the bills will be due. She also stated that she will be sending the bills over to the new company on Friday and to expect the bills to be in the new paper format, which will have graphs on them. Mayor Flowers asked her to explain the graphs and she said that there will be a graph for water/sewer and a graph for electric that will show the usages for each month.

Mayor Flowers stated that Pikeville's charges for water and sewer are higher than Fremont's. He said that if you use 5,000 gallons of water we would charge \$44.85 and Pikeville would charge \$64.60. He said if you use 5,000 of sewer we would charge \$68.90 and Pikeville would charge \$91.15. He said the handouts speak for themselves

Mayor Flowers stated that we have had some issues with recyclables. He said that normally they are picked up the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, but it is changing to every other Wednesday. He pointed out that there is a schedule in the agenda that shows when recyclables are picked up. He also stated that the dates will be put on the new bills. Alderman Mooring stated that you no longer have to put your cans on the other side of the street and Public Works Director Tim Howell said that was correct. Town Clerk Shannon Daly stated that she had made the corrections on our website.

Mayor Flowers stated the Weekly Recap was concerning the Town of Eureka and encouraged the board to read it.

### **Action Items**

Mayor Flowers stated that there are budget amendments that has to be done to balance our books. He asked for a motion to approve the budget amendments BE-4382, BE-4535, BE-4536, BE-4601, BE-4842, and BE-4905. Alderman Mooring made a motion to



approve the amendments as stated. Alderwoman Lewis seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

Mayor Flowers asked Public Works Director Tim Howell to give his report. He stated that he did not have anything at this time. Alderman Mooring asked to explain the issues with the power and Public Works Director Tim Howell stated that they have been troubleshooting and found some issues, but Electricities is bringing in an infrared camera to check our whole system. Mayor Flowers stated that the power on the West side of town has been flickering, but the East side has had no issues. Alderman Mooring asked Public Works Director Tim Howell to report back to the board as to what the findings are and he said that he would.

Mayor Flowers stated that Chief Moats had officially retired on a full time basis and Sergeant Greg Bottoms has agreed to fill in as interim chief. He asked Greg to tell a little bit about himself. Interim Chief Greg Bottoms gave some information about himself and stated that everything is running smooth with the department. Alderwoman Reid stated that they needed to patrol from Sycamore to Balance and Alderwoman Lewis said that she saw him patrolling that area. Interim Chief Greg Bottoms said that he will let the other officers know to patrol that area. Alderwoman Artis stated that she had seen him downtown walking around and that his presence says a lot. She said that she was a little concerned when Chief Moats left because he along with Interim Chief Greg Bottoms' assistance brought down the crime rate and when people hear that Chief Moats is gone, it could raise the crime rate. She thanked Interim Chief Greg Bottoms for keeping the crime rate down. Interim Chief Greg Bottoms said that it is a team work effort and with Chief Moats and the other two officers, they have been able to bring the crime rate down and they will continue that same mentality, even though Chief Moats is retired.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into closed session. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Alderwoman Reid made a motion to come out of closed session. Alderman Mooring seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Action Item**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve Chief Paul Moats as a part-time Chief, earning a salary of a retired employee. Alderman Mooring approved the motion. Alderman Lewis seconded it. Alderwoman Artis wanted the record to reflect that she is not against Chief Paul Moats coming back, but she did not realize that Sergeant Bottoms had applied for the job and would like to interview both before making a decision. Alderwoman Lewis stated that she has nothing against Chief Paul Moats but she was concerned about Sergeant Bottoms applying for the job. Three favored, Alderman Mooring, Alderwoman Reid, and Alderman Lewis; two opposed, Alderwoman Lewis and Alderwoman Artis.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor and motion passed unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers  
W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly  
Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk

## Minutes of Special Called Meeting

June 27, 2019

The special called meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 11:00 a.m. on June 27, 2019. Present were:

**W. Darron Flowers, Mayor**  
**Leon Mooring, Alderman**  
**Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman**  
**Annie Lewis, Alderwoman**  
**Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman**

**Absent was:**  
**W. T. Smith, Mayor Pro-tem**

Also, in attendance were, Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Dianne H. Spellman, Payroll Officer, and Cynthia Rhodes, Finance Officer.

**Quorum Present: Yes**

### Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order.

Alderman Lewis gave the invocation.

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

### Action Items:

Administrator Barbara Aycock explained the reason for the meeting is to approve the fiscal year budget 2019 – 2020.

Administrator Barbara Aycock also explained the \$46,000.00 in the negative for the Electrical Fund. These monies were paid for out of the town accounts and we're still waiting on the FEMA money to be sent back to us at this time.

The question was asked what the cost was for the clean up on Norwayne School Road. The answer is \$19,000.00.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the (12) Budget Amendments. Totaling \$983,120.92.



Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 1- 5025 for \$525,099.45 for Fiscal Year End 2018 -2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 2- 5062 for \$59,282.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018 -2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 3- 5063 for \$35,200.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 4- 5065 for (\$35,200.00) (Reversed) for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 5-5066 for \$35,200.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 6- 5071 \$100,000.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 7- 5072 \$4,400.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 8- 5073 \$106,512.05 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No.9-5076 \$57,531.94 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 10-5077 \$2,835.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 11- 5079 \$2,700.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No.12-5083 \$44,900.00 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 13-5091- \$17,500.00 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment No. 14-5092- \$10,979.34 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leon Mooring made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 15- 5093- \$16,181.14 for Fiscal Year End 2018-2019. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Annie Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Al Lewis seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

W. Darron Flowers

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Sharon H. Spellman

Dianne H. Spellman, Payroll Officer