



Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting

October 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 October 15, 2019. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
W. T. Smith, Mayor Pro-tem
Joyce C. Reid, Alderwoman
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman
Al Lewis, Alderman

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

Those not in attendance were Alderman Leon Mooring and Alderwoman Joyce M. Artis.

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 stated that there are some changes to the agenda. He said to remove the special presentation, add under information a letter from Johnny Pippin, add under action item trash pick-up and add contract under closed session. He asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mayor Pro-tem Smith made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Alderman 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.

Mr. John Pippin, Jr. who lives at 194 Old Black Creek Road is representing Fremont Historical Society. He wanted to remind the town that there is a museum in the town and it's opened every 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00. He encouraged everyone to visit and stated that if anyone has items they would like to donate or loan to the museum that it would be appreciated. He stated that the Historical Society appreciated the town letting them put a display in the town hall. Administrator Barbara Aycock said that there are a lot of people that look at the display and comment on it. Mayor Flowers stated that he appreciates all that the Historical Society does for the town.

Mayor Flowers closed the public comments session.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and October 9, 2019 Ordinance Workshop. Alderwoman Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and October 9, 2019 Ordinance Workshop. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Information

Mayor Flowers stated that the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce will be having a luncheon on Thursday, October 24th from 12:00 – 1:30 at Lane Tree. He said that if anyone wanted to attend to please let Mrs. Aycock know.

Mayor Flowers announced that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. concerning the changes in the Ordinances. He stated that these are the ordinances that the board has discussed during the workshops and now there has to be a public hearing before they are approved.

Mayor Flowers said that the town will follow Wayne County's trick-or-treating schedule on Thursday, October 31st. He stated that St. James Church will have an event in their fellowship hall and Fremont United Methodist Church and the Missionary Baptist Church will have an event on the street. He stated that the street will be closed off so that the children can walk between the churches.

Mayor Flowers stated that Town Hall will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

Mayor Flowers asked Town Clerk Shannon Daly to explain the utility readings. Town Clerk Shannon Daly explained that the readings are being done at the end of the month instead of the middle of the month. She said the due date for bills is the 20th, the late penalty is the 21st, and the cut-offs are the 25th of the month. Mayor Flowers asked Town Clerk Shannon Daly to explain the process to reach the point of getting to the end of the month for readings. She stated that every month there has been several days added to the bill until we reached the end of the month. She said that from this point on the readings will be for the entire month and nothing more. She said that the readings will be done the last two days of the month, so for October the readings will be done on the 30th and 31st.

Mayor Flowers pointed out the calendars for October and November. Town Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that this is something new that we are doing in order to help people know what is going on in the town. She stated that the calendars will consist of meetings, events, closings and other important things in the town.

Mayor Flowers read a letter from Mr. John Pippin, Jr. on behalf of the Fremont Historical Society that commended Public Works Director Tim Howell and the Public Works staff on doing a good job and with assisting them. Mayor Flowers stated that we get complaints but rarely do we get commendations. Public Works Director Tim Howell said that we hear a lot of complaints but never hear a thank you or appreciations.

Action Items

Mayor Flowers stated that we need to discuss a date for the next ordinance workshop and asked Town Clerk Shannon Daly to discuss. Town Clerk Shannon Daly suggested that the workshop be scheduled for next week due to the fact that the public hearing is on Tuesday, October 29th. She stated that if the workshop is next week then all of the ordinances can be voted on and we will have completed all of the ordinances. The board agreed to schedule the ordinance workshop for Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00. Mayor Flowers stated that the workshop is open to the public.

Mayor Flowers read a resolution to make October breast cancer awareness month in the town of Fremont. He asked for a motion to adopt this resolution. Mayor Pro-tem Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Lewis seconded. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked Town Administrator Barbara Aycock to explain trash pick-up. She explained that we have a contract with Waste Industries to pick up garbage and we have a separate contract with Wayne County Solid Waste where we take our yard debris and bulk items. She stated that we have a bill for \$1,137 from Wayne County Solid Waste for the month of September. She said the town cannot afford to pay bills like this with the garbage rates that we have in place. She said that the bill consisted of land clearing debris and storm debris. She pointed out that the ordinance states that limbs can be no longer than eight feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and there will be no more than one-quarter load of a single-axle flatbed truck per collection. She stated that anything larger should be disposed of by private means, but there are residence that continue to put things out and call and want to know why the town is not picking it up. She stated that the grapple truck is not equipped to pick up larger items nor are the staff qualified to pick up this type of stuff. She said that she wants to know what the board wants us to do. After some discussion the Mayor asked the board if the town staff should follow the ordinances or should the ordinances be modified, and the board agreed that we would follow the ordinances. Chief Moats stated that if there is a problem with the citizens not following the ordinances then he can begin the abatement process.

Reports

Mayor Flowers asked Town Administrator Barbara Aycock to discuss the financial reports. She stated that the old reports did not give all the information and it appeared that the town was making profits that was not correct. She stated the new reports have the

revenues and expenses added so that it shows a more accurate account of the profit or loss. She gave the financial reports for electric, sewer, water, and garbage. There was some discussion about garbage and if we could have only one clean-up during a year, being that we are picking up debris and bulk items every week. Mayor Flowers suggested that we wait and adhere to the garbage ordinance and see if there is a difference in the expenses before we make a decision about Spring and Fall Clean-up.

Mayor Flowers commented that some ditches have been worked on and there is more money coming, from FEMA, to work on other ditches in the town. Town Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that FEMA has been very slow this year in paying.

Mayor Flowers asked Public Works Director Tim Howell to give a report for public works. He stated that being that Waste Industries are picking up the garbage and recycle cans, no one has to put their cans on the opposite side of the street anymore. He passed out some pictures that showed a re-closure that is in the substation. He said that during normal circumstances if there is a fault in the line it will relay two times and isolate or clear itself, but the 3rd time it will lock out. He said that if they are working on the lines they will fix it to where it will lock out the first time and bypass the two relay times. He also had pictures of the results for the infrared scanning. He said that there were 3 hotspots; one at the substation, one at the grocery store, and one was a cut-out which is a potential problem but not serious. He stated that there were several pictures of the guys working during the storm and around town.

Mayor Flowers asked Chief Paul Moats to give the police report. Chief Moats stated that the town will follow Wayne County's trick-or-treating times and once he finds out the time it will be given out to the public. He said last year it was from 6 to 8 but the trunk-or-treat has its own schedule. He stated that two of his officers got into a car chase the other night with someone who had multiple warrants for stolen vehicles and numerous other charges. He said he was operating two stolen vehicles during the chase; one was a Lincoln Navigator which was pulling a trailer with the second stolen vehicle. He said the suspect went into Wilson County and Kenly where he struck a Wilson County deputy. He said that the suspect fled and was captured shortly after and is now in custody under \$164,000 bond. He said other than that everything is going well around town.

Closed Session

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss a contract. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go out of closed session. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to go out of closed session. Alderwoman Reid seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Action

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the contract that was discussed during closed session. Mayor Pro-tem Smith approved accepting the contract with Goldsboro to sell 300,000 gallons/day of sewer capacity to the City of Goldsboro for \$687,000 with the stipulation that there will be a fine if the Town of Fremont exceeded the sewer capacity

of 450,000 gallons per day. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Reid 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 for Ordinance Workshop
October 22, 2019**

The meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. on October 22, 2019. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman
Al Lewis, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Clerk Shannon Daly.

Those not in attendance were Mayor Pro-tem W. T. Smith, Alderman Leon Mooring, Alderwoman Joyce C. Reid, and Town Administrator Barbara Aycock.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

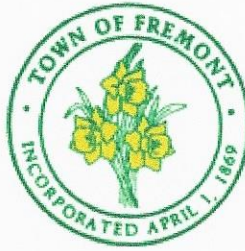
Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Flowers confirmed that all of the ordinances have been reviewed and discussed by the Board except for Title XV: Subdivisions, Flood Damage Prevention, and Zoning Code. There was some discussion on these ordinances and it was agreed by all board members that there would be several changes to these ordinances; and a public hearing will be held before the changes are approved. Alderwoman Artis asked if the ordinances would be complete and a copy given to each board member before the public hearing and before the board voted on them. Town Clerk Shannon Daly stated that she would not be able to have all the ordinances re-typed and re-formatted by Tuesday, October 29th, which is the date of the public hearing. She said that she would have most of them completed and would have a copy at the public hearing for review if needed. Alderwoman Artis asked how they could vote if they do not have a completed copy of the ordinances. Town Clerk Shannon Daly stated that the board would be voting on the changes that they all agreed to during the workshops, and if there were any mistakes or typos found once they got the completed ordinance book, then she could correct them at that time. Mayor Flowers stated that all of the changes that are being made have been discussed and agreed upon at the workshops, but the board can vote to make additional changes if needed.

Meeting was adjourned.

W. Darron Flowers
W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly
Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk



Minutes for Public Hearing & Ordinances

October 29, 2019

The meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. on October 29, 2019. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Barbara Aycock, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, and Asst. Chief Greg Bottoms.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Lewis gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Flowers stated that the ordinances that have not been approved yet are Title IX: General Regulations, Title XI: Business Regulations, Title XIII: General Offenses, and Title XV: Land Usage. He explained that all the other ordinances have been approved.

Public Hearing

Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for the public hearing concerning Title IX: General Regulations, Title XI: Business Regulations, Title XIII: General Offenses, and Title XV: Land Usage.

Keith Spivey, who lives at 509 Memorial Church Road, referred to Section B in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He wanted to know where the Flood Plains were in Fremont. Town Administrator Barbara Aycock stated that Fremont is not in a flood plain. She said that the Town of Fremont adheres to Wayne County's Flood Damage

Prevention Ordinance, because FEMA requires certain wording and Wayne County's ordinance is in line with what FEMA wants. Keith Spivey asked if section 154.086 – Internet Café included gaming. Assistant Chief Greg Bottoms stated that internet cafés and gaming are an ongoing problem statewide. He said the laws are constantly having to change and they are enforced by the ALE, which is a State Agency. Town Administrator Barbara Aycock said that the board had revised the ordinances for internet cafés.

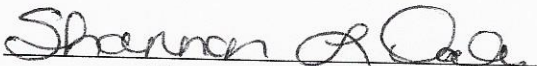
Mayor Flowers closed the public hearing.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve Title IX: General Regulations, Title XI: Business Regulations, Title XIII: General Offenses, and Title XV: Land Usage Ordinances. Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve it. Mayor Pro-tem Smith seconded the motion. Alderwoman Artis asked about the resolution that stated alcohol could be sold at 10 A.M. on Sundays. Town Clerk Shannon Daly explained that it is not in the ordinance, because the board did not approve it. Alderwoman Artis wanted to know where in the ordinance that is stated that alcohol could be sold at 12 noon on Sundays and how can we enforce it. Assistant Chief Greg Bottoms explained that it was a state law and therefore it doesn't have to be in the town ordinance. Mayor Flowers asked if there were any further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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, Mayor


Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk



**Minutes of Special Called Meeting
November 7, 2019**

The Special Called meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2019. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
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, Accounting Clerk Cindy Rhodes, Chief Paul Moats and Assistant Chief Greg Bottoms

Those not in attendance were Mayor Pro-tem W.T. Smith and Alderwoman Annie Lewis.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Flowers introduced USDA representative Kim Daniels. Mrs. Daniels went over the contracts for the USDA Loan/Grant for the purchase of two police cars.

Mayor Flowers asked Chief Moats if there was a list of vehicles he could choose from and Chief Moats said that there was. Mayor Flowers asked if the vehicles were something he was comfortable with and Chief Moats said yes.

Alderman Lewis asked if the vehicles were going to be new and Chief Moats said that they were new.

Alderman Mooring asked if they were getting a 4-wheel-drive and Chief Moats said that the Tahoe would be a 4-wheel-drive vehicle.


Kim Daniels stated that Administrator Barbara Aycock had done a great job in getting the financials done and that the town was in better shape than in the past.

Kim Daniels asked Chief Moats how long would it take to get the vehicles and he said 60 to 90 days. She told him to go ahead and order them since it would take a while, but normally you have to wait 10 days. Chief Moats said that if they happened to be in stock, he would have them put on hold for 10 days.

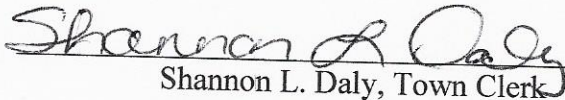
Alderwoman Artis asked how many cars are on line. Chief Moats said after getting the two new vehicles they would have 5 cars on line. He stated that one vehicle was lost during the hurricane and there is one vehicle that has a lot of mileage and he would take that one off line.

Kim Daniels stated that there needed to be a motion to accept the resolution for the USDA Loan/Grant for two police cars. Mayor Flowers asked if there were any further questions and if not he asked for a motion. Alderman Mooring made the motion to accept the resolution for the USDA Loan/Grant. Alderman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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



W. Darron Flowers, Mayor



Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk