



Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting

April 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 1:00 p.m. on April 21, 2020. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor
Beatrice Jones, Alderwoman
Ricky Mozingo, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro-tem
Leroy Ruffin, Alderman
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman

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

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Flowers asked everyone to take a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Mozingo seconded the motion. Alderwoman Jones asked if they were going to approve the District 2 Board Member today and Mayor Flowers said that they were going to approve the date that they would vote on the District 2 Board Member. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Action

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Policy and Procedure for Electronic Meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Fremont. Alderwoman Jones made the motion to approve the resolution. Alderwoman Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mayor Flowers read a statement from Lester Bryant who has property at 304 S. Pender Street. He stated that he does not need garbage service because no one is living in the home. He is asking the Board to allow him to only have electric, water and sewer services. There was some discussion and it was determined that it should be put on the agenda for next month for further discussion.

Mayor Flowers stated that they need to look at how they address public comments. He pointed out that other boards do not respond to public comments at the time they come in, but accept the comments and act on them later.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Alderman Ruffin asked if the address could be added to the public comment section pertaining to Mr. Daniels complaint. Mrs. Daly said that she would add 303 S. Sycamore Street and put it in parenthesis, since Mr. Daniels did not state the address. Alderwoman Jones referenced page 3, 2nd paragraph, last sentence of the minutes. She asked if the change had been made to the Asset Management Plan pertaining to the 20% increase in sewer rates. Mrs. Aycock stated that the change had been made. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes for March 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Alderman Ruffin approved the amended minutes. Alderman Mozingo seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

District 2 Candidates

Mayor Flowers asked if the board had any comments before they call in the candidates. Alderwoman Lewis stated that she felt that Mr. Leon Mooring was a success to the board and she felt that his son should be able to take his place on the board. She said that he should be able to serve out his father's term and then after that let the people of that district vote on who they want in that position. She stated that she would feel the same if it were any of the board members.

Mayor Flowers explained to the board how they would proceed with the interviews. He asked the board if there was anything they would like him to do as a prelude to the candidates coming in. Mayor Pro-tem Artis stated that since this is a board interview and board action, she is requesting that the meeting be the board only, with the exception of Mrs. Aycock and Mrs. Daly. She stated that she would like Mr. Howell, Mrs. Rhodes, and Chief Moats to be excused. Mayor Flowers said that this is a public meeting. Chief Moats stated that it would require a closed session and Mayor Pro-tem Artis said that she wasn't asking for a closed session. Chief Moats said it would require a closed session if it's not open to the public and Mayor Pro-tem Artis said to just forget it.

Mayor Flowers introduced Sam Pierce and asked him to explain a little bit about himself to the board. Mr. Pierce gave a brief summary of who he was and told the board why he wanted to fill the District 2 Board Seat. Each board member asked questions to Mr. Pierce and he answered them. Mayor Flowers thanked Mr. Pierce for his interest in applying for the position of District 2 Board Seat and said that he will be contacted once a decision is made.

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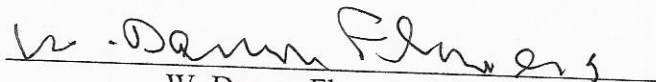
Mayor Flowers stated that he has had several phone calls and people approach him from District 2 about wanting Mr. Oscar Mooring to be voted in to serve as the District 2 Board member. He stated that he had no one to comment about the other two candidates.


Mayor Flowers asked each Board member to make any comments that they would like to make before voting. Each Board member spoke about the candidates.

Mayor Flowers stated that the floor was open for nominations to fill the District 2 Board seat. Alderwoman Jones nominated Keith Spivey and Alderman Ruffin seconded it. Mayor Flowers asked if there were any other nominations. Alderman Mozingo nominated Oscar Mooring and Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. Mayor Flowers asked for all in favor of Oscar Mooring to raise their hands. Alderman Mozingo and Alderwoman Lewis raised their hands. Mayor Flowers asked for all in favor of Keith Spivey to raise their hands. Alderwoman Jones, Mayor Pro-tem Artis, and Alderman Ruffin raised their hands. Mayor Flowers stated that the Board had selected Keith Spivey to fill the District 2 Board seat on a 3 and 2 vote.

Close Regular Board Meeting

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


W. Darron Flowers, Mayor


Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk