



## **Minutes of Special Called Meeting**

**April 27, 2022**

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 3:00 p.m. on April 27, 2022. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro-tem  
Beatrice Jones, Alderwoman  
Terry Futrelle, Alderwoman  
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Tony Howell, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Finance Officer Cathy Nichols, and Fire Chief Jeff Brooks.

Those not in attendance were Alderman Keith L. Spivey and Alderman Leroy Ruffin.

**Quorum Present: Yes**

### **Call to Order**

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

Mayor Flowers 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. Mr. Howell asked to amend the agenda to include Budget Amendment BA-2022-8. Alderwoman Lewis made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderwoman Lewis seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Action**

Mayor Flowers asked Mr. Howell to speak about the Budget Amendments. Mr. Howell explained both Budget Amendments, BA-2022-7 and BA-2022-8. Mayor pro tem Artis made a motion to approve both amendments. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Flowers asked Mr. Howell to speak about the Grant Project Ordinance. Mr. Howell explained the Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Fremont, NC American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to approve the Grant Project Ordinance. Alderwoman Jones seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

Mayor Flowers asked Mr. Howell to speak about the budget for fiscal year of 2022/2023. Mr. Howell stated that we have went over all of the proposed budgets except for the Fire Department. He asked Fire Chief Brooks to give his proposed budget. Fire Chief Brooks gave his proposed budget. There was some discussion.

Mayor Flowers stated that Alderman Ruffin brought up the topic of a part-time Finance Officer at the last meeting, but he is not here to discuss it. There was some discussion and it was determined that it would be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Mayor Flowers stated that he had no problem with having a State of the Town Address. He said his only concern was the attendance. There was much discussion and the following were some questions to consider:

- Where and when to have it?
- How long will it last?
- Having an agenda?
- How to advertise?
- Food – Light refreshments or full meal?
- Accomplishments from Department Heads?
- Who will speak – Mayor, Board Members, Department Heads?
- Will the public be allowed to speak?

It was determined that Mr. Howell will come up with a suggestion on where to have it and get back with the Board; and it was determined that it will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Howell stated that he is working with three different groups about revitalizing down town. There was some discussion and Mr. Howell said he will keep the Board informed as to any progress.

It was determined that the next Budget Workshop will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30.

### **Close Regular Board Meeting**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro tem Artis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.