



## **Minutes of Special Called Meeting**

**July 26, 2022**

The Board of Aldermen/Alderswomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 26, 2022. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor  
Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro tem  
Beatrice Jones, Alderswoman  
Keith L. Spivey, Alderman  
Terry Futrelle, Alderswoman  
Leroy Ruffin, Alderman  
Annie Lewis, Alderswoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Tony Howell, Town Clerk Shannon Daly and Public Works Director Brian Harvey.

**Quorum Present: Yes**

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Spivey gave the invocation.

Alderswoman Lewis led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderswoman Jones asked to add bike parking and the Dollar General incident. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mayor Pro tem Artis made the motion. Alderswoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Action**

#### **Updating Social Media for the Town**

Mayor Flowers asked Mr. Howell to discuss updating the social media for the Town. Mr. Howell stated that Pastor Shannon Marie Berry, who attended the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, offered her technology services to the Town and he wanted to know what the Board thought about it. He stated that she could help us with re-designing our website and teach the staff how to manage it; therefore, not needing Gooroo anymore and saving the Town

money. He said she could help us with our Facebook page and show us how to use it for informational purposes only. He said she also can help us with livestreaming the meetings. There was much discussion and it was determined that Mr. Howell will contact Pastor Shannon Marie Berry and see when she can meet to discuss all three things: the Town's website, Facebook page, and livestreaming.

### **Bike Parking**

Mayor Flowers asked Alderwoman Jones to speak about the bike parking. Alderwoman Jones asked if anyone has found the bike rack and Mr. Harvey said there is no bike rack at Public Works and Mr. Howell said it was not in the attic at Town Hall. It was discussed that it may have been at the school and Mr. Howell said he will call and see if it was the Town's bike rack.

### **Dollar General Incident**

Alderwoman Jones stated that a Dollar General truck hit the power lines on Balance Road and pulled the line off the house of a resident. She said the resident was without power for two weeks, she lost her food in the refrigerator/freezer, and she had to stay with her brother. She wanted to know if we or Dollar General has done anything to compensate the resident. Mr. Howell said that both he and our attorney sent Dollar General a letter and neither one got a response. He said at this point, the Board can decide if we should continue to try to collect from Dollar General and/or if they want to compensate the resident. There was much discussion about who was at fault, if we should pursue Dollar General for payment for damages, if we should make a claim against our insurance policy, and if we can re-coup our costs from Dollar General for using our attorney plus the expenses that the resident incurred. It was determined that Mr. Howell will contact the resident to let her know that we have not forgotten her and ask for a dollar amount that she suffered due to this incident and he will inform the Board once he gets the information.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for a personnel issue (General Statute § 143-318.11(6)). Mayor Pro tem Artis made the motion. Alderwoman futrelle seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Open Session**

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

The meeting ended at 8:45.

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W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

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Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk