



Minutes of Regular Town of Fremont Meeting

August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Tony Howell, Town Clerk Shannon Daly, Public Works Director Brian Harvey, Chief Paul Moats, and Assistant Chief Greg Bottoms.

Those that were absent were Alderman Leroy Ruffin.

Quorum Present: Yes

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

Invocation: Alderman Spivey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderwoman Lewis led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Flowers asked to amend the agenda to remove #3 under speaker, remove #5 under action, and change Closed Session to personnel issue. Mr. Howell asked to move #1 under information to #7 under action. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Spivey made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 19, 2022, the Closed Session Meeting minutes of July 19, 2022, the Special Called Meeting minutes of July 26, 2022, and the Closed Session Meeting minutes of July 26, 2022. Mayor Pro tem Artis made the motion. Alderwoman Jones seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Speaker:

(1) **Larry Jones**

- **Norwayne Alumni & Friends Homecoming Weekend Events** – Mr. Jones gave the details for the 50th year of the Norwayne Alumni & Friends Homecoming Weekend events. (Copy of handout is kept with agenda on file)
- **Introduce Mr. Michael Todd Morgan of C.B. Aycock High School, Mrs. Kelly Langston of Fremont Stars Elementary, and Mr. Brian Weeks of Norwayne Middle School** – Mr. Michael Todd Morgan stated that he became the principal of Charles B. Aycock in February and he is excited about the progress that has been made. He said he would reach out to the Town for support and is looking forward to more growth moving forward. Mr. Larry Jones stated that Mrs. Langston and Mr. Weeks were not available to attend the meeting, but they will attend a meeting in the future. He said the whole idea is for community involvement and getting involved with our education system.

(2) **Crystal Morphis from Electricities – Economic Development** – Mrs. Morphis presented a power point presentation of the information that was gathered about the Town of Fremont for an Economic Development plan. (Copy of presentation is kept with agenda on file)

(3) **Farah Bruton – Downtown Revitalization** – Removed from agenda.

Public Comment: Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments. Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for public comment.

Public Hearing:

(1) **Annexation of Fremont Stars Elementary School Property**

(Published in Goldsboro News-Argus on August 2nd) – Mayor Flowers opened the meeting for public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Flowers closed the meeting for public hearing.

Action:

(1) **Annexation of Fremont Stars Elementary School Property – Mr.**

McAllister – Mr. McAllister was absent. Mayor Flowers asked for a motion. Alderman Spivey made a motion to approve the annexation for Fremont Stars Elementary School property into the corporate limits of the Town of Fremont petitioned by the County Commissioners. Mayor Pro tem Artis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. (Copy of petition and map are kept with agenda on file)

(2) **South Goldsboro Street ditch – Alderman Ruffin** – Mr. Ruffin was absent. Mayor Pro tem Artis stated that Alderman Ruffin wanted to install guard rails at the ditch and Eastern Earthscape had the rails. It was determined that Mr. Harvey will contact Eastern Earthscape to get a quote for the cost of the rails and action will be deferred until next Board meeting.

- (3) Town Fees – Mr. Howell** – Mr. Howell stated that these fees have been presented to the Board in previous meetings and is recommending to the Board that they be approved. Mayor Pro tem Artis made a motion to approve the fee schedule with the exception of any fees that Mr. Howell has previously quoted. Alderwoman Futrelle seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. (Copy of Town Fees are kept with agenda on file)
- (4) Driver’s license check on employees that operate Town vehicles – Mr. Howell** – Mr. Howell asked the Board to give us authority to run a motor vehicle report for all employees that drive Town vehicles. Mayor Pro tem Artis made a motion to run a motor vehicle report every 6 months on all employees that drive Town vehicles. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- (5) Bid on 305 N. Vance Street – Mr. Howell** – Removed from agenda.
- (6) Policy for using a metal detector wand – Chief Moats** – Chief Moats presented a draft policy and procedure titled Town Board Room Access & Security Procedures for approval. Alderman Spivey made the motion to adopt the policy as written. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. (Copy of policy and procedure is kept with agenda on file)
- (7) Quotes for labor to run power to Fremont Meadows – Mr. Howell** – Mr. Howell gave three quotes: (1) C Phase Services for \$56,920 (2) Southern Power & Light, LLC for \$49,500 (3) East Coast Power & Lighting for \$19,979. He recommended a motion to approve East Coast Power & Lighting’s bid of \$19,979 to run 3 phase power to a dead end pole on Hwy 222 East, with a caveat that the developer pays us first. Alderman Spivey made the motion. Alderwoman Futrelle seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. (Copy of quotes are kept with agenda on file)

Reports:

- (1) Financial Reports – Mrs. Nichols & Mrs. Daly** – Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Daly gave the financial reports. (Financial reports are kept with agenda on file)
- (2) Public Works Report – Mr. Harvey** - Mr. Harvey gave the public works report. (Public works report is kept with agenda on file)
- (3) Police Report – Chief Moats** – Chief Moats stated that there have been no major crimes over the past month. He said they are addressing the code enforcement issues around Town and are finding that there are some things that are not addressed in our ordinances and they made need to be added. There was some discussion about the Fremont Rest Center is now closed.

Discussion:

- (1) Livestreaming Board meetings – Mr. Howell** – Mr. Howell stated that Pastor Shannon Marie Berry met with him and Mrs. Daly on Monday to

discuss Facebook and livestreaming. Mrs. Daly said as of today, our Facebook page is up and running as informational purposes only, meaning no one can make comments on the page. There was some discussion about livestreaming and it was determined that we will start livestreaming at the next Board meeting.

Information:

- (1) Quotes for labor to run power to Fremont Meadows – Mr. Howell – moved to #7 under action.**
- (2) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.**

Closed Session:

Personnel - General Statute § 143-318.11(6) – Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel issues. Alderman Spivey made the motion. Alderwoman Lewis 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 9:50 p.m.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk