



Minutes of Special Called Meeting

September 26, 2022

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 2022. Present were:

Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro tem
Beatrice Jones, Alderwoman
Leroy Ruffin, Alderman
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, Alderwoman Terry Futrelle, and Mayor W. Darron Flowers.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Pro tem Artis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Invocation: Alderman Ruffin gave the invocation.

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

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro tem Artis asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Ruffin made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Jones seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Action:

- (1) The new auditor's contract.** – Mr. Howell stated that he recommended that the Board approve the new auditor firm, Nunn, Brashear, & Uzzell, P.A., and he pointed out that the contract is in the agenda packet. There was some discussion about the contract. Mayor Pro tem Artis asked for a motion to approve the auditor's contract from Nunn, Brashear, & Uzzell, P.A. Alderman Ruffin made the motion. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- (2) Wayne County's application & permit fees for school.** – Mr. Howell stated that the County would like us to waive all application & permit fees for the school, because it is a government building and we are a government entity.

There was some discussion about the County doing some things for the Town free of charge, such as, our inspections. Alderman Ruffin made a motion to waive the \$875 fees for the school, which are re-zoning, special use permit, and construction permit. Alderwoman Jones seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

- (3) The conveyance of the EMS Building and other items to the Fire Department.** – Mr. Howell stated that the deed has a clause in it that states if the land shall cease to be used for rescue squad purposes, then it reverts back to the Town. He recommended that the Board approve the Fire Department using the building for expansion and for the insurance and utilities be handled in the same manner as they are right now. Fire Chief Brooks said currently the Fire Department is handling the property insurance and the Town is covering the utilities. Mr. Howell stated that Mr. Randy Lassiter, from EMS, will sign a Quick Claim Deed so that everyone will have the same understanding that the property has reverted back to the Town. There was some discussion about the property that EMS has and that the Fire Department will get the Ford Excursion to use as a first response vehicle and the aluminum boat for water rescues from EMS. Mayor Pro tem Artis asked for a motion. Alderwoman Jones made a motion that we convey the EMS building and the other items to the Fire Department. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

(1) Personnel Issue - (General Statute § 143-318.11 (a)(6)) – Mayor Pro tem Artis asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel issues. Alderman Ruffin made the motion. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session:

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

The meeting ended at 5:11 p.m.

Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro tem

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk