



Minutes of Special Called Meeting January 26, 2023

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2023. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Tony Howell and Town Clerk Shannon Daly

Those not in attendance were Alderwoman Terry Futrelle.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Flowers asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Lewis made the motion. Alderwoman Jones seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Resolution of Intent to Amend the Town Charter (2023-1) – Mr. Howell

Mayor Flowers stated that the resolution of intent of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Fremont to consider an ordinance amending the charter of the Town of Fremont concerning its Governing Board has been revised and is in need of approving. He asked if there were any questions or comments about the resolution. There was some discussion about the first paragraph that states:

Whereas, in 2011, the Town of Fremont established six voting districts from which to select a member of the Board of Aldermen from each of said districts with a minimum of three districts having a majority black population, based upon the 2010 Census information.

The concerns were about if other races were being represented. It was determined that the population of the other races were not high enough for them to be a majority for a district. This conclusion came from information that Brian Pridgen, the Town attorney, provided.

There were some questions about the sample maps that had been done and it was determined that these issues will be addressed at the February 7th meeting with Mr. Richard Livingston, the Demographer.

Mayor Flowers asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Alderwoman Jones made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-1. Mayor Pro tem Artis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Encouraging Quote: “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – Theodore Roosevelt.

The meeting ended at 5:35 p.m.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk