



Minutes of Special Called Meeting April 3, 2023

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023. Present were:

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

Also in attendance was Town Clerk Shannon Daly.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 approve the agenda. Alderman Ruffin made the motion. Mayor Pro tem Artis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Ruffin stated that he looked up in Robert's Rules of Order and NC Supreme Court and found that it is not illegal to say in Jesus' name in a prayer at a Board meeting. There was some discussion and Mayor Flowers said that unless someone objects, he will leave it up to the persona praying as to what they feel comfortable doing.

Closed Session: Personnel – General Statute 143-318.11(6)

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

Open Session:

Mayor Pro tem Artis asked if they could call Mr. Jones to see if he was still available and to see if he would be able to accept between \$60,000 and \$65,000. Alderman Ruffin stated that we should start at \$60,000. It was determined that we will discuss this further after Alderman Spivey checks the references.

Alderman Spivey stated that someone had said that the Town Administrator would have to live in the Town. Alderman Ruffin said it is in the Ordinance book. Mrs. Daly said that it may have been changed during the time that the Board updated the Town Ordinances.

Mayor Pro tem Artis stated that Alderman Ruffin wanted to have something in writing for an Interim Town Administrator position. He passed out an example of one and asked for it to be discussed and acted on in the near future.

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.

Encouraging Quote: “Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life” – Steve Jobs

The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk