



## **Minutes of Special Called Meeting May 1, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2023. Present were:

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

Also in attendance were Town Clerk Shannon Daly and Finance Officer Cathy Nichols.

**Quorum Present: Yes**

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

**Invocation:** Alderwoman Jones 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 Spivey made the motion. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Action: Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year of 2023/2024**

Mayor Pro tem Artis stated that the Preliminary Budget has been given to the Board and asked Mrs. Daly and the team to present it.

Mrs Daly said that there was one correction that she made and that was adding the benefits for a staff member in the sewer department. She stated that the formulas in the spreadsheet did not calculate properly when she moved that staff member from the Admin. Department to the Sewer Department. She stated that it has been corrected on the spreadsheet that was put on the screen for all to review.

Mayor Flowers joined the meeting.

There was much discussion about the Preliminary Budget and all questions were answered by Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Nichols, and Alderman Spivey. The Board wanted to add a few things to the budget and Alderman Spivey made those additions to the budget

spreadsheets that were presented on the screen. Alderman Ruffin made a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget that was presented, with the additions that were made by the Board. Alderwoman Lewis seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Nichols left the meeting.

**Discussion: Library located at the Old Dollar General**

Alderman Spivey stated that the County was looking to put the library at the Old Dollar General on Hwy 117 in Fremont. He said that they would want the Town to provide utilities at no cost, as well as, not charge property tax. There was some discussion and it was determined that Alderman Spivey will get more information from Mr. Crumpler, who is the Wayne County Manager.

Alderwoman Jones made a motion to accept the library coming to Fremont. Alderwoman Futrelle seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**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.

Mrs. Daly left the meeting.

**Open Session:**

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

**Encouraging Quote: “Success is a collection of problems solved.” – I.M. Pei (1917 – 2019), Architect.**

The meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.

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W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

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Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk