



**Special Called Meeting  
July 6, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Special Called Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on July 6, 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 Bob Jones 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 2:00 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 Flower asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Jones made the motion. Alderman Spivey seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker: Ryan Patrick Marlar, PLLC**

Mr. Marlar stated that he is a certified public accountant who is based out of Cary, NC. He gave a brief history of himself, his work history and his credentials. There was much discussion about his engagement letter, what he would do for the Town and his fees. Alderwoman Jones pointed out that Dana Layne, our auditor, included doing the financial statement preparation in her contract and Mr. Marlar included the same thing in his contract. There was some discussion about the difference in price and Mr. Marlar agreed to decrease his fee from \$3,300 to \$2,700 to do the financial statement preparation. It was determined that we would contact Dana Layne to let her know that Mr. Marlar would be doing the financial statement preparation and she would need to take it off of her contract.

**Action:**

**(1) Engagement letter from Ryan Patrick Marlar, PLLC**

Alderwoman Jones made a motion that we engage in the contractual services with Mr. Ryan Patrick Marlar for services outlined in his proposal at a total cost of

\$17,250 for fiscal year 2024. Alderman Spivey seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**(2) Hours of Operation for Town Hall and Public Works**

Mr. Jones stated that we are looking at changing the Town Hall hours and they have been presented, in their agenda packet, with the benefits to the citizens and to the staff. He said one benefit is that we would be open until 5:30, Mondays – Thursdays. He said this will help citizens, especially on cut-off day, to have 30 extra minutes to get to Town Hall to pay their bill. He said coming in at 8:00 will give staff 30 minutes to get prepared for the work day and to allow time for meetings and training. He said the Public Works staff are already working a different schedule of coming in at 6:00 a.m. and leaving earlier, due to the heat. He said they would modify that schedule some to be able to work 8:00 to 12:00 on Fridays. There was some discussion and it was determined that the Board would like to table this until the Board meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board did not want to close the office at 12 on Fridays, but would consider allowing the staff to rotate Fridays off.

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

The meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.

**Encouraging Quote:** *“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. And by the grace of God, I will.”* – Edward Hale (1822-1909), American author and historian

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W. Darron Flowers, Mayor

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Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk