



## THE DAFFODIL TOWN

### **Minutes of Regular Public Town of Fremont Meeting January 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor  
Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro tem  
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman  
Oscar T. Mooring, Alderman  
Tim V. Howell, Alderman  
Annie Lewis, Alderwoman  
Wayne Jackson, Alderman

Also in attendance were: Police Chief: Paul Moats, and Town Clerk: Junnie Williams

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Eddie Yelverton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation: Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Wayne Jackson led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Everyone has the Agenda before them. Are there any changes that need to be made to the Agenda?

Alderswoman Joyce Artis: Yes, Mr. Mayor, I would like to **amend** the Agenda to add as a Speaker, Paige Harper of the Daffodil Dash. She would like to talk with us about renovating the Downtown Park. Alderswoman Joyce Artis: I would like also **amend** the Agenda, in regards to someone approaching me, about purchasing the Sale of the Corner Lot, on Sycamore and Main Street, across from the little park.

There has been some interested about the use of Fremont Star's School and I would like to add to the Agenda, to discuss how we can include the public comments or suggestions on how to use the School. Alderman Tim Howell: I would like to add 3 items, to the Agenda, just for information. **1<sup>st</sup>** is going to be the Aerial Truck, and the **2<sup>nd</sup>** is going to be the farm on Evans Farm Road, and **3<sup>rd</sup>** the Dump Truck. Mayor Leroy Ruffin: I would also like to change on the Agenda, number **6** under Discussion and moved it to Closed Session. Alderswoman Joyce Artis: Mr. Mayor, if we can switch, Paige Harper with before Chief Moats, as **1<sup>st</sup>**, Speaker, I would greatly appreciate it.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Are there any other additions to the Agenda? If not. Is there a **Motion** that we approve the **Agenda**?

Alderman Oscar Mooring: I make a **Motion** that we approve the Agenda.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Is there a Second?

Alderswoman Annie Lewis: I second the **Motion**.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: There is a **Motion** and a Second. Is there any Discussion? If not. All those in Favor, please indicate by raising your hands? **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Next we have the Minutes. Is there a Motion that we approve the **Minutes**, for the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes?

Alderman Leroy Ruffin: I make a **Motion** that we approve the Minutes.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Is there a Second?

Alderswoman Annie Lewis: I second the **Motion**.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: There is a **Motion** and a Second. Is there any Discussion? If not. All those in Favor, please indicate by raising your hand? **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** We are now at Public Comments session. If anyone has any Comments, that you would like to make to the Board, they may address their Comments to the Mayor, and the Aldermen/Alderwomen. Please go to the Speaker stand, give your name, your mailing address, and make your comments. There is an allotted time limit to make Comments. The floor is open for Public Comments, if someone would like to speak, during this time.

**Comments:** Good evening Mayor, my name is **Tony Moore**, and I am here tonight to represent the Norwayne Alumni. I am the New President of the Norwayne Alumni and I just wanted each of you to know that I am here to continue to support Fremont in any way that we can and to be an asset to this Organization. I'm going to say to the Town in any way that we can be. I want to thank you, again Mayor Yelverton for attending our, Martin Luther King's, Observance Day at St. James Church, Disciples of Christ, Fremont NC., on this past Saturday morning. We had a great turnout. Thank you.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** It was good. Are there any other Speakers? If there are no other Comments, we are going to close this portion of the Meeting. **Public Comments session is closed.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** We now have our **first speaker:** Paige Harper of the Daffodil Dash.

**Paige Harper:** I have a presentation, but if I can briefly give you a little history of my background. My father was Keith Stewart of Fremont and I am here to represent the Keith Stewart, Memorial Daffodil Dash and the Daffodil Dash Foundation. The Daffodil Dash was established 3 years ago and it is a 5K that we hold the morning of the Daffodil Festival. Our main purpose is that we wanted to raise Funds in a Memorial of my, father, Keith Stewart who dedicated his life, his love to the Town of Fremont and so we really wanted to continue his spirit by giving back towards the Town and in additions to the Funds, we also tied it together with the Daffodil Festival because we hope to bring attention and we hope to bring participation in the Daffodil Festival from folks who may would not have come and often times a race is a great way to do that. In our first, two years, we have raised over **\$30,000** for Fremont and that money has been used in various ways. The main way that Fremont has seen notably is the installation of the Daffodil Whirligig, which was designed, installed and put together by Daffodil Dash Funds. This brings us to "What are we going to do next?" My family and I have talked, we have reflexed, and we have thought about, what is it that we can use this money, where it will

celebrate, my dad's life, as well as serve the citizens of Fremont? What we are purposing is that, we would like to upgrade the Park that is at the end of the road. If you have seen the Park, you have notice there are some repairs that need to be done. There is equipment at the Park, but if you were to touch it, you will see that the wood is in need of repair the fence around the Park has some areas of concerns. The areas around it aren't the most stable, the picnic tables could certainly use some revitalization and as I saw at last year Daffodil Festival, we needed more areas, so what we would like to do is to upgrade and revitalize that Park, using our Funds that we have raised for the Daffodil Dash. We would be interested in installing new playground equipment, refinishing the turf, repairing and replacing fencing, adding trash cans and recycling bins, benches, along with replacing and rebuilding those picnic areas. There are no definite on what the Park will look like right now, but we certainly have a lot of planning ahead of time, where we can bring this Park back to life. Why do we want to do this "clearly the beautification of the Town. We want a Town that's beautiful, that represents the people and the spirit of Fremont." The quality of life that will benefit the children, the families of Fremont, as well as attracting new people. It provides opportunity to bring people downtown, people who wants to bring their kids downtown, they want to bring their kids to the area, and therefore increasing foot traffic in our downtown area with shopping opportunities and our businesses. We want to celebrate with the Town. We want the whole process to be hand in hand, from the planning, the development, the choosing of equipment, and the choosing of what we need. Our financial commitment is to the Town and it is what they need. Our Funds will cover cost of equipment, fencing, turfing, installation, whatever we need, we will work on getting the Funds. We really just want to go forward today, with your blessing. We are working on our Funds and as of last year, we raised over **\$30,000** in totals. Our Funds are there and our Funds will continue to be there. We really at this point and time tonight wanted to speak with you, because we are in the process of signing people up for the Dash, but most importantly getting Sponsors and our Sponsors want to know, what are we going to do with this activity with these Funds, what are we going to do, and what we really want to tell them is we are going to use these Funds to revitalize that Park, so with your blessings that's really what we would like to do this evening. Thank you so much for allowing me to come and speak, and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**Alderwoman Joyce Artis:** I really believe this to be a good thing for the Town of Fremont and from what we visualized, a beautiful Park will be and much needed.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** Paige there are some safety issues there too, that I think about and that is keeping the children off the highway and we need to address this, but I think it is a great idea and I appreciate it.

**Alderman Oscar Mooring:** I totally support it.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Paige, I fully support the idea, but one thing I would say is to call as a courtesy, and talk to Nancy Evans about it, because I think this was either Rachel or Courtney, Girl Scout, project just to clear it with them.

**Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin:** You said you wanted to have the Town to get involved with you?

**Paige Harper:** Well, we would still provide all the Funds but the Town, would just help us with the planning, and what the choosing of our equipment should be.

**Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin:** I think we need to vote on it, where 3 or more Board members are together to make this legal.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** I make a **Motion** that we allow you all to proceed with this Project.

**Alderman Oscar Mooring:** I Second the **Motion**.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Are there any other Discussion?

**Alderwoman Joyce Artis:** What if this is a project in which the Girl Scouts are working with. What then?

**Paige Harper:** I would be happy to partner with them. It's not a problem.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Is there any other Discussion or Comments? If not, let it be known by the raising of hands. **Motion** passed unanimously.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:**

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** We now have our **second speaker:** Chief Paul Moat of the Fremont Police Department.

#### **Chief Moats:**

Attachment has been added for Minutes from Chief Moats at the Regular Public Board Meeting.

#### **Action:**

Check Signers – **Alderwoman Joyce Artis:** We currently have 2 Board members that are check signers and the Board members that are to sign checks, are signing checks that are over **\$2,000** dollars, so the Bank said we can have as many Board members as we like to be able to sign checks, so we really want somebody that is easily accessible. Our Finance Officer, pays bills and the bills have to be out on time, so we need someone that can possibly be accessible to sign these checks

over \$2,000. Currently Mr. Ruffin, and I, are check signers and we wanted to know if anyone else would be a check signer as well.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Does it take both Board members to sign the checks?

**Alderswoman Joyce Artis:** No, just 1.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** I will do it.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Do we have a **Motion** to include Alderman Wayne Jackson as the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, Board member to be a Check Signer, over \$2,000.

**Alderman Oscar Mooring:** I so moved.

**Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin:** I second the **Motion**.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Is there any Discussion? If not, all in Favor, let it be shown by the raising of hands. **Motion** passed unanimously.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Go ahead with the ADA Compliance Letter.

**Alderswoman Joyce Artis:** In your packet there is a Letter from Mr. James Salmons, he is with the Regional Planning Engineering Department of Transportation and he has sent a Letter stating that the intersections of Sycamore Street and E. Main Street, has to be ADA Compliant and this will be no cost to the Town. The money is given by the State through their Transportation Alternative Program, also known as Camp Funds, and they are going to make sure or curb ramps are ADA Complaint, and so what needs to be done is a Letter needs to be sent to Mr. Salmons office, no later than February 10, 2024, but if there are intersections that are not listed and we feel as if they are to be ADA Compliance, which are not currently a State maintain Road, the Town of Fremont would have to pay up to **20%** of the total cost of the ramps. We will need a **Motion** to accept this information.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** I make the **Motion** that we accept ADA Compliance Letter for our Curb Ramps.

**Alderman Oscar Mooring:** I second the **Motion**.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Is there any Discussion? If not, all those in Favor, let it be shown by the raising of hands. **Motion** passed unanimously.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** District 2 Seat, tabled from our December 19, 2023 - Regular Public Board Meeting.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** I don't know if it was a misunderstood or not, in regards to the **Motion** that I made from last month's Regular Board Meeting, but what this was about is, I just wanted the Board to show recognition to Mr. Leon Mooring who was voted in on the last Election and then he passed away and what my intention were, that he would receive the same recognition as the last Board, elected into Office. Mr. Leon Mooring was a kind of man, who served the Town of Fremont, honorably. He was a man that no matter what your problems were or

where you were from, he would run straight to it and take care of it and I just thought we should recognize him with the same kind of certificate as the last Board. That's all the **Motion** was about, not to try and take another Board member's seat.

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** It was just a misunderstanding.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Alderman Wayne Jackson is asking to amend his **Motion**, to recognize, Mr. Leon Mooring for his service to the Town for serving on the Town Board, like we recognized the previous Town Board members and not to worry about a seat of change. Alderman Wayne Jackson made this **Motion** in the last Regular Public Board Meeting, December 19, 2023, which was tabled until now.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Is there a Second?

**Alderman Tim Howell:** I Second the **Motion**.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Is there any Discussion? If not, all in Favor, let it be shown by the raising of hands. Any opposed? **5** – in Favor and **1** – Opposed: Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin.

#### **Reports:**

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** We will now hear from the Town's Reports beginning with Chief Moats, of the Fremont Police Department.

#### **Police Report:**

**Chief Paul Moats**, stated we really haven't had any major events. We did have a fire on South Goldsboro Street and I just want to make everyone aware of that. Nobody was in the residence at the time of the fire and there is no suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire. I think the fire started in the Living room from the best we can recollect. It may have been a heater or some sort. They didn't have Utilities, so it wasn't an electrical fire, and the person that we know who kind of watches over the resident, maintains the resident, and who oversee the property during the day, knows that he can't reside there, that's the way our Ordinance reads. A person can't reside in a residence without water, sewer, and all those good things. This person is aware from numerous talks from us, the Fremont Police Department he can't reside there, he can't live there, without the necessary essentials. Now, what he does after 9 p. m., and he doesn't answer the door, we don't know about, but we, the Fremont Police Department, do ride by their quiet frequently to make sure no one is in the yard, or on the property, due to safety issues. During the time of the fire the other day, the person that oversees the property was in the Downtown area and nowhere around the resident.

### **Finance Report:**

**Finance Officer:** Shannon Marie Berry in your packet, you will have a couple of documents in which I am including now, the end of the month Account Balances for the 5 different Funds, we have available in 2 different locations. The Capital Management is our Investment Account and then you will see just our General Banking Account. You will also receive the Budget Actual for the period ending December 31, 2023 and you will also receive within your information just a General list of checks that have gone out throughout the month. As part of our work with the LGC, as a UAL Unit, we do have additional reporting that we do at the 6 month mark into our Budget year and into the 9 month mark into our Budget year. The 6 month mark report was due yesterday. In regards to the General Funds, our Expenditures, so far has only been 46% and there is a concern, if it's over 58%. Our Revenue if it falls below 42% at the 6 month mark, there is concern, however for our General Fund, we are at 49% with our Water and Sewer Funds, our Expenditures for our 6 month period is 32% and remember the 58% and above is our concern. We are well below that and our Revenue our concern, if they are below 42% regarding Water and Sewer but we currently are at 43% and the reason why we are just at that area is because we did have to change to the Eureka charges that would of taking place in the January, billing that would go against November and December, however, we are still within the range we should be according to the LGC. Regarding our Electric Funds, our Expenditures under our Electric Funds is 42% and our Revenues are 45%, so we are in a good place and a good space as to be expected Expenditures, so far within the year. Now you will see as within each of those Funds to the Budget and the Actual there are going to be lines already maxed out, some of them are things based on how we pay our Workers Comp, and based on how we pay our Big Bill, which is our Insurance bill and the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of that bill was due the end of December. Those lines were maxed out, but as far as the general overseeing looking at the Funds as a whole, we are in a good position and there is nothing of concerns at this time, and I had no Budget Amendment for you all tonight, so better luck next month.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Any other question for Mrs. Berry?

### **Billing & Collection Report:**

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Mrs. Williams, you are next.

**Town Clerk:** Junnie, I am reporting the November/December Billing & Collection Report, as of January 11, 2024. In **Billing and Collections:** the difference between what was billed versus what was collect is \$5,891. The amount still owed to the Town at the end of November was \$2, 279. **Vouchers:** There was \$236 owed to the



Town for vouchers. **Budget Billing:** There was \$831 billed and \$895 collected. **Cut-offs:** We had a total of 15 Cut-offs, which consist of 12 residents and 3 business. All accounts have been cut back on, except 2 residents as of 01/11/2024. **Debt Setoff:** There was \$0.00 put into Debt Setoff from delinquent accounts for the month of October and there was \$0.00 collected in the month of December. **Arrangements:** There was a total of \$709 that was owed to the Town from arrangements and \$166.00 was collected, leaving a total of \$544 owed. This amount is the total still owed from 4 residents. **Work Orders:** For the month of November there were 5 connects, 3 disconnects, and 2 transfers.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Mrs. Joyce.

#### **Town Update Report:**

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce M. Artis:** Some of you may know that we have 2 major projects that will began this month. **The Pump Station** on HWY 222, near the West Family Farm, and if weather permits, KBS will begin their work on **January 15, 2024** and the project should be completed by **January 31, 2024**. The next project will be conducted by Asphalt Services of Pikeville and they will be installing a **36 inch** RCP, Water Tile Pipe on South Goldsboro Street in hopes that this will eliminate some of the flooding on the south end of Goldsboro Street and this is Mr. Ruffin, project.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** Is this the Tile before you get to Ballance Road?

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** Yes, it is. Asphalt Services will begin their work on this project on **January 30, 2024** and complete it by **February 5, 2024**. We have 6, Public Works vehicles that are in need of repairs or need to be sold. Kenneth Stanley, Interim Public Works Director, presented to me a list of vehicles and I have approved the repairs of 2 of these truck thus far. The first is the **Chevrolet 4X4 Silverado**, which is also known as **# 4 truck**, and is used in our **Street Department** that has gone into the shop and the issue with this truck is that it won't take gas and it needs 2 motor mounts, as well as other things. This truck has been repaired and was picked up today by Kenneth Stanley and Harold Grant. The total cost for the repairs was **\$1,295**. The other truck is the **2500 Chevrolet**, also known as the **#2 truck**, which is used in our **Water Department** and it has issues with the front end, plus it is completely wore out, with wiring issues, along with using a great deal of oil. This truck was put into the shop today and I've asked that an estimate be given to me before repairs are done, so we will know how much to expected of the cost. **#6 truck**, the **Green Dump Truck**, needs a brand new motor and I asked Kenneth Stanley to reach out to Shawn Hails to see if he can repair it and how much the cost would be. **#9 truck**, is used for delivery of trash and

recycling bins that Mike Harper drove, but now it will not run at all and Kenneth Stanley recommends that it be sold. **#10 truck**, is used for a spare pickup truck and it is recommended to be sold as well. **#15 truck**, is the **Ford 250 4X4 Green Truck**, which is used for a spare, Water Truck and Kenneth Stanley feels that this truck can be repaired. We are putting 1 truck at a time in the shop at a time and the reason being is because the person working on our town vehicles has a full-time job, and he also stated that we bring him 1 truck at a time. I know there was some concerns about why we don't have more than 1 truck in the shop at a time and this is the reason why.

**Public Works Report:**

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** Kenneth Stanley has stated to me, today how we can clean up the Town and how we can increase the water going into the drains. He suggested that the Public Works Department will take a street, a week and pick up all debris, dirt, and leaves, or whatever else they see, so this is the plan from our Public Works Department.

**Alderman Tim Howell:** I just hope that **Truck #15** can be repaired at a reasonable price. The Water Department needs that truck with the storage bins on it.

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** You are speaking of Joshua Pulley, truck?

**Alderman Tim Howell:** Yes.

**Discussion:**

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** The Formulation of Committees, in which I believe there are normally 3 people on each committee, so do we have any volunteers for these committees?

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** I would like to be on the Personnel, and Finance Committee.

**Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin:** I would like to be on the Personnel, Finance, and Safety Committee.

**Alderman Tim Howell:** I would like to be on the Personnel, and Safety Committee.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** I would like to be on the Finance, and Infrastructure Committee.

**Alderman Oscar Mooring:** I would like to be on the Infrastructure, and Safety Committee.

**Alderwoman Annie Lewis:** I would like to be on the Infrastructure Committee.

**\*Renting of van for Board members to access Town property:** **Alderman Wayne Jackson,** we as the new Board members have a interested in riding around the Town of Fremont and viewing the asset of the Town in order to better assist the Town residence with questions and concerns in which they may have. Kenneth Stanley

started he had a van in which the Town could use, if we needed it. Insurance Adjuster Recommendation for Town Property: Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis, the Insurance Adjuster for the Town Parks are not updated, and needs to be. I will follow back up with the Insurance Adjuster, tomorrow and see what the recommendations are in order that this maybe fixed and up-to-date for our Town Parks. Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Mr. Ricardo Barron wants to know, if the Town would be interested in selling the property of the Old Library, and I told him that I would need to bring this back to the Town Board, and Mr. Barron stated if, the Town didn't want to sell the property, if we would be willing to rent the building to him with the option of deferring the rent for as long as he needs to make the repairs. I know the Town did this for the person, who is down here renting the Old Fire Station on Main Street, but I don't know, if we would like to do the same here, due to the length of time it would take Mr. Barron to do all the necessary repairs to the Old Library building.

Alderman Wayne Jackson: Has there been any discussion as to what the Town was going to do with this building?

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Yes, the plans were for this building to be, the Town's Community Center.

Alderman Wayne Jackson: To me this building is owned by the Community and the people of this Town has invested money in this building. This maybe something, we need to sell or not sell, but really it's something we as the Town Board needs some discussion on and kind of make a plan.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: It's one of those things to, whenever we are going around, whichever day, we choose to look over the Town's assets is really what we need to do.

Mayor Pro tem Leroy Ruffin: I go back to what Alderman Wayne Jackson is saying, why don't we just look at this and bring it back up a the next Meeting as far as renting, because I personally don't want to sell this building and I can tell you that upfront, because I'm hoping Fremont, will one day come up with a Community Center.

\*Derrick Cavanaugh's use of the Town's Baseball Field for practice for his travel team: Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis, after the discussions and considerations of the Town Board in the usages of Mr. Cavanaugh, traveling youth boy's baseball team to use the Town's ball field. Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: I make a **Motion** that Mr. Derrick Cavanaugh and his traveling Baseball Team use the Town of Fremont, small Baseball Field and Mr. Cavanaugh has produced the insurance needful for his travel baseball team, liability.

Alderman Wayne Jackson: I Second the **Motion**.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** We have a **Motion** and a **Second**. Is there any Discussion? If not, all in Favor, let it be known by the raising of hands. **Motion** passed unanimously.

**\*Ordinances Books for new Board members:** **Junnie Williams, Town Clerk** presented 4 new Board members, Mayor Eddie Yelverton, Alderman Tim Howell, Alderman Oscar Mooring and Alderman Wayne Jackson, each with their own Town of Fremont, North Carolina Code of Ordinances Books.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** It is apparently, we the new Board members, has to attend Ethical Training Class and we have within the year to schedule the Training Class in which 2 options are made available to us. The **1<sup>st</sup>** option is where each new Board member who attends the Ethical Training Class with the NCLM, has to pay a Registration Fee of **\$350** each. The **2<sup>nd</sup>** option is where our Town Attorney Brian Pridgen is willing to come and conduct the Ethical Training Class here at the Town Hall in Fremont for the amount of **\$500**, altogether, no matter how many Town Board members of Fremont or employees of Fremont desire to come to the Ethical Training Class. We just need to figure out which Option, we are going to choose, and what day and a time, when we can all get together and attend the Ethical Class.

**\*Painting of MLK Park Shelter:** **Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis**, could we table this to the next Regular Public Board Meeting.

**Mayor Eddie Yelverton:** Yes, we can. Next Discussion, Mrs. Joyce, No U-turn.

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** I received a Letter for the Assistant Division Traffic Engineer, stating that there was no such thing as erecting a No U-turn Sign, and there is not any Data that would support this. This is a State maintain road, and we the Town don't have the right to assign a No U-turn Sign.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** Can we do this no U-turn Sign and make it a Town Ordinance?

**Police Chief Paul Moats:** We can make it a Town Ordinance for Downtown, but you just can't post Signs, because it is a State maintain highway.

**Alderman Wayne Jackson:** Chief Moats, I will get back with you on the No U-turn Signs.

**Alderman Tim Howell:** I hate to throw this out here, but we have 2, Trucks, the Bucket Truck and the Lineman Truck, that is outdated and they need to be recertified, because they are currently out of compliance, so my, suggestion is to contact the Altec Representative and see what our options are, so we can legally use these 2 trucks.

**Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis:** When you say Arial truck, what are you saying?

**Alderman Tim Howell:** Bucket Truck and Lineman Truck.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Oh, okay.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Have you contacted anyone to see what we need to do, to get these Trucks back in compliance?

Alderman Tim Howell: Yes, I have a contact.

Alderman Tim Howell: The other thing is the Farm on Evans Farm Road, we have some 3 phase banks out there and I think we need to go out there and anything not being used, needs to be de-energized to save money on electricity. The last thing is there is a roll of Quatro Plex in front of the new school and it appears to be hot and possibly this was from the temporary service we had out there working.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: I will get with Kenneth Stanley.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Mrs. Joyce, you had something concerning Businesses.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Yes, I had someone approach me, wanting to buy the old laundromat, but now that I think about it, that wouldn't be a good idea, being that it is roped off. Our Town Attorney stated said that it wasn't safe at this point the way it is now.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Unless they want to tear that building down, we can't sell it.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Right. The other thing I want to talk about is the use of the School, whenever it is vacated at the end of June 2024. I think they were hoping that we could have some type of events, where we could bring the Town of Fremont, citizens in, and where they could give their input on how the School can be of good use.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Has the County Schools, indicated they want to do anything with the Building yet?

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: No, other than hoping that we will take possession of the building and do something with it ourselves, but this hasn't been written in stone, yet.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Contact our Attorney and let him do some research on that.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: Okay.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: Are there any more Discussion? We need a **Motion** to close the Regular Public Board Meeting.

Interim Town Administrator Joyce Artis: So moved.

Alderwoman Annie Lewis: I Second the **Motion**.

Mayor Eddie Yelverton: This Meeting is adjourned.

**Encourage Word: "The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said."**

- **Peter Drucker (1909-2005), management consultant**

The Meeting Ended at 8:30 p.m.

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Mayor Eddie Yelverton

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Junnie Williams, Town Clerk