



**Minutes of Special Called Meeting
&
Budget Workshop**

May 27, 2025

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 10 a.m. on May 27, 2025. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor
Oscar Mooring, Alderman
Wayne Jackson, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman/Interim Town Clerk

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Leroy Ruffin, Alderman Tim V. Howell and Alderwoman Annie Lewis.

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jonathan Allen and Finance Officer Shannon Moats.

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Call to Order: Mayor Yelverton called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Invocation: Mayor Yelverton gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Mooring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda.

Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discuss. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action

Resolution Opposing House Bill 765

Mayor Yelverton stated that this resolution would be sent to the NC House of Representatives and is meant to oppose the bill that was recently introduced in the senate.

Each Board member signed the resolution during the meeting.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve sending the resolution that was written on the Board's behalf that opposes HB 765. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

1. New Utility Bill Vendor – Town Administrator Jonathan Allen

Mr. Allen presented a billing comparisons list to each Board member of utility vendors that had responded to his request for a quote. He went on to say that each vendor had several options that the Town could choose from. He stated that, in order to obtain a more concise price, he sent each vendor a copy of PMSI's Billing Statement.

Alderwoman Artis stated the Town had received several calls from citizens who stated that their bills arrived late. She went on to say that most of the citizens asked if they had to pay their bill or if the late fee could be waived.

Alderman Jackson stated that the late fee should be waived due to the fact that the bills were late in the month of May. Finance Officer Shannon Moats stated that the date of cut offs needed to be changed if the late fee would be waived.

Alderman Mooring made a motion to extend the date of cut offs for the utilities and to waive the late fee for the month of May. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discuss. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Concrete Work at Fremont Fire Department – Town Administrator Allen

Mr. Allen stated that he spoke with the owner of Fulford & Jones, who said that he would give a one year warranty on the concrete work that his company did at the Fremont Fire Department, and that the warranty covers the labor only.

Mayor Yelverton suggested that the Town should obtain a warranty that covers the labor and product before Fulford and Jones is paid for work that they did at the Fire Department. Finance Officer Shannon Moats stated that the Total amount due for the project is \$38,858.05.

3. Budget for FY 25-26 – Town Administrator Jonathan Allen

Mr. Allen presented a power point presentation of the proposed budget. He also provided hard copies of the power point presentation for the Board as well.

He stated that FY 25-26 budget included, but not limited to the following:

1. Approximately \$20,000 to replace field lights on the small field at Peele Park
2. Repairs to and updates to equipment to include Tractor Repair, Side Boy Repair, & Jet Rodder Repair
3. \$50,000 for a new Police vehicle.
4. \$136,000 from Powell Bill to be used to repair streets
5. Minor Park improvements are planned to be implemented
6. 15% increase for Billings & Collections Clerk
7. \$10,000 increase for Board Members/Mayor
8. 1.5% COLA increase, & up to 1.5% Merit increase
9. 65,000 Base Salary for New Public Works Director
10. 12,100.00 for Town Clerk Benefits

After presenting the proposed FY 25-26 budget, Mr. Allen asked for suggestions and guidance from the Board.

After much discussion, the Board made the following recommendations to reduce the expense side of the FY 25-26 Budget.

- Reduce the suggested increase in Board members pay from \$10,000 to \$3,000
- Not to hire a new Town Clerk – (savings of \$12,100.00)
- Not hire a new Public Works Director – (savings of 65,000 + benefits)

*Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin joined the meeting at 4:35pm.

Motion to go in to closed session

Mayor Yelverton asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Alderman Mooring made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

The Board agreed not to extend the termination date of the Town of Eureka's Sewer Agreement.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to contact City of Goldsboro Town Manager, Matt Livingston to inform him that the Town of Fremont demands \$7,100 per month for: Transmitting the Town of Eureka's Sewer to Goldsboro for Treatment, repayment of debt, updating/repairing the lift station at Hillandale Dr., and for separating the Town of Eureka's Sewer from the Town of Fremont's Sewer due to the State Permitting Process. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Yelverton asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Yelverton asked for any discussion. There were none. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Interim Town Clerk

The meeting ended at 5:46pm