

Minutes of Special Called Meeting July 8, 2025

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held on July 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. Present were:

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

Absent: Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro tem

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

Quorum Present: Yes

<u>Call to Order</u>: Mayor Yelverton Called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Invocation: Town Administrator Jonathan Allen gave the Invocation.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Alderman Oscar Mooring led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Yelverton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mayor Yelverton stated that Action Items 2 &3 would be tabled. Alderwoman Artis asked to add to the agenda, Discussion Item #2 "The Process of Filling of Board of Planning and Adjustment Expired Seats." Alderwoman Artis also asked to add to the agenda, Discussion Item #3 "Legislative Breakfast. Alderman Mooring asked to change the title of the meeting from Regular Board Meeting to Special Called Meeting.

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

Alderman Mooring made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson.

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

Speaker: Shelia Reid, District 6 Applicant

Ms. Shelia Reid, 610 Sycamore Street, stated that she had live in the town of Fremont for 68 years. She expressed her interest in serving as an Alderwoman of the Town of Fremont. She stated that if chosen she would do the following:

- 1. Be an advocate for those in her district
- 2. Find ways to improve the buildings on Main Street
- 3. Keep her constituents informed of the things that are happening in Town.
- 4. Work with her fellow Board members to find solutions to problem areas in the Town of Fremont.

After answering several questions from the Board, the Mayor informed Ms. Reid that the Board would make their final decision, and that she would be informed of their decision.

Ms. Reid left the meeting.

Action

New Utility Bill Vendor - Town Administrator Jonathan Allen

Mr. Allen distributed a list of Utility Billing Companies for the Board to consider. He went on to say that OSG Connect had submitted the lowest quote. Mr. Allen also stated that OSG would provide a similar service as our previous billing vendor provided, and he recommended that the Town would choose them as our new utility billing company provider.

Mr. Allen also informed the Board that after the Board gives its approval, OSG guarantees that there would be a "Quick turnaround...the new billing statements would be sent out during our next billing period."

After much discussion, Alderman Wayne Jackson made a motion to accept the quote submitted by OSG Connect in the amount of \$7,969.00 annually. The motion was seconded by Alderman Oscar Mooring.

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

Discussion:

1. Appointing Shelia Reid to the Fremont Town Board

It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Ms. Reid to the Board. Mayor Yelverton asked Alderwoman Artis to call Ms. Reid to inform her that she would be sworn in at the July 15, 2025 Board meeting.

2. **The Filling of Vacant Board of Planning & Adjustment Seats – Alderwoman Artis**Alderwoman Artis stated that she had received a call from a citizen that was interested in serving on the Board of Planning and Adjustment. She also stated that there were two seats that we up for reappointment, and she wanted to know if the Board wanted to keep the ones who were currently serving on the Board or if they wanted to open it up to the public. After much discussion, the Board decided to keep the ones that were currently serving on the Board of Planning and Adjustment.

2. Legislative Breakfast – Mayor Yelverton

Mayor Yelverton informed the Board that a legislative Breakfast would be held on the August 21, 2025 at the Walnut Creek Country Club, He stated that Senator John Bell, Senator Buck Newton, and Senator Dixon would be giving a legislative update. He also stated that the breakfast would start at 8:30, and those that were interested in attending should inform Alderwoman Joyce Artis by July 15, 2025.

Mayor Yelverton asked of there was a motion adjourn.

Alderman Howell made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson.

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

Mayor Yelverton adjourned the meeting.	
The meeting ended at 10:13 a.m.	
Eddie Yelveron, Mayor	