



Minutes of Special Called Town of Fremont Meeting December 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 3:00 p.m. on December 22, 2025. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor
Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro Tem
Oscar Mooring, Alderman
Tim Howell, Alderman
Shelia Reid, Alderwoman
Wayne Jackson, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman/Interim Town Clerk

Also in attendance were: Finance Officer Shannon Moats, Police Chief Paul Moats, Assistant Police Chief Greg Bottoms, and Interim Public Works Director, Kenneth Stanley

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order:

Mayor called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Invocation:

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Alderman Mooring led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

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

Action:

1. The recension of the Board's motion/action concerning the hiring of contractor to install water and sewer taps.

Mayor Yelverton stated that there was a copy of the email chain between Town Attorney Brian Pridgen and Town Engineer Mike McAllister in each Board member's packet concerning the Board's motion to hire a contractor to install water and sewer taps in subdivisions.

Alderwoman Artis stated that both Attorney Pridgen and Engineer McAllister had expressed their concerns about the Town hiring a contractor to install water and sewer taps in each subdivision, and that they suggested that the Board would rescind its motion, in which they made during the October 2025 regular Board meeting; and to allow the developer of each subdivision to hire their own contractor. She went on to say that their email contained the liability aspect and the process of hiring a contractor for each subdivision project, especially if the project was over a certain dollar amount, and it included the Town's responsibility after the taps are installed.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin and Alderman Jackson stated that in the last meeting with Peter's and White Construction Company, Town Engineer McAllister stated that he would provide information that would cover the Town if the Board decided not to hire its own contractor to install water and sewer taps in each subdivision.

It was the consensus of the Board to table this agenda item until the January 2026 meeting.

Discussion:

1. Board Retreat – Finance Officer Shannon Moats

Finance Officer Moats stated that she had been asked by Mayor Yelverton to schedule a time for a Board to discuss the new budget during a retreat. She went on to say that she had spoken with the manager of the Lane Tree Golf Course, who provided the following available dates: January 22nd, January 29th, or February 5th. She also stated that the department each department head was asked to be present to give their input as well. She asked the Board to let her know their availability, in order for her to make reservations as soon as possible.

2. Year-end Wrap up & Discussion – Board & Staff

Each department head (i.e. Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Police Department, Public Works, and Fire Department) spoke to the Board about both positive & negative aspects about their departments during 2025, and gave suggestions for improvements for the upcoming year as well.

The Mayor and the Board members, with the exception of Alderwoman Reid, made comments and addressed their concerns about the outgoing year. They also made suggestions on how to improve the Town in 2026, and the importance of working together as a Board.

Information:

1. Board & Staff Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 23, 2025 @ 4pm
2. Town Hall will be closed for Christmas on December 24, 25, & 26 2025
3. Town Hall will be closed on New Year's Day – January 1, 2026

Closed Session:

Personnel - General Statute § 143-318.11(6)

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion to go into closed session.

Alderwoman Artis made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin.

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

Open Session:

Closing Prayer:

Alderwoman Reid gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Close Special Called Meeting:

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion to go close the special called meeting.

Alderman Mooring made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Howell.

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

The meeting ended at 5:25pm

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor

Joyce M Artis, Town Clerk