



Minutes of Special Called Meeting

March 4, 2026

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderswomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held on March 4, 2026 at 11:00am. Present were:

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

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

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order: Mayor Yelverton called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Invocation: Mayor Yelcverton gave the Invocation.

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

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Yelverton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Alderswoman Artis asked to add as action items: "The Purchase of New Garbage Cans on Main Street" and "Minimum Adjustment for Water Leaks."

Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alderswoman Artis seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Saddleback Farms Subdivision Preliminary Plat – Interim Zoning Administrator Mooring

Alderman Mooring stated that the Planning and Adjustment Board had recommended the approval of the preliminary plat of the Saddleback Farms Subdivision during their February meeting.

Alderman Mooring made a motion, stating that with the approval of the Planning and Adjustment Board and his own research, the Fremont Town Board should accept the Saddleback Farms Subdivision's preliminary plat, along with the changes/recommendations that were made by Town Engineer Mike McAllister. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson.

Alderwoman Artis stated that the engineer for the Saddleback Subdivision, Bryan Jones, who was present at the meeting, wanted the Board to know that Tri-County Electric would provide the electricity for the subdivision.

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

Closed Session

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

Alderman Jackson made a motion to go into closed to discuss personnel according to General Statute § 143-318 (a)(6). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin

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

Open Session:

Action:

1. Purchase of 400 Additional Meters and Erts – Alderwoman Artis

Alderwoman Artis presented each Board member a quote, that was provided by United Systems/Itron, in the amount of \$104,192.00 for 400 water meters and 400 erts.

After much discussion, Alderman Mooring made a motion to approve the quote submitted by United Systems/Itron in the amount of \$104,192.00, which was to purchase 400 water meters and 400 erts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Howell.

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

Alderwoman Artis suggested that, in order to keep an accurate record, a log should be kept for all meters, and that they be kept under lock and key.

2. **Quote from KBS Construction to Install Water Meters and Erts**

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the approximate amount of \$18,000 that KBS submitted to install the additional 400 meters and erts would not be in the best interest of the Town, financially. The Board agreed that the Public Works Staff would install ten meters and erts per day until all of the meters and erts are installed.

3. **Purchase of Garbage Cans for Main Street – Alderwoman Artis**

Alderwoman Artis submitted an estimate to each member of the Board for six new garbage cans that would be placed on each side of Main Street.

Alderman Jackson suggested that four garbage cans should be placed on Main Street and one should be placed in the park beside the Town Hall, and the other placed in the Bender Memorial Park also known as the Daffodil Park. He also stated that, with the Board's approval, he would like to remove the old garbage cans that were not needed in the small park as well.

In order to beautify the area, the Board agreed to remove the old trash cans from the small park.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to purchase six garbage cans for \$875 each, plus tax and shipping charges. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin.

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

4. **Minimum Adjustment for Water Leaks – Alderwoman Artis**

Alderwoman Artis asked the Board for their direction on what should be the least amount for an adjustment for water usage that a customer should receive (i.e. water leaks, filling of a pool, etc.) She went on to say that the Town has had requests for adjustments for \$5 dollars or less. She informed the Board that completing adjustments takes time, and that, in her opinion, it would not be cost effective to do so.

After much discussion, Alderman Howell made a motion to give water adjustments for leaks for \$25 or more. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin.

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

Closing Prayer:

Alderwoman Reid gave the closing prayer.

Information:

1. Staff Development Training will convene at Town Hall on March 30, 2026. Town Hall will be closed from 11:30am-1:30pm.
2. The LGC will sponsor a Finance Class on March 31, 2026 at the Clayton Town Hall in Clayton, NC at 9am-4pm

Motion to Close Special Called Meeting

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion to close open session.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reid.

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 2:12 p.m.

Eddie Yelveron, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Town Clerk