



Minutes of Special Called Meeting

April 7, 2026

The Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderswomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held on April 7, 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: Interim Town Administrator Steve Harrell and Finance Officer Shannon Moats

Call to Order:

Mayor Yelverton called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Invocation:

Mayor Yelverton gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Finance Officer Shannon Moats led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

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

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

Action:

1. Approval of Bucket Truck and Electrical Journeymen – Mr. Harrell

Mr. Harrell stated that the Town's lineman positions were vacant, and that it was imperative that those positions be filled as soon as possible. He went on to say that after speaking with Finance Officer Shannon Moats, the Town has the funds to pay the salaries of two Electrical Journeymen, at a salary range of \$66,000-\$73,000 each.

Included in each Board member's packet, were two quotes for two used bucket line truck; a 2019 Altec AA55 for \$139,500, and a 2020 Altec AA55 for \$149,500. Mr. Harrell informed the Board that the trucks were in good condition, and that they met all electrical certifications. Mr. Harrell also informed the Board that the cost of a new bucket truck would be approximately \$236,000, therefore he recommended that the Town would purchase one of the proposed used bucket trucks.

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

Alderman Howell made a motion to hire two Electrical Journeymen at the salary range of \$66,000-\$73,000, and to approve the purchase of either the 2019 or 2020 used Altec AA55 Bucket truck and that the amount was not to exceed \$149,500. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was any discussion.

Alderman Jackson asked if the bucket truck would be equipped with a material handler (i.e. transformer lifter, etc.) Mr. Harrell stated that he was not sure of the specifications of the truck, but he would try to obtain that information and would inform the Board of his findings.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin asked if Mr. Harrell had received any applications for the lineman position. Mr. Harrell stated that he would be submitting advertisements on electrical, and other job websites, and was very confident that there would be interest shown soon.

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

2. Approval of Amended Subdivision Ordinance – Mr. Harrell

Mr. Harrell stated that Town Engineer Mike McAllister presented to the Board the Amended Subdivision Ordinance during its March 19, 2026 meeting. He went on to say that, at that time, the Board requested submit his fee schedule that would be added to the ordinance, which was enclosed in each Board member's packet.

Mr. McAllister stated that he would bill the Town on an hourly basis, due to not knowing how long the project would require. He went on to say that his fees should be passed along to the contractors.

3. Storm Water AIA Scope Amendment - Town Engineer Mike McAllister

Mr. McAllister stated that the original scope of work stated that the Town should have a Storm Water Management Plan. He went on to say that since that time, it had been discovered that the Town did not need a Storm Management plan, and the money would be reallocated and used to clean out the Town's Storm Water Lines.

Alderwoman Artis stated that the grant was initiated in 2023, and it was set expire in December, 2026. She expressed her concern about the recent discovery of the Town not needing the Storm Water Management Plan, and that there was approx. six months left to use the funds as recommended by Town Engineer Mike McAllister.

Alderwoman Artis asked how long after the approval of the relocation of the money would he start the project to clean out the lines. Mr. McAllister stated that the project would start within a couple months after the approval, and that he hoped that it could be completed before the deadline.

4. DOT to Install Sidewalk Ramps – Interim Town Admin. Steve Harrell

Mr. Harrell stated that he had received information from the State that funds from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) was granted to the Town to be used to install/replace handicapped ramps, which have already been identified.

Mr. Harrell informed the Board that a letter of request from the Town had to be submitted to the State in order for the four identified ramps/location to be completed, which were on the State's right-of-way.

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

Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the ADA Compliant Project Number B024046A, and that a letter, requesting the TAP funds, should be sent. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

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

Closing Prayer:

Alderwoman Reid gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Close Special Called Meeting:

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

Alderwoman Artis made a motion to close the special called meeting. 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 the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended @ 3:39 p.m.

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Town Clerk