



**Minutes of the Regular Town of Fremont Meeting
April 29, 2026**

The special called meeting of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC was held at 3:00 p.m. on April 29, 2026. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor
Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro tem
Oscar Mooring, Alderman
Tim V. Howell, Alderman
Wayne Jackson, Alderman
Joyce M. Artis, Alderwoman/ Town Clerk

Quorum Present: Yes

Also in attendance were: Interim Town Administrator Steve Harrell.

Call to Order:

Mayor Yelverton called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Invocation:

Mayor Yelverton 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 accept the agenda.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin seconded the motion.

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

Action:

1. Discussion of East Carolina Council of Government Membership – Mr. Harrell

Mr. Harrell informed the Board that, as of July 1, 2026, the East Carolina Council of Government (ECCOG) had sent the Town a letter stating that their organization, due to financial issues, would not be able to provide the services or programs that they once provided to cities, towns, and municipalities (i.e. projects, grant programs). Mr. Harrell

informed the Board that the ECCOG Bylaws stated that if the Town wanted to purchase a service or participate in a program, it could do so, even if it chooses not to remain a member.

He went on to say that ECCOG requested that the Town would continue to pay its membership dues of \$478.00 until that they were able to become financially stable. Mr. Harrell stated that other cities and towns had submitted their request to withdraw their membership, and asked whether or not the Board wanted to remain a member of the ECCOG.

Mayor Yelverton asked if there was a motion on this agenda item

Alderwoman Artis made a motion to withdraw the Town's membership from the East Carolina Council of Government. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

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

Closing Prayer:

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Close Special Called Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin asked if there was a motion to close the meeting.

Alderman Howell made a motion to close the special called meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mooring.

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

The meeting ended @ 3:15 p.m.

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Town Clerk