

April 18, 2023

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Ashlee Hoos and Barry Wilcox were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, CPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer

Kurt Bachman, Attorney

Becky Maggart, IAMC Deputy Clerk

Chris Snyder, Fremont Town Judge

Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall

Travis Smoker, Fremont Town Police Officer

Others in attendance were:

Rick Deller, Town Resident

JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident

Darrel Antrup, Town Business owner

Randall Appleton, Town Resident

Foy McNaughton, Town Resident

Alice Welch, Town Business Owner

Christina Cress, County Council

Terry Fugate, Steuben County Republican Party

Public Hearing- *The Public Hearing was for the Town Council to modify, affirm or resend the continuance of the Nuisance Ordinance violation at 206 E Toledo Street owned by Ravens House LLC and Randall Appleton, and to address the non-recurring rates ordinance adoption.*

On the account of Ravens House LLC and Randall Appleton at 206 E Toledo St., Fremont, IN 46737, Town Attorney Kurt Bachman reminded the town council that they need to make a decision on the Nuisance Ordinance violation served in September 2022. Town Marshal Joe Patterson presented pictures of the property taken January, 16, 2023 and April 17, 2023 and noted that the items in question move or are replaced with different parts or items that would then be a nuisance. Town Marshal Joe Patterson also stated that the constant changing of the property and the lack of urgency in cleaning up the items that are in violation, he is recommending that this matter should be closed and to move from a nuisance violation to a zoning violation. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to rescind the nuisance violation and to start the process for a zoning violation, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. On the account of the Non-recurring Rates Ordinance 2023-03 and Ordinance 2023-04 the Council did not have any questions or concerns with the Ordinance presented. Once opened for public comment and questions, Town Business owner Darrel Antrup asked if his rates were changing for shutting his water on and off at his seasonal business, and was answered no, just the rates for new taps and after-hours charges were changing, along with disconnection for non-payment and after hour charges were the main changes. There were no further questions from the public.

The Public Hearing ended at 5:12p.m. and the regular Town Council meeting began.

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Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the March minutes, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report: Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

NIPSCO- Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said nothing new to report. Town Judge Chris Snyder said that we are supposed to get extra gas from the line to the east of town sometime this fall, and that NIPSCO is still working on getting more gas from a different line west of Angola to be able to help with the gas shortage for Steuben County, but that is not expected for several years.

Ordinance 2023-03 and 2023-04 Non-recurring Rates- Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 and 2023-04 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023-03 and 2023-04, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credit- Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Change of Speed Limit Request on SR 827- Council President Steve Brown said he talked to Dana Plattner from INDOT about the 45 mile per hour speed limit being extended south on Sr 827 past the new entrance into Cardinal and Allegheny Coatings, to help keep traffic moving slower for the entrances of the businesses. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the change of speed limit as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Approval for Council President to sign INDOT agreements- The Town of Fremont was awarded \$1,000,000.00 in a Community Crossing Grant for 2023. Council President Steve Brown asked for permission for the Council President to sign agreements as needed when they are ready. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve to allow the Council President to sign the documents, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Donation from Back the Blue- County Council member Christina Cress presented the Fremont Police Department with a donation of \$2,430.00. Town Marshal Joe Patterson said that this donation will go towards the K-9 unit and is greatly appreciated.

CF 1 Approvals- Town Court Judge Chris Snyder presented CF 1's for Koester Metals this is the 9th year of a 10-year agreement and they are in compliance, and for Miller Waste Mills this is the 2nd year of a 4-year agreement and they are also in compliance. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to accept the agreement as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

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REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshall Joe Patterson asked for approval for hiring a new deputy police officer and a part time office manager for the police department. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve hiring a new deputy and part time office manager in the police department as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Street: Report was not submitted.

Water: Report was not submitted.

Wastewater – Report was not submitted.

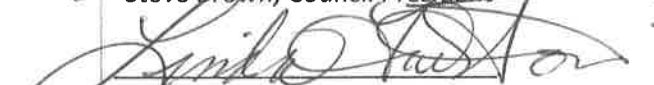
Park- Report was submitted. Council President Steve Brown said that the slab and walls of the new dugouts were poured and ready for the roof Council President Steve Brown will talk to the Street employees to see if they have time to construct the roof or need to hire it done. Town Clerk Treasurer Kathy Parsons added that the Park Board is having a Day in the Dog Park during music fest with food venders and the library will be there to read books to the dogs. The Park Board is also planning back-to-school event on August 5, 2023 at Rocket Ship Park with Fire and Ice food vender and bounce houses. Town Clerk Treasurer Kathy Parsons also mentioned that the Park Board was interested in installing Pickle Ball courts. Town funds other than Park Funds would need to be used for this if the Council decides to proceed with this project. Consensus was to have DLZ review the possible sites. Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

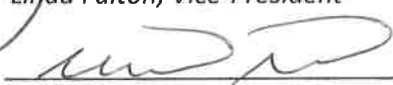
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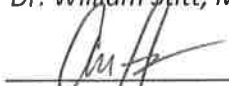

Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer
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Steve Brown, Council President


Linda Fulton, Vice-President


Dr. William Stitt, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member

Barry Wilcox, Member