

August 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Dr. William Stitt, Ashlee Hoos and Barry Wilcox were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer
Kurt Bachman, Attorney
Becky Maggart, IAMC Deputy Clerk
Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall
Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent
Chris Snyder, Town Judge

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ
Alice Welch, Realtor
Jack Musson, Town Business owner
Dawn Musson, Town Business owner
Lori Crandall, Town Resident
Molly Weber, Clear Lake Town Councilmember
Rick Deller, Town Resident
James Hart, Town Resident
JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident
Beth Swary, WLKI news reporter

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the July minutes, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NIPSCO- Council President Steve Brown asked Town Judge Chris Snyder if there was anything to report. Chris Snyder said there is an informative call scheduled for August 31, 2023. Chris Snyder also said that work has been started on the lines coming into Angola and the line coming from Hamilton.

Community Crossings Street Project Update- Todd Thurber from the DLZ said that the paper work has been submitted to INDOT.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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

Ray Road sewer line replacement- Todd Thurber from DLZ said that this is an old clay tile about 7-12 feet deep and 1200 feet long, estimating the cost of replacement will be around \$400,000-\$450,000. Todd Thurber asked for permission to get survey started, and draw up bid documents. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons mentioned that ARPA money will be used to fund the project and that funds need to be spent by the end of 2024, Todd Thurber from DLZ said that should not be a problem. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve Todd Thurber from DLZ to get survey and draw up bid documents, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for a motion to approve Town Attorney Kurt Bachman to prepare an ARPA Plan, Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Pickle Ball Courts- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the plan was to put the courts near the dog park, but after talking with Councilmember Dr. William Stitt there may be a better place for them at Vistula Park. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made the motion to allow Town Attorney Kurt Bachman to work with Fremont Community Schools to draw up an interlocal government agreement for the pickleball courts, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Addition to Street Barn- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the plan was to extend the current street barn to the south to add four bays, two of which for the street and two for the police, along with a bathroom for them to share. Long term thoughts would be that as the street and police departments grow the street would absorb this addition and the police would move to a new structure. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm said, if possible, to make the building wider either to the east or west so trailers and vehicles can be in same bay if needed. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to allow Todd Thurber from DLZ to start the design process with Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Hire a part-time Police Officer- Town Marshal Joe Patterson requested to hire Kenney Steele as a part-time police officer and possibly a resource officer once certified. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted.

Street: Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm said he is getting quotes for concrete in the salt barn. Jeff Grimm also said that the street department is proposing getting a new utility truck they only have one bidder reply so far and it is for \$111,401.50, Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that this would be paid for from the 2023 budget and 2024 budget and we would not take possession until

after January 1, 2024. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve as presented, second by councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Water: Report was not submitted.

Wastewater – Report was not submitted.

Park- Report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons reported that the Park Board said that the End of Summer Bash was a success.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

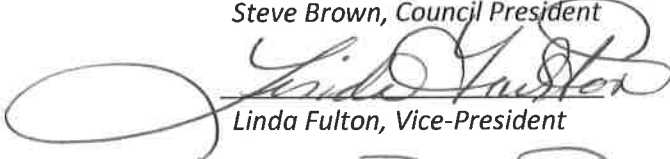
September 21, 2023

Attest:



Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer
IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMC, CPM

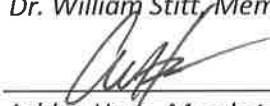
Steve Brown, Council President



Linda Fulton, Vice-President



Dr. William Stitt, Member



Ashlee Hods, Member



Barry Wilcox, Member

September 5, 2023

The public hearing for the 2024 budget for the Town of Fremont was opened by President, Steve Brown at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt and Linda Fulton were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

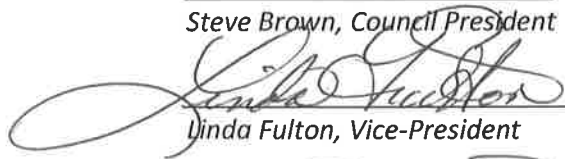
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The public hearing was for discussion and public comment on the proposed 2024 budget.

With no further comments, President Steve Brown closed the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m.

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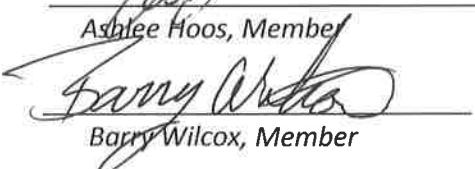
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