

December 13, 2022

*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, December 13, 2022, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Lon Keyes 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  
Joe Patterson, Town Marshal  
Travis Smoker, Town Police Officer*

*Others in attendance were:*

*JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident  
Jack Musson II, Town Resident  
Rick Deller, Town Resident  
Ashlee Hoos, Town Resident  
Michael DeWitt, Town Resident*

**Public Hearing-** *The Public Hearing was for the Town Council to affirm, modify or rescind the order for the Public Nuisance Ordinance served to Michael Dewitt and Nicole Lensky occupant and or owner of 406 W Michael Street Michael De Witt was present. Kurt reminded the Council that the Michael Dewitt had a hearing on August 16, 2022 and again on November 15, 2022 where evidence was taken and this was a status hearing. Kurt said there were 3 options; Option 1 would be to continue again with a date certain. Option 2 would be order fines and allow to be waived in 60 days if complete and option 3 would be to order fines today to date back to July 15, 2022 with a total to date of \$1,050.00 and \$50.00 per week going forward. Marshall Patterson spoke and said there six pictures with a noticeable difference. Michael now has a dumpster that he rents monthly on property. Attorney Bachman asked if a nuisance still exists. There are still wood products between the shed and the trailer, and a few other items that need taken care of. This can all be viewed from the public right of way. Michael has still not picked up his permits for the shed. Councilmember Linda Fulton believes we need to continue but with a date certain that it will end. Councilmember Lon Keyes agreed, Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to continue for 60 days to the February 21, 2023 meeting at 5:00 p.m., second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

*Follow up on other matters: White-Freed, motion to dismiss was at the November meeting. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to authorize Joe to sign the order, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor. Ravens House has a hearing on January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The address at 304 was dismissed in November Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to authorize Joe to sign the order, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to dismiss the law suit and not impose fines, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

*Public hearing was closed at 5:20 pm. and the regular Town Council meeting began.*

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the November minutes, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, 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 Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater project update-** Council President Steve Brown said this project was nearly wrapped up.

**NIPSCO-** Town Attorney Kurt Bachman stated that he did receive a favorable response to what has been presented. A call will be held with NIPSCO next week. There may be some gas to the East.

**Fire Truck Bids-** There was one truck bid received. It was from Spencer and was \$986,000.00. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to award the bid to Spencer and to allow Council President to sign outside of the meeting, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credit-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve a sewer credit requested up to \$600.00 discussion followed, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton. Councilmember Lon Keyes, made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Linda Fulton all in favor.

**Write offs –** Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the writes offs for the utilities that were presented, second by Council member Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**Board Appointments-** Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to approve the Board appoints for the various town boards as presents, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Salary Ordinance –** Ordinance 2022-07 – Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the salary ordinance 2022-07, second by Council member Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**Review of Utility charges –** Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to approve Baker Tilly to review charges in the utility departments and make recommendations, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Hire part-time police officer-** Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to to approve hiring Carmen Hottell as a part time office, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Opioid Fund –** We have received Opioid Funds and need to set up a restricted and unrestricted fund – Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**Inet –** Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the Inet contract, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**Surety Bond** – Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the surety bond for Clerk-Treasurer, Mary K Parsons, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**Orland Fire Contract** – Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to approve the Orland Fire Contract, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor

Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to waive the second reading of the Ordinance approved, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**Court:** Report was submitted.

**Fire:** Report was submitted.

**Police:** Report was submitted. Town Marshal would like approval to purchase a trailer for equipment. We received \$5,000 for the damaged one we had. That would leave a balance of \$7,555.00. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Marshal Joe Patterson would like to start a canine program in Fremont. The total startup cost would be approximately \$25,984.00. They are expecting donations to help with the purchase of the dog and the sustainability of the program. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the start-up of the program, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. A canine fund will need to be established.

Council President Steve Brown presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Councilmember Lon Keyes. Lon served for 8 years as a Councilmember.

**Street:** Report was submitted.

**Water:** Report was submitted. Jeff Olds did receive his Class I water license. We have received several applications and will continue to take them through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be set up after the first of the year.

**Wastewater** – Report was submitted.

**Park-** Report was not submitted.

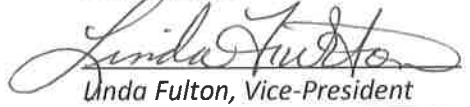
Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lon Keyes, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

January 17, 2023



Steve Brown, Council President



Linda Fulton, Vice-President

Attest:



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



Dr. William Stitt, Member



Ashlee Hoos, Member



Barry Wilcox, Member

December 29, 2022

*The special meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Lon Keyes, Dr William Stitt and Barry Wilcox were also present.*

*Others representing the Town were:*

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

*Others in attendance were Kristie Dailey with DLZ.*

***Approval of Claims:*** *Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve claims, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

***Yearend purchase:*** *Marshal Patterson would like approval to purchase the dog cage for the Cannie program for \$6,300, motion by Councilmember Dr. William Still, second by Council member Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

***2022 Transfers:*** *Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to approve the 2022 transfers made throughout the year, second by councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

***Nepotism's form*** – *Form is required to be signed annually. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion for Steve to sign the forms, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

***Region 3A appointment*** – *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to appoint Council President Steve Brown as the appointee, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

***Canine Fund 2022-09*** – *Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to establish fund number 2302 for the canine program, second by councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.*

***Amending Dental Fund 2022-10*** – *Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the amending of the Dental Fund program, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to waive the second reading, all in favor.*

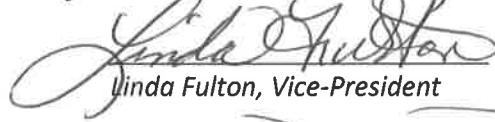
***Dugout*** – *Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the quote from Chuck's concrete for the dug outs. It will be \$17,000 for the two dug outs. Motion by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.*

*Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lon Keyes, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.*

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