

December 19, 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, December 19, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk

Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent

Chris Snyder, Fremont Town Judge

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ

Rick Deller, Town Resident

Scott Glendening, Town Resident

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the November minutes, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, 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- Nothing new to report from Council President Steve Brown or Fremont Town Judge Chris Snyder.

Pickle Ball Courts- Town Attorney, Kurt Bachman said documents are ready to sign by the Fremont Community School and the Town Council, once this is done then the construction can start. The construction will likely be in the Spring. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to allow all documents to be signed outside the meeting as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Ray Road sewer line replacement- Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they are still working on it and hope to have it finalized and ready for bids in January.

Addition to Street Barn- Todd Thurber from DLZ said bidding is open now and due on December 27, 2023, in hopes to award a bid at the next meeting on December 28, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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Salary Ordinance 2023-14- Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the Salary Ordinance 2023-14 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

SCEDC Appointment- Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to appoint Mary K. Parsons, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Region 3A Appointment- Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to appoint Mary K. Parsons, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Board Appointments- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that all the appointments for the members of the different Boards for the Town of Fremont are in compliance. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Recognize Retirements- Councilmember Linda Fulton presented Council President Steve Brown a plaque and with words of appreciation for all he has done for the Town in his nearly 20 years of service on the Fremont Town Council. Council President Steve Brown presented Fremont Town Judge Chris Snyder a plaque with words of appreciation for all he has done for the Town in his over 30 years of service on numerous boards and positions held for the Town of Fremont. Both expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Town for allowing them to serve and hoping they have made a change for the better for the Town and the hope that it will continue.

Surety Bond- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the surety bond for Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Appointments- Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the appointment of Zoning Administrator to Chief Deputy Clerk Becky Maggart and the Economic Development Administrator to Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, 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 that they are working on getting barn cleared out so the concrete can be poured next week.

Water: Report was submitted.

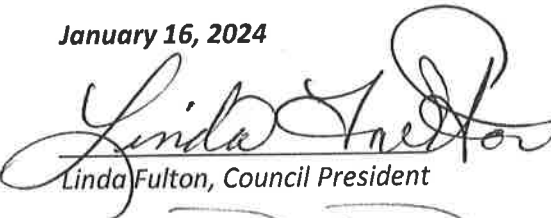
Wastewater: No report was submitted.

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Park: No report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said there were two Town Residents that responded to the opening on the park board and meet all requirements. The two are Luann Dennis and Tyler Howard. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to appoint Tyler Howard to the Park Board, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said she would let him know.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.


January 16, 2024


Linda Fulton, Council President

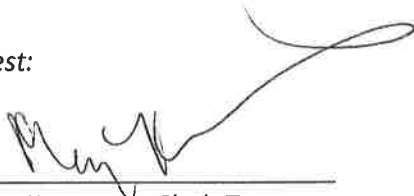

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President


Barry Wilcox, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Scott Glendening, Member

Attest:



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

December 28, 2023

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 28, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Dr. William Stitt, and Barry Wilcox were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Maggart, IAMC Chief Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance were:

Casey Erwin, DLZ
Scott Glendening, Town Resident

Discuss Barn Bids- Casey Erwin from DLZ said they opened the 3 bids that were submitted on December 27, 2023 at 3:30. The lowest of the bids was over \$797,000.00, which was over the proposed budgeted amount of \$400,000.00. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to reject all bids as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Approve Payables- Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the payables presented as well as any other bills that will need paid before the end of year, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Approve Year End Purchases- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval for finishing outfitting the Police Tahoe of \$12,680.00, Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons also asked for approval of adding a key fob entry to the basement door of \$2,975.00 Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Approve 2023 Transfers- Clerk-Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to approve the transfers within appropriations for 2023, Councilmember Linda Fulton made the motion to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Approve Encumbrances- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the encumbrances as presented as well as any others that may come in, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Nepotism Forms- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve all nepotism forms as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. All nepotism forms are signed.

Utility Write Offs- Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve the utility write offs as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

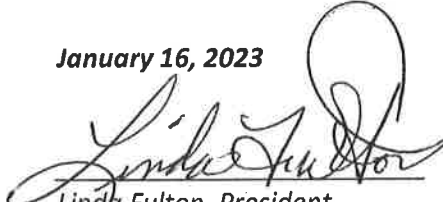
Council President Steve Brown asked for a motion to waive the second reading for Salary Ordinance 2023-14 that was approved at the last council meeting. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to wave second reading, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

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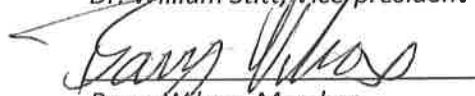
Council President Steve Brown asked the council for approval to pay for all legal, title, and survey fees for the retention area by Crossroads that the current owners, the Swagers, would be willing to donate to the Town of Fremont. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to pay for the closing costs related to the donation, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton at 9:09 am, second by Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.


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Linda Fulton, President


Dr. William Stitt, Vice-president


Barry Wilcox, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Scott Glendening, Member

Attest:


Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer
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