

**December 17, 2024**

*The public hearing and regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Barry Wilcox, Ashlee Hoos and Scott Glendening were also present.*

*Others representing the Town were:*

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer*

*Becky Maggart, IAMC, Chief Deputy Clerk*

*Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney*

*Joe Patterson, Town Marshal*

*Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent*

*Tony Manns, Town Attorney*

*Others in attendance were:*

*Todd Thurber, DLZ*

*Michael DeWitt, Town Resident*

*Carolyn DeWitt, Town Resident*

*JB Fuller, Town Resident*

*Rick Deller, Town Resident*

*Michael Stevens, Town Property Owner*

*Heather Stevens, Town Property Owner*

*Council President Linda Fulton turned the Public Hearing over to Town Attorney Tony Manns for the Nuisance Ordinance Violations. Town Attorney Tony Manns said the first to discuss is the continuance for Michael Dewitt. Town Attorney Tony Manns asked Becky Maggart, the Nuisance Ordinance Code Enforcement Officer, if the property is in compliance and she said yes and that it is her recommendation to dismiss the case. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the dismissal, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Town Attorney Tony Manns then turned the Public Hearing over to Town Attorney Kurt Bachman to swear in anyone who would be testifying or representing the 407 N Ray Road property, and Town Nuisance Enforcement Officer, Becky Maggart and Michael S. Stevens were sworn in. Town Attorney Tony Manns then asked for testimony from Town Nuisance Enforcement Officer, Becky Maggart, who said that she had noticed the property in violation of the tall grass and weeds and then noticed the junk vehicles, trash and debris as well. A letter was sent to notify the property owners of the violations with a deadline of compliance. Town Attorney Tony Manns then asked questions regarding the investigation, and stated that the Town is asking fines of \$150 per week for the Nuisances from October 25, 2024. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman then asked Michael Stevens to start his testimony. Property Owner of 407 N Ray Road, Michael Stevens then stated that due to their divorce in progress that it is taking longer to get the nuisances abated. Michael Stevens said he has purchased equipment and has mowed the grass. As for the junk vehicles, he has removed some and the remaining vehicles need to have a lost title applied for, then they can be removed. The remaining trash and debris will be removed immediately. Further questioning by Town Attorney Tony Manns followed and once all involved were done speaking, Town President Linda Fulton closed the Public Hearing, and Council discussion followed. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the continuance to February 18, 2025 with fines incurring until nuisances abated, and if abated Council reserves the right to dismiss all fines at the February Council Meeting, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos approved the continuance be signed outside of a meeting, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

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Council President Linda Fulton closed the public hearing and opened the regular town council meeting at 5:48 p. m.

**Approval of Minutes-** Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the November 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:**

**Hope Sidewalk pay app** – Todd Thurber from DLZ said T & S is done with the sidewalks on Hope Drive, and is requesting payment of \$40,900.00 with \$500.00 retainage being held until restoration is complete in the spring. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Todd Thurber from DLZ also asked for permission to advertise for bids for Pearl Street Project. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Todd Thurber from DLZ also said there will be a preconstruction meeting with E & B Paving in February. The next round of Community Crossing Grants will open in January for up to \$1.5 million so he will be getting in contact with Jeff Grimm to discuss which roads need to be included in the projects. DLZ is also working on the right of way documents for the West Alley Project.

**Sidewalk bids for Coldwater Street.** - Town Attorney Kurt Bachman explained that there were 4 bids that came in for the project and the lowest bidder was missing a document in the packet required by state statute to be considered as a responsive and responsible bidder. Council decided that since this document was missing the next lowest bidder would be considered for the award of the project. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned that the lowest bidder was not the most responsive and responsible bid, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve API as the next lowest, most responsive and most responsible bid, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to sign the agreement outside of a meeting, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to prepare award letter and authorize to sign outside of meeting once proper documentation for bond is received, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credits-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

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**Mutual aid contract with County-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the Contract as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Salary Ordinance 2024-10-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve Salary Ordinance 2024-10 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Surety Bond Approval-** Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the bond for the Clerk-Treasurer presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Region 5 Appointment-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to appoint Clerk Treasurer, Mary K. Parsons for Region 5 representative, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Board Appointments-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the appointments as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Attorney Contract-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the Attorney Contract as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Approve Badge Member-** Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the Badge Member Thad Fredrick as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Personnel Policy Ordinance 2024-11-** Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the Personnel Policy Ordinance as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to waive the second reading of all Ordinances approved at this meeting, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Report was submitted.

**Police:** Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson said Rex was all moved in and likes his new home and says thank you for it. Town Marshal Joe Patterson also wanted to let the Council know that one of the officers was in a small accident while in pursuit and a report will be submitted to the prosecutor for restitution.

**Zoning:** Report was submitted. Nothing to add.

**Street:** Report was submitted. Town Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm told the Council that a new mower is needed and quotes will be here in the next week. He would like approval by end of the year to purchase if possible. This will be discussed at the year-end meeting.

**Water:** Report was submitted.

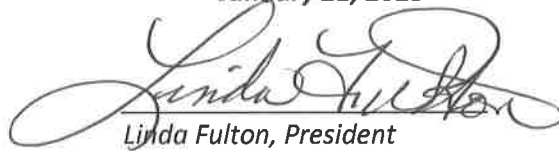
**Wastewater:** No report was submitted.

**Park:** Report was submitted.

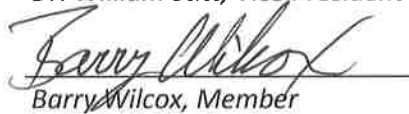
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*Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by Councilmember Scott Glendening, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

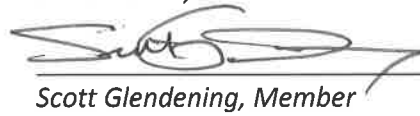
**January 21, 2025**

  
Linda Fulton, President

  
Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

  
Barry Wilcox, Member

  
Ashlee Hoos, Member

  
Scott Glendening, Member

Attest:

  
Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer  
IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM

**December 30, 2024**

*The special meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 1:32 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2024, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Dr. William Stitt and Scott Glendening were also present.*

*Others representing the Town were:*

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer*

*Becky Maggart, IAMC, Chief Deputy Clerk*

**Interlocal Agreement-** *Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Fremont Community Schools, second by Council President Linda Fulton, Councilmembers Scott Glendening and Linda Fulton in favor, Councilmember Dr. William Stitt abstained.*

**Approval of Payables-** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the payables as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

**Approve Year End Purchases-** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the year end purchases for a mower from Greenmark, Clear Lake Electric Lighting for the Town Hall interior, downtown lights and crossroads apartments street lighting, and Town Hall exterior lighting, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

**Approve 2024 Transfers-** *Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the 2024 transfers throughout the year, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

**Approve Encumbrances-** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the encumbrances as presented as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

**Nepotism Forms-** *Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the nepotism forms needed signed and recorded in the minutes that they were done.*

**Utility Write Offs-** *Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the utility write offs as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

**Fire Contract-** *Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons explained the contract is a mutual aid contract between Angola, Orland, and Fremont from Jamestown Township monies. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the contract as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

**Appointments** *-Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for a motion to approve Becky Maggart to be recommended to the Plan Commission as the Zoning Administrator while also serving as the Nuisance Enforcement Officer and also to appoint Mary K Parsons as the Economic Development Coordinator for the Town to be recorded in the minutes. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to pay down the comp time for each of the full-time firefighters to 10 hours retroactive to the 12/23/2024 payroll. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

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**Salary Ordinance 2024-12** - Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked to amend the Salary Ordinance for distribution for 2023 and 2024 to have Firefighter 1 and Fire Captain paid from LOIT and Fire funds. This would be retroactive to the first pay of 2023. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.


Motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. by Councilmember Scott Glendening, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

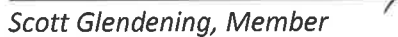
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Linda Fulton, President

  
Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

  
Barry Wilcox, Member

  
Ashlee Hoos, Member

  
Scott Glendening, Member

Attest:

  
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