

February 21, 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, February 21, 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, CPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer
Kurt Bachman, Attorney
Becky Maggart, IAMC Deputy Clerk
Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent
Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent*

Others in attendance were:

*Jack Musson II, Town Resident
Dawn Musson, Business Owner
Rick Deller, Town Resident
Scott Glendening, 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 Nicole Lensky property owner and Michael DeWitt resident of 406 E. Michael Street. Michael DeWitt was present. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman reminded the Council that Michael DeWitt has already had the evidential hearing where evidence was taken and this was a status hearing. Attorney Kurt Bachman said there were 3 options; Option 1 would be to continue again with a date certain, option 2 would be order fines accordingly and option 3 would be to dismiss. Marshall Patterson was not present but had submitted pictures of the property to the Council stating that the property is in compliance. Attorney Kurt Bachman said based on the pictures and the written statement from Marshall Patterson that the property is in compliance, the Council needed to make a motion to vote. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made the motion to dismiss based on the evidence provided, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Council President Steve Brown told Michael that he will have until March 3, 2023 to pay for his permits for the two sheds that he put on to the property, or he will take action.*

Public hearing ended and the regular Town Council meeting began.

Approval of Minutes: *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the January 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 Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

OLD BUSINESS:

NIPSCO- Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said nothing new to report. Council President Steve Brown said NIPSCO is still checking into a line to the East side of Town and possibly getting gas from a different line to Angola which would open up more gas for Fremont and surrounding areas. Council President Steve Brown said the next call is on March 2, 2023 at 10:00, and will hopefully know more then.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Ordinance 2023-01 - introducing trash increase- Council President Steve Brown asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-01 with a trash rate increase from \$13.94 to \$14.53. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to introduce the trash rate increase as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman asked council to make a motion to set the public hearing date for March 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve to set the hearing date as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

CF-1- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve Council President Steve Brown to sign the CF-1 for Ventures in Space since they are in compliance, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Discussion on eliminating fluoride treatment- Water Superintendent Jeff Olds and Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm explained the need to upgrade the current fluoride system and recommended that the Town of Fremont discontinue adding fluoride to the system. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to eliminate the program as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Adoption of Title VI Resolution 2023-01- Attorney Kurt Bachman explained the reason needed for the Title VI Resolution. This is to be in compliance with the Federal Government in order to receive grants and programs that would be beneficial to the Town of Fremont, and recommended that the Town of Fremont adopt the Title VI Resolution as presented. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to adopt the Title VI Resolution 2023-01 as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to waive the second reading for the Title VI Resolution, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Mutual Aid Agreement with County- Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Steuben County as presented, second by Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Attorney Kurt Bachman would like the agreement signed with Bond Counsel as we include them in some of the preliminary calls for the Fire Station. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve Council President Steve Brown to sign paperwork 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.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater – Report was submitted.

Park- Report was submitted.

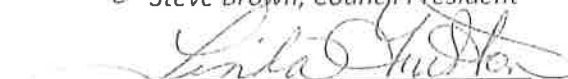
Councilmember Barry Wilcox asked about if Dexter Axle was still interested in acquitting the Fremont Dog Park property that had been discussed last year. Council President Steve Brown said he has not heard anything new since last discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

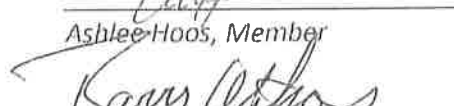
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Steve Brown, Council President



Linda Fulton, Vice-President


Dr. William Stitt, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Barry Wilcox, Member

Attest:


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

Fremont Town Council
Executive Session

March 13, 2023

5:00 p m

205 N Tolford Street

Officials:

Steve Brown
Linda Fulton
Dr. William Stitt
Ashlee Hoos
Barry Wilcox

Present

X
X
X
X
X

Absent

Others present:

Mary K. Parsons, Clerk/Treasurer

Subject Matter of the Session: Items checked were discussed) (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

_____ 1. As authorized by federal or state statute. (If checked, please indicate below)

_____ 2. Discussion of strategy with respect to:

_____ A. Collective Bargaining;

_____ B. Initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing;

_____ C. The implementation of security systems;

_____ D. The purchase or lease of property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by parties.

_____ 3. Interviews with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the department of commerce, the Indiana development finance authority, the film commission, the Indiana business modernization and technology corporation, or economic development commission.

 X 4. To receive information about, and interview, prospective employees

_____ 5. With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:

_____ A. To receive information concerning the individual's misconduct and

_____ B. To discuss, prior to any determination, that individual's status as an employee, a student or an independent contractor who is a physician.

_____ 6. For discussion of records classified as confidential by state and federal statute.

_____ 7. To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This does not apply to any discussion of the salary, compensation, of benefits of employees during the budget process.

_____ 8. When considering the appointment of a public official to do the following:

_____ A. Develop a list of prospective appointees;

_____ B. Consider applications; and

_____ C. Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.

March 13, 2023

We hereby certify that no subject matter other than the item(s) checked on the previous page were discussed at the meeting.

Approved:

March 21, 2023


Steve Brown

Linda Fulton

Dr. William Sutt

Ashlee Hoos

Barry Wilcox

Attest:



Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM
Clerk/Treasurer

Confer IC 5-14-1 5-6 1 (d)

February 1, 2023

The special meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday February 1, 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, CPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer

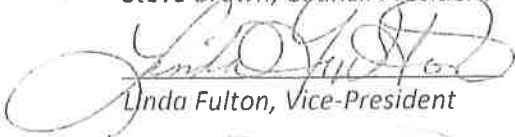
The special meeting was held to hire a water employee, Jeff Bauhof. His start date will be February 20, 2023. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to hire Jeff Bauhof, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Steve Brown, Council President

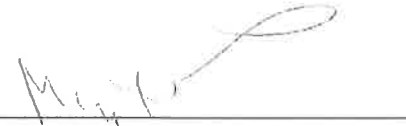

Linda Fulton, Vice-President


Dr. William Stitt, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Barry Wilcox, Member

Attest:



Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer,
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