

July 19, 2022

*The regular meeting and public hearing of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Councilmember Linda Fulton at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, 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 Officer  
Becky Maggart, IAMC Deputy Clerk  
Tony Manns, Attorney*

*Others in attendance were:*

*Jo Dee Hoemig, Town Resident  
James Hart, Town Resident  
Rebecca White, Town Resident  
Dusty Freed, Town Resident  
Adam Meeks, Town Resident  
Jack Musson, Town Resident  
Dawn Musson, Town Resident  
Rick Deller, Town Resident*

***Public Hearing-*** *Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve the procedure of the hearing as presented by Town Attorney, Kurt Bachman, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

*The Public Hearing was for the Town Council to affirm, modify or rescind the order for the Public Nuisance Ordinance served on June 21, 2022 to Jo Dee Hoemig, Ashley Michelle Smith and Andre Danielle Smith Bolinger at 302 W. North St, Fremont, IN 46737, and to Bernard White and Catherine White both deceased, Rebecca White and Dusty Freed residing at 400 E Toledo St., Fremont, IN 46737.*

*On the account of Jo Dee Hoemig at 302 W. North St, Fremont, IN 46737, Town Marshal Joe Patterson, presented to the council copies of pictures of nuisance on property, violation letter and order letter, along with verbal explanation of nuisances and that very little to nothing has been done to the property to be in compliance. In accordance with Town of Fremont Town code Section 91 "Public Nuisances" fines are as follows \$100 per week for industrial machinery, unless located on land that is properly zoned for such use and owed by persons actively engaged in industry, and \$50 per week for accumulated garbage and trash to be fined from date of violation letter until property is in compliance. Jo Dee Hoemig then presented her case to the council as well as James Hart who resides with Jo Dee Hoemig. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to close the hearing once all parties were done presenting, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to affirm the order as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to authorize the order to be written and signed as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

*On the account of Bernard White and Catherine White both deceased, and Rebecca White and Dusty Freed occupants of 400 E Toledo St, Fremont, IN 46737, Town Marshal, Joe Patterson presented to the council copies of pictures of nuisance on property, violation letter and order letter, along with verbal explanation of nuisances and that things are getting cleaned up and they have started painting house. In accordance with Town of Fremont Town code Section 91 "Public Nuisances" fines are as follows \$50 per week for accumulated garbage and trash, and structures defaced with paint, graffiti or otherwise unsightly to be fined from date of violation letter until property is in compliance. Rebecca White then presented her case to the Town Council saying she could have it in compliance in 2 months. Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to close the hearing once all parties were done presenting, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to modify the order to waive all fines if property is in compliance in two months and if not, then all fines accumulated will be owed, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to authorize the order to be written and signed as presented, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the setting of the status hearing at 5:30 on September 20, 2022, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the June minutes, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.*

**Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report:** *Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on 2021 Street Project** – *Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons reported that Council President Steve Brown was holding a claim due to the project not being completed per contract, and said that API would have all items completed in 2 weeks. Councilmember Barry Wilcox asked Town Attorney to review contract for completion date.*

**Update on 2022 Street Project-** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the payment to E & B Paving for street projects as presented by Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credit-** *Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the credits as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

**Open Bids on Scuba Truck-** *Councilmember Linda Fulton opened the only bid for the Scuba Truck and it was from Butler Construction of \$4,500.00. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to accept the bid, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

**CF-1 Approval-** *Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to waive the noncompliance status for the CF-1 for Miller Waste Mills Inc. and New Horizon Bakery, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

**Township Contract-** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the California Township Fire Contract of \$8,885.00, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Park Board Appointment-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to reappoint Nancy Hefley to the Fremont Town Park Board to a 4-year term starting January 1, 2022, and to advertise for a democrat park board member opening, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**Part Time Crossing Gard-** Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the hiring of a part time Crossing Guard, Kaylee Cope second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Steven A. Vaughn Plaque-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve a plaque to be placed on the baseball dugout as presented, honoring longtime resident Steven A Vaughn, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Sale of Police bicycles-** Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the selling of the police bicycles as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Music Fest-** Councilmember Linda Fulton wanted to express her thanks to Jack and Dawn Musson and the Town of Fremont employees that made Music Fest a success.

**REPORTS:**

**Court:** Report was submitted.

**Fire:** Report was submitted.

**Police:** Report was submitted. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the hiring of a part time police officer, Abigail Youpel, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

**Street:** Report was submitted.

**Water:** Report was submitted.

**Wastewater –** Report was submitted.

**Park-** Report was submitted.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lon Keyes, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

*August 16, 2022*

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*Steve Brown, Council President*

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*Linda Fulton, Vice-President*

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*Dr. William Stitt, Member*

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*Lon Keyes, Member*

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*Barry Wilcox, Member*

*Attest:*

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