

**June 20, 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, June 20, 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*

*Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall*

*Others in attendance were:*

*JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident*

*Rick Deller, Town Resident*

*Scott Glendening, Town Resident*

*Randy Fry, Town Resident*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the May minutes, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

**Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report:** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NIPSCO-** *Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said nothing new to report. Council President Steve Brown said that the work on the line coming in from the west of Angola will supply the new Judicial Building, Trine and the new apartments behind the Dollar General, this will allow some of the gas usage on the line from the east to supply the community. There are improvements being done to the line from the east and are expected to be done late summer and this will increase the gas supply by 10 percent. They are still discussing more about a line that would be the cure all to the gas shortage, but have not heard any definitive solutions for this yet.*

**Community Crossings Street Project Update-** *Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that the contract will be advertised with bids to be opened on July 17, 2023, and be awarded on July 18, 2023 at the Town Council meeting.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credit-** *Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

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**Authorize advertisement for Town Manager-** Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the town will advertise for a Town Manager over reach alert and the newsletter. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to advertise for a Town Manager, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Approve property purchase – Resolution 2023-02** Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 to approve the purchase of property at Blackman Prairie, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Bids on Police Car-** Council President Steve Brown opened the one bid we received for the police car from Troy Book. It was tabled for more clarification as it was uncertain of the amount of the bid.

**Contract for Humane Shelter-** Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the contract was based on the 28 intakes from residents in our community for a total of \$3,360.00. Discussion followed. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the contract as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, Councilmembers Dr. William Stitt and Linda Fulton in favor, Councilmembers Barry Wilcox and Ashlee Hoos not in favor. Council President Steve Brown voted in favor to break the tie.

**Contract for SCEDC-** Council President Steve Brown was just informing the Council that the Contract will increase this year. No vote needed.

**Chamber Donation for Music Fest-** Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons requested the Town of Fremont to donate \$3,000.00 to the Fremont Chamber of Commerce to help with the costs of Music Fest. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the donation request, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Court:** Report was submitted.

**Fire:** Report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle found a new fire command truck and it is in transit and should be around \$50,000.

**Police:** Report was submitted. Town Marshall Joe Patterson reported sending letters for the approved applicants for the open Deputy Marshal position, and asked the Council to approve the quote of \$22,000.00 for the lights and other equipment needed for the new police vehicle. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Street:** Report was submitted.

**Water:** Report was submitted.

**Wastewater –** Report was not submitted.

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**Park-** Report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that the Park Board was busy planning the Day in the Dog Park (Woofstock) during Music Fest.

Councilmember Barry Wilcox asked about the property on 400 W. Toledo Street and what progress was being made for demolition. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said there is a third-party adjuster working with the sisters, once access is approved there are two area churches ready to demo the house and clean up the lots.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Steve Brown, Council President

Attest:

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Linda Fulton, Vice-President

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

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Dr. William Stitt, Member

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Ashlee Hoos, Member

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Barry Wilcox, Member