

March 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, March 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*

*Jim Masters, Wastewater Superintendent*

*Chris Snyder, Fremont Town Judge*

*Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall*

*Travis Smoker, Fremont Town Police Officer*

*Eric Hufnagle, Fremont Town Fire Chief*

*Others in attendance were:*

*Jack Musson, Business Owner*

*Rick Deller, Town Resident*

*JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident*

**Public Hearing-** *The Public Hearing was for the Town Council to discuss the Trash Rate increase from \$13.94 to \$14.53 which is due to a yearly increase passed on to the town from the trash company and the CCD rate change Ordinances on the agenda.*

*Public hearing ended at 5:06 p.m. and the regular Town Council meeting began.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the February minutes, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, 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-** *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 30, 2023 at 1:00, and will hopefully know more then.*

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Ordinance 2023-01 -Trash Increase-** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the trash rate increase Ordinance 2023-01 as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**Ordinance 2023-02 CCD rate-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve the CCD rate Ordinance 2023-02, 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.

**Hire part-time Park Employee-** Council President Steve Brown asked for a motion to hire Randy Palmerton for a part-time park employee to help mow for the summer. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the part-time hire as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Hire Police Officer-** Council President Steve Brown explained that the pre-employment work was not complete yet and an additional interview would be set so this agenda item would be tabled.

**Wellness Day -** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the Wellness Day on May 5, 2023 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Spring clean-up Day-** Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion to approve the Spring Clean-up Day on May 11, 2023 as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Arbor Day Proclamation-** Council President Steve Brown said that the Town of Fremont has been a Tree City for 17 years. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Ordinance 2023-03 & 04 Non-recurring rates-** Town Attorney Kurt Bachman explained the Ordinance 2023-03 Non-recurring rates was just to update and simplify the many outdated ordinances for general, water and wastewater non-recurring rates. All new rates were based on the recommendation from Eric Walsh from Baker Tilly and the Town department superintendents. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to accept introduction of Ordinance 2023-03 & 04 and hearing, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

**Sewer Use Agreements-** Council President presented the two properties on East State Road 120 that were asking for Sewer only hookup. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve authorization for Town Attorney Kurt Bachman to draw up sewer agreements as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

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**REPORTS:****Court:** Report was submitted.**Fire:** Report was submitted.**Police:** Report was submitted. Town Marshall Joe Patterson mentioned needing a new police vehicle sometime this year.**Street:** Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Olds mentioned they have made one complete pass through town and starting on their second time around to get the brush chipped.**Water:** Report was submitted.**Wastewater** – Report was submitted. Wastewater Superintendent Jim Masters said that sometime the wastewater department will be needing to replace the press. On April 11, 2023 a company will be doing a free demonstration for their press.**Park-** Report was submitted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

April 18, 2023


  
Steve Brown, Council President

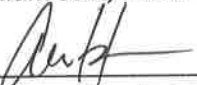

  
Linda Fulton, Vice-President

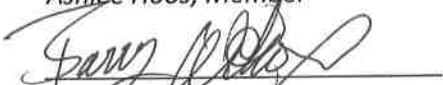
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Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer,  
IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM

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 Dr. William Stitt, Member


  
Ashlee Hoos, Member


  
Barry Wilcox, Member

April 11, 2023

The special meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Linda Fulton, Dr. William Stitt, and Ashlee Hoos were also present.

Others representing the Town were:


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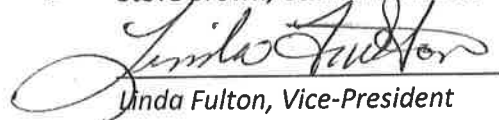
The special meeting was held to hire a police officer, David Howe. His start date will be April 24, 2023. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to hire David Howe, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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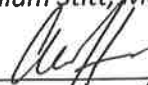
  
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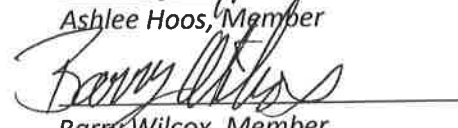
  
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