

March 19, 2024

The Public Hearing and regular council meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Dr. William Stitt, Barry Wilcox, Ashlee Hoos, and Scott Glendening were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

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

Becky Maggart, IAMC Chief Deputy Clerk

Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney

Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent

Joe Patterson, Town Marshal

Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief

Kenny Steele, Town Deputy Marshal

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ

Nancy Hefley, Town Resident

Beth Swary, WLKI Reporter

Rick Deller, Town Resident

Adam Sattison, Sattison

Jenn Sattison, Sattison

Bud Higbee, Town Resident

Council President Linda Fulton opened the Public Hearing for Public comment on the Trash Rate increase. No public comment was made. Public Hearing closed at 5:31 p.m. and the regular Town Council Meeting began.

Approval of Minutes- *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the February minutes, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the special meeting minutes from February, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, 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.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Trash Rate increase Ordinance 2024-01- *Council President Linda Fulton said the Ordinance 2024-01 is for the trash rate increase of 76 cents from \$14.53 to \$15.29 per resident. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-01 as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

Ray Road Project- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said the agreements have been signed and we are waiting on API to schedule the work with final completion by November 1, 2024.*

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Community Crossing update- Todd Thurber from DLZ said the 2023 Street Project for Swager Drive, west Albion Street, south Coffin Street and Nicholas Trail, is still on track. Sidewalks and concrete work are almost finished and the milling and paving of Albion and Coffin is scheduled to be done during spring break. Todd asked for approval for the 1st pay app to API for \$250,483.03. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the payment as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Todd Thurber from DLZ said the 2024 Community Crossing Grant application for Street Projects for Ray Road, Sierer Street, Cassel Drive, and Mill Street was submitted. INDOT will be awarding the grants in April. Todd asked council for approval to begin surveying, so project can be bid out in June or July. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve surveying for the project as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Todd also mentioned that the pickle ball court project will be starting soon, weather permitting, and contractor schedules. Todd is also working with Water Superintendent Jeff Olds to help with the Lead Line reporting required by IDEM.

Todd asked for permission for Council President Linda Fulton to approve the possibility of additional cost due to moving the trail location. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Open Bids on 1999 Ford- Council President Linda Fulton and Town Attorney Kurt Bachman opened the bids for the 1999 F350 truck. There were six (6) bids submitted as follows: Bid 1- Joy Ice \$6,200., Bid 2- Bryan Higbee \$1,600., Bid 3-A&D Enterprise Inc. \$5,000., Bid 4-D&D Enterprise LLC. \$8,981., Bid 5-Tyler Butters \$10,505., Bid 6-Sattison Lawncare \$6,000. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to accept the bid of \$10,505. from Tyler Butters, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Manure Spreader- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that the manure spreader the wastewater department just bought will not work for what their needs are. The company that the manure spreader was purchased from said they would deduct the full purchase price from the purchase of what is needed, so the remaining balance of the manure spreader needed is \$34,900. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credits- Councilmember Ashlee Hoos made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Arbor Day Proclamation- Council President Linda Fulton read part of the proclamation and announced the date for Arbor Day to be Friday, April 26, 2024, and asked for approval from Council. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the Town was awarded Tree City again for the 18th year.

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CF-1- Council President Linda Fulton asked for approval of a CF-1 for Carver Non-Woven, Linda explained that Carver Non-Woven would be in compliance with the number of employees once the natural gas demand is met. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the CF-1 as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Comprehensive Plan & Park Plan- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for permission to look for a vendor to write the comprehensive plan for the park and town. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Spring Clean Up- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve Spring Clean Up on May 9, 2024 as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Wellness Day- Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve Wellness Day on May 10, 2024 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Discussion on Vegetative Yard Waste- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said it was brought to her attention that there are several contractors dumping their leaves and such from their work sites and it can get overwhelming to keep the pile flipped and manageable. Council President Linda Fulton said an ordinance needed to be approved for adding the charge for dumping at our site of \$300 per year to dump for a commercial contractor and change the price to load a scoop of leaves from \$5 to \$10. Residents that take their own buckets out to fill are not charged as the decomposing leaves are free. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made the motion to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Generators for Wastewater- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the Wastewater Superintendent Jimmy Masters got a quote for 2 new generators for lift stations 1 & 2, and is asking for permission to approve the purchase. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Fire: Report was submitted. Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle said nothing more to add.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson said nothing more to add.

Street: Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm said nothing more to add.

Water: Report was submitted. Water Superintendent Jeff Olds said nothing more to add.

Wastewater: No report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to pay for repairs for the Vac truck which could be up to \$24,000. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

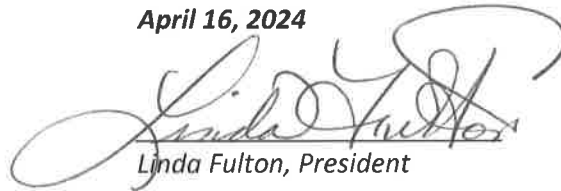
Park: Report was submitted.

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Town Attorney Kurt Bachman asked for permission to do a title search for the property owners on the west alley so he can prepare the documents for the grant easements. Once signed, The Town can proceed with the paving of the alley. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Kurt also had a question for the zoning on 208 East Toledo Street, as the GIS has a zoning classification we do not have, and he also mentioned that if this is incorrect, we will need confirmation and evidence of the correct zoning.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Barry Wilcox at 6:11 p.m., second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

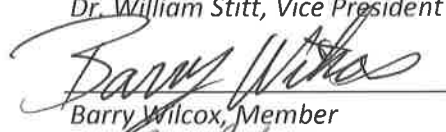
April 16, 2024



Linda Fulton, President

Attest:


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

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President


Barry Wilcox, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member

Scott Glendening, Member