

May 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmember Linda Fulton, 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

Chris Snyder, Judge

Joe Patterson, Marshal

Scott Barnhart, Part time Police officer

Becky Maggart, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance were:

Citizens attending were: JoDee Hoemig, James Hart, Mike Connell from Cardinal LG, Jessica Wendorf and Rick Deller.

Approval of Minutes: *Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the April minutes, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report: *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt 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 – *Council President Steve Brown reported that the project was slowly moving along. He also reported that there would be a pre-con meeting for the 2022 street project the first of June.*

Comprehensive plan quote- *Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to reject current bids due to waiting to apply for a planning grant in the fall, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

Generator quote- *Council President Steve Brown, presented two quotes for the new generator for the water plant. He explained that since one quote was for natural gas and the other for diesel, he recommended to work with the vendors on the quotes to get to an apples-to-apples quote. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to have Council President Steve Brown get the new quotes and proceed with ordering the generator as he sees fit, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.*

Cardinal Tax Abatement- *Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the tax abatement contingent on Cardinal signing the paperwork, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

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NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credit- Councilmember Lon Keyes moved to approve the credits as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Appoint Plan Commission member- Councilmember Lon Keyes made a motion to appoint Jessica Wendorf to the Fremont Plan Commission to finish the term of the late Steve Vaughn, second by Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

CF-1 – There were twelve CF-1's for approval, three for Cold Heading and nine for Cardinal IG. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the C-F 1's as presented, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

Resignation of Park Board member- Councilmember Lon Keys motioned to accept the resignation of Park Board member Debbie Williams as of July 15, 2022, second by Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

NIPSCO Update- Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said he has done all he can, and the next step would be litigation to see if we can get NIPSCO to supply more natural gas to Fremont in order for growth of the community. Town Judge Chris Snyder mentioned he had contacted some of the local businesses who would be willing to help make statements for litigation as they have had some experience working with NIPSCO.

REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson said they were being kept busy.

Street: Report was submitted.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater – Report was submitted.

Park- Report was submitted.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

June 21, 2022

Steve Brown, Council President

Linda Fulton, Vice-President

Dr. William Stitt, Member

Lon Keyes, Member

Barry Wilcox, Member

Attest:

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