

**May 16, 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, May 16, 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*

*Chris Snyder, Fremont Town Judge*

*Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall*

*Jeff Grimm, Fremont Street Superintendent*

*Jimmy Masters, Fremont Wastewater Superintendent*

*Others in attendance were:*

*JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident*

*Allie Daugherty, OCRA*

*Martha Hagerty, Town Resident*

*Andrew Boxberger, Attorney for Carver Non-Woven*

***Fremont Building Corp Meeting-*** Attorney Kurt Bachman addressed all in attendance, Council would need to appoint the three members to the Fremont Town Hall Building Corp Board, Chris Snyder, Martha C Hagerty and Lori Masters. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve appointments as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Attorney Kurt Bachman then asked for a motion to approve the Officers, Chris Snyder, President, Martha C Hagerty, Vice-president, and Lori Masters, Secretary, Martha C Hagerty made a motion to approve the appointments as presented, second by Town Judge Chris Snyder, all in favor. Attorney Kurt Bachman asked for a motion to approve the actions of the Board for the year. Town Judge Chris Snyder motioned to approve as presented, second by Martha Hagerty, all in favor.

*The Fremont Building Corp Meeting ended at 5:05p.m. and the regular Town Council meeting began.*

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***NIPSCO-*** Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said nothing new to report. Town Judge Chris Snyder said that the next call is at the Economic Development Office in Angola on May 22, 2023 from 10-Noon. They will be discussing more about the line to the West to be able to provide more gas to the community as well

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*as the cost and maintenance of such line and who is responsible for expenses. The line to the East of Fremont will hopefully be providing more gas to the area late summer.*

**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.*

**CF 1 Approvals-** *Town Court Judge Chris Snyder presented CF-1's for Cardinal IG, Cold Heading, Carver Non-Woven, and New Horizon. Town Court Judge Chris Snyder said all are in compliance except Carver Non-Woven, which is due to lack of employees. Carver Non-Woven did submit a letter to explain the lack of employees due to the current economic situation and the shortage of gas supply for a new line. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to accept all the CF-1's as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

**Request for dialers for lift stations-** *Wastewater Superintendent Jimmy Masters requested the purchase of auto dialers for some of the lift stations. Wastewater Superintendent Jimmy Masters said this would be beneficial when the lift station goes down during after hours and will notify them immediately when not working. Discussion followed. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made that motion to purchase the auto dialers as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

**Approval for Advertising for Street Bids-** *Council President Steve Brown asked for approval to advertise for bids for the street project as soon as they are presented. Council President Steve Brown stated that we need to be under contract in August to be in compliance with the grant. Councilmember Linda Fulton made the motion as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

**REPORTS:**

**Court:** *Report was submitted. Town Court Judge Chris Snyder stated that he will be starting the court closing procedures soon.*

**Fire:** *Report was submitted. Town Clerk Treasurer Kathy Parsons requested on behalf of Fire Chief Eric Hufnagle, for Council to allow Clerk-Treasurer to approve the purchase of bid of a new vehicle though the state bid when available. This will replace the command truck. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made the motion to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.*

**Police:** *Report was submitted. Town Marshall Joe Patterson asked the Council to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to approve the bid of a new patrol car once available. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

**Street:** *Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm said that the crews started working on 827 again.*

**Water:** *Report was submitted.*

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**Wastewater** – Report was submitted.

**Park**- Report was not submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons reported that the Dugouts were completed, and that the Park Board along with the Fremont Community Library will be hosting a Day in the Dog Park during Music Fest.

Town Court Judge Chris Snyder reported at the RDC meeting that the Commission voted to not allow any pass through to the other taxing units this year.

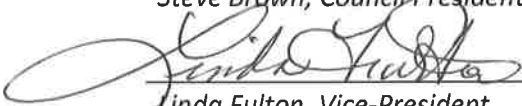
Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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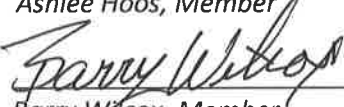
  
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Steve Brown, Council President

  
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Linda Fulton, Vice-President

  
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Dr. William Stitt, Member

  
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Ashlee Hoos, Member

  
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Barry Wilcox, Member

Fremont Town Council  
Executive Session

May 16, 2023

5:30 p.m.

205 N Tolford Street

Officials:

Steve Brown

Linda Fulton

Dr. William Stitt

Ashlee Hoos

Barry Wilcox

Present

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Absent

Others present:

Mary K. Parsons, Clerk/Treasurer

Subject Matter of the Session: Items checked were discussed) (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)

       1. As authorized by federal or state statute. (If checked, please indicate below)

       2. Discussion of strategy with respect to:

       A. Collective Bargaining;

  X   B. Initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has  
been threatened specifically in writing;

       C. The implementation of security systems;

       D. The purchase or lease of property by the governing body up to the  
time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by parties.

       3. Interviews with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or  
commercial prospects by the department of commerce, the Indiana development finance  
authority, the film commission, the Indiana business modernization and technology corporation,  
or economic development commission.

       4. To receive information about, and interview, prospective employees.

       5. With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:

       A. To receive information concerning the individual's misconduct and

       B. To discuss, prior to any determination, that individual's status as an employee,  
a student or an independent contractor who is a physician.

       6. For discussion of records classified as confidential by state and federal statute.

       7. To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This does not apply to any  
discussion of the salary, compensation, of benefits of employees during the budget process.

       8. When considering the appointment of a public official to do the following:

       A. Develop a list of prospective appointees;

       B. Consider applications; and


       C. Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.


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We hereby certify that no subject matter other than the item(s) checked on the previous page were discussed at the meeting.

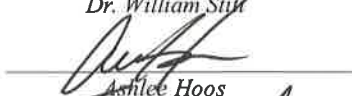
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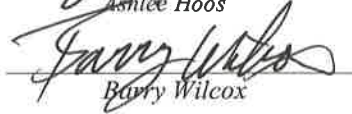
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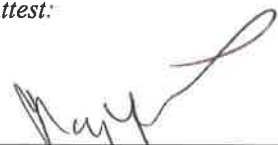
  
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Clerk/Treasurer

Confer IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (d)