

November 21, 2023

The regular meeting and the public hearing of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 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, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer

Kurt Bachman, Attorney

Becky Maggart, IAMC Chief Deputy Clerk

Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ

Rick Deller, Town Resident

Ken Wilson, JICI owner

Isaac Lee, SCEDC

Rick Deller, Town Resident

Jack Mussen, Business Owner

Dawn Mussen, Business Owner

Public Hearing: *The public hearing was for discussion on vacating a portion of McSwain Drive and rededicating the new portion of McSwain Drive due to the Cardinal IG building addition. No questions or comments from public or Council. Public hearing closed at 5:02 p.m. and the regular town council meeting began.*

Approval of Minutes: *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the October minutes, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, 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:

Ordinance 2023-13 -Vacating and re-dedication of McSwain- *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve Ordinance 2023-13 for vacating a portion of McSwain Drive, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve the re-dedication of the new portion of McSwain Drive, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.*

NIPSCO- *Isaac Lee from the SCEDC said that Mike Martin who worked 25 plus years at NIPSCO is going to help the community with this project. Discussion followed on the current project completion.*

Pickle Ball Courts- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they have received quotes for the pickle ball courts in three parts, part one is site preparation and pouring of concrete for courts, with T & S having the*

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lowest bid of \$55,675.00, part two is coating and nets, with K & S Asphalt having the lowest bid of \$18,996.00, and part three, Hoosier Fencing for fence for \$16,475.00. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said that he is almost done with the agreement with the school and should finish up soon. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve part one, two and three quotes as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the signing of the agreement once prepared by Town Attorney Kurt Bachman, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the signing of contracts with contractors once prepared, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Ray Road sewer line replacement- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they are working on a 30% design with options of replacing existing line to proposed addition and install a lift station, or running gravity line as far north as can about 1,800 feet with no lift station. Todd said it should be ready to bid out in early 2024.*

Addition to Street Barn- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said design is ongoing and hope to have it ready for bid by end of 2023. Todd mentioned that he has been asked to take a look at redoing a watermain on State Road 120 from Sierer Street to the railroad tracks, high estimate would be \$550,000. He also said that when the weather breaks in the spring, API will be ready to start the street improvements that were awarded earlier this year, and that the town is on track for applying for Community Crossing funding for 2024.*

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Tax Abatement Request- *Town Council President Steve Brown said that the tax abatement request for Crossroads Place Apartments, LLC had a favorable recommendation from the EDC. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve Ordinance 2023-13 to make property an Economic Development Target area eligible for a tax abatement as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 for the tax abatement as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

SCEDC Contract- *Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Meeting Schedule 2024- *Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said that the request was made to change meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the Meeting Schedule for 2024 at 5:30 p.m. as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

Holiday Schedule 2024- *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the Holiday Schedule 2024 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

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Insurance Renewal- Clerk-Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the Policy had a 7.3% increase, but had received an email today to let her know that we will only have a 2% increase. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve the renewal as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Ordinance Dissolving the Court Trust Fund 2023-10- Councilmember Ashlee Hoos moved to approve Ordinance 2023-10 as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Ordinance Dissolving the Court cash change fund 2023-11- Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve Ordinance 2023-11 as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Ordinance increasing the Utility cash change fund 2023-12- Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve Ordinance 2023-12 as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Interlocal agreement to sell Tahoe- Clerk-Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the Metz Volunteer Fire Department wanted to buy the Fire Department Tahoe for \$4,000. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Attorney Contract- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the contract as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Vehicle Purchase- Clerk-Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said she found a 2023 Chevy Blazer at Kelly Chevrolet in Fort Wayne as a state bid for \$39,100 to be used as a town vehicle. Councilmember Linda Fulton motioned to approve the purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted.

Street: Report was submitted.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater: No report was submitted.

Park: No report was submitted.


Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Attest:




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




Steve Brown, Council President




Linda Fulton, Vice-President



Dr. William Stitt, Member



Ashlee Hoos, Member



Barry Wilcox, Member