

**November 19, 2024**

*The public hearing and regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 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, IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer  
Becky Maggart, IAMC, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney  
Joe Patterson, Town Marshal  
Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent*

*Others in attendance were:*

*Todd Thurber, DLZ  
Michael DeWitt, Town Resident  
Molly Weber, Clear Lake Town Council  
JB Fuller, Town Resident  
Jason Bowers, Town Resident  
Mike McCavit, Town Resident*

*Council President Linda Fulton opened the Public Hearing for the trash rate increase to public comment and questions. Town Resident Jason Bowers was concerned with the cost going up on everything else and trying to pay all bills is a struggle, why is the trash also increasing. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said the contract was up and the service had to be bid out for a new contract, and that Washler was the lowest most responsive bid and that is the cost of the service being passed onto the residents. Town Resident HB Fuller spoke on his dislike of Washler and that he thought the trash rate being passed onto the residents was "hogwash". Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said the contract is here if you want to look at it and Town Council President Linda Fulton said if we have complaints or issues with the company once service starts then the town will address them. Town Resident Michael McCavit spoke and asked if there will be a recycling toter and the size of it, which Town Council President Linda Fulton said that Washler will provide the same size toter as the trash and will send a letter to all residents explaining the delivery and their service.*

*Council President Linda Fulton closed the public hearing and opened the regular town council meeting at 5:51 p. m.*

**Approval of Minutes-** *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the October minutes, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for Council to approve a scrivener error in the August 20, 2024 minutes the date of June 19, 2024 for the date to start fines for Randy Appleton was supposed to be July 19, 2024. Councilmember Bary Wilcox, motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, 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.*

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**West Alley pay app-** Todd Thurber from DLZ said API has completed the west alley and submitted a pay app of \$49,515.69 for approval, Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Sidewalk projects update** – Todd Thurber from DLZ said T & S is almost done with the sidewalks on Hope Drive, and the Coldwater Street sidewalk project is ready to be advertised for bids with hopes of awarding the contract at the December Council Meeting. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve to advertise as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Todd Thurber from DLZ also mentioned E & B Paving will be starting on street projects in the spring. The grant for Pearl Street was awarded and will start design and then bid next year. The next round of Community Crossing Grants will open in January for up to \$1.5 million so he will be getting in contact with Jeff Grimm to discuss which roads need to be included in the projects.

**Discussion on Screw Press Bids-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to sign agreement as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to send notice to proceed as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Ordinance 2024-09 trash contract-** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the Ordinance 2024-09 trash contract as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Quotes for Comprehensive Plan-** Council President Linda Fulton said 3 bids for a 10 year town plan and 5 year park plan were submitted, Abonmarche for \$49,500., DLZ for \$78,000, and JPR For \$88,000. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to accept the bid form Abonmarche as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credits-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Holiday Schedule-** Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Meeting Schedule-** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Appoint Nuisance enforcement officer-** Council President Linda Fulton said the Zoning Administrator Becky Maggart should be the Nuisance enforcement officer as she is doing most of the work for the nuisance violations. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the appointment as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

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**Appoint Park Board member-** Council President Linda Fulton said Kayla Johnson would be a town resident to fill the balance of the term for Nancy Hefley for park board. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to appoint as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Insurance Discussion-** Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said the insurance premium for the Town employees will have a 7% decrease for next year. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

**Nuisance Continuances-** Discussing followed for each continuance with the Town Council and Zoning Administrators Becky Maggart. A continuance for the Pelfrey Residence at 205 E. Toledo St. due to a location improvement permit, expiring in one year, issued to repair nuisance violations. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. A continuance to December 17, 2024 for the DeWitt/Lensky property at 406 E. Michael St. due to needing one more month to get things cleaned up. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the continuance as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

**Authorize Shooting grades-** Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve DLZ to shoot grades for a possible lift station on ground owned by the Town, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**East Alley-** Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to start the process for paving the East Alley as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**SDEDC Appointment-** Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to appoint Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons for the SDEDC, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve signing the agreement as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Report was submitted.

**Police:** Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson asked for approval to purchase tires for 4 of the police vehicles. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Town Marshal Joe Patterson also asked for approval to purchase ammo for 2025 training not to exceed \$4,000. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Town Marshal Joe Patterson asked for approval to purchase a shed for the police dog Rex as he needs a place at the new house of his handler. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

**Zoning:** Town Attorney Kurt Bachman asked for council to approve the signing of the order for ordinance violation fines for the Limestahl property at 908 Renee Drive. out side of a meeting. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

**Street:** Report was submitted.

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

**Wastewater:** No report was submitted.

**Park:** Report was submitted.

Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parson said the Town received a rebate check for the insurance premium for the current year. In years past the rebate would be applied to the premium for the next year to offset the increase in premium costs for the employee. Due to the decrease in the premium for next year, council was asked to approve the rebate to be given back to the employees. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve the Executive meeting for December 17, 2024 as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

December 17, 2024

  
Linda Fulton, President

Attest:



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

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

  
Barry Wilcox, Member

Ashlee Hoos, Member

  
Scott Glendening, Member