

September 20, 2022

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Steve Brown at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers 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

Joe Patterson, Town Marshal

Becky Maggart, IAMC Deputy Clerk

Chris Snyder, Town Judge

Others in attendance were:

James Hart, Town Resident

Isaac Lee, SCEDC Executive Director

Will Howard, County Commissioner

Drew Kuespert, Town Resident

Jack Musson, Town Resident

Tina Wells, GW Butcher

Rebecca White, Town Resident

Public Hearing- *The Public Hearing was for the follow up for the continuance of the Public Nuisance Ordinance served on July 19, 2022 to Bernard White and Catherine White both deceased, and Rebecca White and Dusty Freed occupants of 400 E Toledo St, Fremont, IN 46737. Town Marshal Joe Patterson, stated to the council that he presented Rebecca White with pictures of the nuisances still on the property, along with verbal explanation of nuisances and that she has been working to get the nuisances cleaned up. The property is not in full compliance; however, Marshal Patterson left the decision up to the Town Council to decide the next steps. Council President Steve Brown reminded Miss White of brush pick up the first week of October. Councilmember Linda Fulton made a motion for a continuance for November 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm, before a decision is made, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Public hearing was closed at 5:35 pm.*

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

Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report: *Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on 2021 Street Project –*Council President Steve Brown said that there has been no change. The town has paid all but the retainage. Council President Steve Brown also said that there were still issues*

that need fixed, and he will be in contact with them to get them done or not pay them the retainage and we will fix the issues.

Update on 2022 Street Project- Council President Steve Brown said the project is about done, and once the final walk thru is completed we will pay out the retainage. Council President Steve Brown also mentioned that the road construction on State Road 827 will hopefully be completed and reopened in October.

Hoemig progress- Town Marshal Joe Patterson reported that no changes have been made since the hearing date. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman reported that fines of \$150. per week started June 22, 2022, his recommendation was to start litigations. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to start litigations as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

NIPSCO- Council President Steve Brown opened the discussion by asking Town Attorney Kurt Bachman if he had any news in the pursuit to get more natural gas in the area. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said that there has been some progress in that Bose McKinney Attorneys at Law, recommended that the Town submit promise commitments of usage from all industry and or residential in the area as large as we want to encompass, as there is a possible outside company, remaining unnamed for the time being, who may be willing to service the area with a 10 year pay back for hook up fees. The unnamed company is asking for someone to be appointed as the liaison for the promise commitments. Town Judge Chris Snyder and SCEDC Executive Director Isaac Lee, both have said they have at least 27 responses from local industry requesting a need for Natural Gas.

Cornerstone Pay app #20 - Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the pay app as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Sewer Extension Agreement- Council President Steve Brown said Dan VanGordon requested a sewer extension for a new house just on 200 E, just past our Town limits. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the sewer extension as presented, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

Façade Grant Application- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the façade grant application from Musson Brothers for 101 E Toledo St as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Budget Adoption- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made the motion to approve the budget adoption Ordinance 2022-03, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

Resolution 2022-03 Electronic meetings- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 as presented, second by Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Lon Keyes made the motion to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Water Tower Inspection- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made the motion to approve the quote for the water tower inspection as presented, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Appraiser Approval- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made the motion to approve the appraisers, Nolan Appraisal and All Appraisal for the property at 107 N Pleasant St. to be purchased for the Fire Department, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Website information- Our current webmaster is retiring. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made the motion to approve the new website by Drew Kuespert as presented, second by Councilmember Lon Keyes, all in favor.

Parking- Council President Steve Brown said there was some concerns from Jack Musson, owner of Rugionos, and Tina Wells, owner of GW Butcher, about the lack of parking on Toledo Street for their businesses. They asked if there could be parking in the ally behind the buildings for their tenants and employees, as well as maybe getting a public parking lot close to down town businesses to accommodate the new businesses. Council President Steve Brown said we will look in to it and see what we can do, but it will take some time.

REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson requested retiring the 2014 patrol car, by transferring to the Town of Orland. The consensus was to do this with the proper Reciprocal Resolutions.

Street: Jeff Olds will be making a lateral move to be the Water Superintendent. Jeff Grimm will be promoted to the Street Superintendent.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater – Council President Steve Brown reported that they are working on installing the clarifiers.


Park- Dugout was destroyed in the storm getting an estimate for repair to turn in to insurance.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Linda Fulton, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

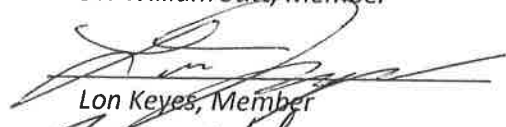
Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

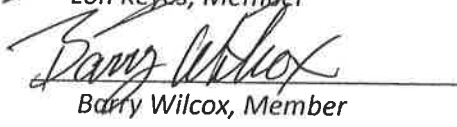
October 18, 2022


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