

September 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council Vice President Linda Fulton at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers 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 Deputy Clerk
Tara Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Joe Patterson, Fremont Town Marshall
Travis Smoker, Fremont Deputy Marshall
Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent
Jimmy Masters, Wastewater Superintendent
Chris Snyder, Town Judge*

Others in attendance were:

*Todd Thurber, DLZ
Rick Deller, Town Resident
Scott Glendening, Town Resident
Beth Swary, WLKI news reporter*

Approval of Minutes: *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt moved to approve the August minutes, 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.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NIPSCO- *Town Judge Chris Snyder said there was an informative call on August 31, 2023, discussing the work being done, but nothing new to report.*

Community Crossings Street Project Update- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that the paper work has been submitted to INDOT on time.*

Pickle Ball Courts- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they are surveying the area and then will put together exhibits to bid on.*

Ray Rd sewer line replacement- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they are surveying the area and then will put together exhibits to bid on.*

Addition to Street Barn- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said that they are surveying the area and then will put together exhibits to bid on.*

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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.

Hire a full-time Police Officer- Town Marshal Joe Patterson requested to hire two full time officers, of which one would be a School Resource officer and the other Deputy Marshall. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Introduction of Nuisance Ordinance Amendments 2023-05- Town Attorney Kurt Bachman said these amendments are for housekeeping matters, to clean up the Nuisance Ordinance and make more consistent and effective. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Budget Ordinance 2023-06- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons presented the Budget Ordinance 2023-06 to approve and submit. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve and submit as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Resolution 2023-03 - Town attorney Kurt Bachman also mentioned to approve Resolution 2023-03 which allows the Vice-president the ability to sign if the Council President is not present for the Blackman Prairie property purchase. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve Resolution 2023-03 as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to waive the second reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions read at the meeting, second by Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Approval of Fire Contract- Councilmember Barry Wilcox motion to approve the Clear Lake Township and Orland Fire Contracts as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Introduce Housekeeping Ordinance- Town Attorney Kurt Bachman asked for a motion to introduce the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Fremont Ordinance 2023-07 at the Plan Commission meeting on October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to introduce Ordinance as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox also motioned to schedule the hearing on October 3, 2023 at 6:00 at the Fremont Town Hall, second by Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Court: Report was submitted.

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson requested approval to purchase two portable police radios for \$7,339.56. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Joe Patterson also requested the purchase of two Glock pistols for under \$1,000.00 for both. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to

approve the purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Joe Patterson also mentioned that they have a new K-9 policy and use of force policy to be added to the policy handbook and training, Marshal Patterson is also moving Deputy Smoker to Chief Deputy Marshall in January 2024. The new police vehicle is operable and being used, and we are in the process of getting an estimate for an exhaust fan for the police department to help eliminate odors due to materials confiscated from police investigations.

Street: Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm requested the approval of a concrete bid for the salt barn concrete. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt approved bid of \$11,000.00 from T&S Concrete as presented, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Jeff Grimm also requested approval of a quote to crack and seal some streets in Town to prevent further damage. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the quote from Pavement Solutions for \$28,400.00, second by councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Water: Report was submitted.

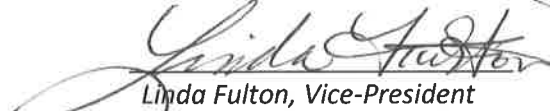
Wastewater – Report was submitted. Wastewater Superintendent Jimmy Masters requested approval for purchase of two generators from Clear Lake Electric for two of our lift stations that have power outages often which then creates more back up problems while out. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve purchase as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Park- Report was submitted.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

October 17, 2023


Steve Brown, Council President


Linda Fulton, Vice-President


Dr. William Stitt, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Barry Wilcox, Member

Attest:


Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer
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