

September 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 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
Travis Smoker, Deputy Marshal
Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent
Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle, Town Fire Chief

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ
Rick Deller, Town Resident
Zach Burnau, Town Resident

Approval of Minutes- Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned 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 moved to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on Trash Contract- Council President Linda Fulton said the contract from Washler Inc. which was for 825 residential weekly pickups in the amount of \$130,416.00 per year, four dumpsters for the Town buildings at no charge per year, three dumpsters for the annual clean up at \$1,740.00 with additional costs per dumpster over the three. Alternate bid additions of .81 cents per week charge per 825 units for once-a-month bulk item collection and \$1.13 per week for biweekly pick up for curbside recycling collection, was the lowest. Council also discussed the recycling dumpsters will be removed once the new contract starts, and bottom line is the bills will increase by \$5.16 and will include the curbside recycling and a once a month one item bulk pickup. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to accept the contract, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman asked for a motion to authorize the preparation of the Ordinance for the new trash contract. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

2023 Community Crossing update- Todd Thurber from DLZ said API has completed the project and has submitted pay apps #3 of \$282,552.15 for final payment and #4 of \$63,813.24 for retainage. Some

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discussion by Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm about drainage on Albion Street and an approach not being finished on West Street were concerns that needed fixed. Todd Thurber said not a problem he would have them finish the approach and would take a look at the drainage issue and get that fixed. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the pay app #3 to be paid and to hold the check for pay app #4 for the retainage until all work is satisfactorily completed and could be released once completed with Council President approval, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Todd Thurber from DLZ also said the project came in at a lower cost, leaving a decrease of \$167,554.20 for the contract. Todd Thurber from DLZ said he will need to do a final change order to close the application with INDOT. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

2024 Community Crossing Streets update – *Todd Thurber from DLZ said project is still pending start date. Todd Thurber from DLZ said that Pearl Street was submitted and still waiting to hear on that, but asked Council for approval to start surveying so when approved that is complete. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Alley Update- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said they needed permission to sign contract with API so they can start mid-October on the alley. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Sidewalk Projects update- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said the Coldwater Street Sidewalk is waiting on estimates as surveying is complete. Todd said that Hope Drive Sidewalk had 2 bids submitted, API and T&S. Todd said T&S has the lower bid of \$41,400. and will start beginning of November with a completion date of December 1, 2024 with final seeding finished in spring of 2025. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to award to T&S as presented and approve signing contract outside of meeting, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.*

Street Barn & Lead service line updates- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said layout and survey done and moving forward with project. Todd also said the lead service line study is still on going.*

Fire Truck interlocal agreement/Resolution 2024-02- *Council President Linda Fulton said the Camden Michigan Fire Department would like to purchase the truck for \$100,000. Town Attorney Kurt Bachman prepared an interlocal agreement and Resolution 2024-02 for the selling of the truck. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.*

Ordinance 2024-05 No parking on Coldwater St.- *Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the No Parking Ordinance 2024-05 on Coldwater Street as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to waive the second reading, second by Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Discussion on Screw press bids- *Clerk Treasurer Kathy Parsons said that no bids came in for the project. Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons said that one bidder needed more time to submit the bid. Clerk-Treasurer Parsons asked Council to approve re-advertising for the belt press. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve re-advertising, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

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NEW BUSINESS:

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

Approve Fire Contracts- Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve the Fire Contracts as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Approve Budget Ordinance 2024-04 – Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval of Budget Ordinance 2024-04. The Public Hearing for the budget was on September 3, 2024. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-04 as presented, second by Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to waive the second reading, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Street Seal Quotes- Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm asked for Council to approve the quote for \$15,700 to seal the streets needing sealed and the Street Barn lot. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Park Board Resignation- Council President Linda Fulton said Park Board President Nancy Hefley has requested to resign as of December 31, 2024. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons said she has one year left of her term and this is a republican spot that would need filled. The Town will send notice of the opening and then Council can appoint at a future meeting. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to accept the resignation and to send notice of opening, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

REPORTS:

Fire: Report was submitted. Fremont Fire Chief Eric Huffnagle wanted to thank the Council for allowing him to sell the fire truck to Camden and that the new truck should be here in approximately 3 weeks.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal Joe Patterson said nothing to add but wanted to let the Council know that he would be asking for new tires for the squad before the snow flies.

Street: Report was submitted. Street Superintendent Jeff Grimm said thank you for approving the street sealing bid and nothing more to add.

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

Wastewater: No report was submitted.

Park: Report was submitted.

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.


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Linda Fulton, President

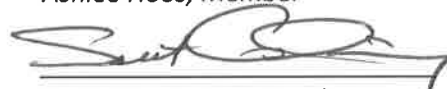
Attest:


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