

SPECIAL MEETING MAY 17, 2004

The 10TH meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:30 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Ron Sullins, Greg Stroh and Joe Thomas were in attendance.

Absent: Lori Vaughn

Others attending were: Brad Everhardt, Town attorney, David Koenig from Region III-A and Greg Stevens with Cold Heading.

Resolutions 2004-10 and 2004-11 requesting approval of new forms by State Board of Accounts. Motion by Ron Sullins to approve 2004-10. Second by Joe Thomas. All in favor. Motion by Joe Thomas to approve Resolution 2004-11. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Greg Stevens and David Koenig made a request for tax abatement for Cold Heading. Discussion followed. Abatements are allowed for 5 and 10 years for personal property and 3-6-10 years on real property. This is a million dollar furnace with a life expectancy of decades. The town council reviewed the following:

Whether the estimate of the cost of the new manufacturing equipment is reasonable for equipment of that type.

Whether the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the installation of the new manufacturing equipment.

Whether the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

Whether any other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed installation of new manufacturing equipment.

Whether the total of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.

The Town Council also reviewed the following:

Whether the estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation is reasonable for projects of that nature.

Whether the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation

Whether the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation.

Whether any other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation.

Whether the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.
The above findings were made in the affirmative.

Motion to approve resolution 2004 -12 by Ron Sullins and to grant 10year abatement on both personnel and real property. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor. This approval will be tentative upon approval from the Redevelopment Commission.

Brad presented Ordinance 2004-13 for the second reading. Motion to approve with a small clarification in sub section F to add as provided by Indiana Code. Motion was made by Ron Sullins. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Motion made by Greg Stroh for Jim Humbarger to utility conference in Indianapolis on June 2, Second by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

Steuben County Regional Waste District would like a cheaper rate. Ron Sullins moved to maintain the already established rates of 1 ½ times outside the city limits. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Brad presented a conflict of interest disclosure in regards to Greg Stroh doing business with the Town of Fremont. Motion by Ron Sullins to accept disclosure and approve final payment for microwave and refrigerator. Second by Joe Thomas. 3 in favor. Greg Stroh abstained.

Brad explained about the subordination agreement agreeing that the town will take a subordinate lien on the property (this was do to a grant on property in Blackman Prairie) Motion was made by Ron Sullins to allow Loretta sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Greg Stroh all in favor.

Ron would like it to become policy that current valid Driver License be kept in employee personnel files. Joe Thomas made the motion Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

David Koenig spoke on the invitation to apply for grant money for the industrial by pass. The award is \$87,500 and David will request an extension to get criteria requested put together. Ron Sullins made a motion for Brad and David to work together to submit the formal application for the EDA grant. Second by Joe Thomas all in favor.

Motion for Loretta to sign documents entering into an agreement with IPFW for a study Motion by Ron Sullins. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Consensus is for Brad to look into annexing west of Town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Loretta Smart

Ron Sullins

Greg Stroh

Joe Thomas

Loraine Vaughn

Attest:

Mary K. Parsons, Clerk Treasurer