The regular council meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 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, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Maggart, IAMC Chief Deputy Clerk
Kurt Bachman, Town Attorney
Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent
Joe Patterson, Town Marshal
Jeff Olds, Water Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief
Tara Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance were:
Todd Thurber, DLZ
Nancy Hefley, Town Resident
Bryan Welch, Realtor
JoDee Hoemig, Town Resident
James Hart, Town Resident
Beth Swary, WLKI Reporter

Council President Linda Fulton wanted to go on record to address the unkind comments on Facebook about parking and snow plowing in the town. Council President Linda Fulton said that although it may not seem so to everyone, she is confident that the street department plows the snow in a timely and efficient manner. As far as the parking issues, the Town has addressed them and are trying to find a solution. One alley is going to be repaved this year and the other we hope to get done next year.

Approval of Minutes- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the January minutes, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, all in favor.

Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to pay bills for Verkada and Sevits once the bills come in so they do not have to wait until next month for payment. Councilmember Barry Wilcox moved to approve claims, payroll, comp time, fund and appropriation reports and additional bills as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

NIPSCO- Nothing new to report, except Clerk-Treasurer Mary K. Parson said there is a task force meeting March 1, 2024 and hopefully will get some new information then.

Ray Road Project- Todd Thurber from DLZ said they opened bids on February 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and had received two bids, one from API and the other from Fleming Excavating. Todd from DLZ said the

Street: Report was submitted.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater: No report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to replace the fence that was damaged a while ago, with Hoosier Fence being the lowest estimate. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve, along with possible cost recovery from the neighbor if tree is theirs that damaged the fence, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Park: No report was submitted. Park Board President Nancy Hefley, asked for the score board to be finished. The top of it is in the concession stand, and she also asked for a redesign on the part as well to change from the eagle to maybe a town park established date and Rocketship park.

Town Attorney Kurt Bachman wanted to update the Town Council on the Zoning/Nuisance/Ordinance violation that he was working on. He said the nuisances and zoning violations we can start the process for correcting. The nonmoving ordinance violations will need to have the ordinance amended to be able to prosecute, so the town will need to simplify the list as needed for Kurt to start the amendments.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt at 6:08 p.m., second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Attest:

Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer IAMCA, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM March 19, 2024

Linda Fulton, President

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

Barry Wilcox, Member

Ashlee Hoos, Member

Scott Glendening, Member

The special council meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Dr. William Stitt, Ashlee Hoos, and Scott Glendening were also present.

Others representing the Town were: Mary K. Parsons, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer Becky Maggart, IAMC Chief Deputy Clerk

Others in attendance were: Todd Thurber, DLZ

Trash Rate increase Ordinance 2024-01 introduction- Clerk Treasurer Mary K. Parsons asked to introduce Ordinance 2024-01 for the trash rate increase. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to introduce the Trash Rate increase Ordinance 2024-01, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Community Crossing Grant Application signed- The members present signed the Application.

Trail on Swager complications- All property owners on Swager Drive that would be impacted by the walk trail were notified of the construction starting this Spring. One owner was not in favor of the project, so a reroute is being looked into. The proposed is installing eight-foot sidewalks on the west side of West Street from Renee Drive past the FCS Building and then transition to the eight-foot asphalt walk path to Water Street and continue to Swager Drive. At the intersection of Water Street and West Street there would be lighted Pedestrian crossing signs, and then the walk path would continue on Water Street to connect to the existing path on Water Street. Councilmember Scott Glendening motioned to approve the change to the trail location as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. This does not mean the trail on Swager Road will not be looked at in the future, just not this year.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt at 10:53 p.m., second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

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Linda Fulton, President

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

Barry Wilcox Member

Ashlee Hoos, Member

Scott Glendening, Member

Attest:

Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer

IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM