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, January 16, 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

Others in attendance were:
Todd Thurber, DLZ
Nancy Hefley, Town Resident
Alice Welch, Realtor
Molly Weber, Clear Lake Town Councilmember

Council President Linda Fulton wanted to go on record to say thank you to the Councilmembers for their support and voting her in as Town Council President. She said she will do her best to continue to better the Town of Fremont.

Approval of Minutes- Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve the December minutes and the special meeting on January 2, 2024 minutes, second by Councilmember Barry Wilcox, 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:

NIPSCO- Nothing new to report from Town Attorney, Kurt Bachman, except that reports are circulating and things are moving slowly in hopes to a solution to the gas shortage.

Ray Road Project- Todd Thurber from DLZ asked for authorization to open bids on February 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and to then be able to award the bid at the following council meeting on February 20, 2024. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contract with DLZ- Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to accept the work order proposal for the Contact with DLZ as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Utility Credits- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Community Crossing Application- Council President Linda Fulton said the application would be submitted for the Community Crossing Grant for \$1.5 Million and the Town of Fremont would need to match \$375,000 to be accepted for the Grant. Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to give authorize for the President to sign outside of a meeting and submit the application as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Outstanding Checks that are two years old- Councilmember Barry Wilcox made a motion to approve the outstanding checks that are two years old to be receipted back in as presented, second by Councilmember Scott Glendening, all in favor.

Tree Board Appointment- Council President Linda Fulton said she appointed LuAnn Dennis for the Tree Board. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the appointment as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Plan Commission Appointment- Town Council President Linda Fulton said an appointment for a Republican or Independent by the Council President needed made for the Plan Commission Board. Town Council President Linda Fulton appointed John Nigro to serve the balance of the term of Jonathan Brown on the Plan Commission as a Republican.

REPORTS:

Fire: Report was submitted.

Police: Report was submitted.

Street: Report was submitted.

Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater: No report was submitted.

Park: No report was submitted.

Town Attorney Kurt Bachman wanted to make a suggestion that if the Town is wanting to proceed with any zoning violations and prosecution of those violations that he wanted to make sure the ordinances and procedures to prosecute the violators are in proper order. Councilmember Barry Wilcox motioned to have Town Attorney Kurt Bachman start the process to be able to enforce the violations when needed, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

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

February 20, 2024

Linda Fulton, President

Attest:

Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer

IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM

Dr. William Stitt, Vice President

Barry Wilcox, Member

Ashlee Hoos, Member

Scott Glendening, Member