

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2022, 7:00 pm.
WINFALL TOWN HALL, WINFALL, NC 27985

The regular monthly meeting of the Winfall Town Council was called to order by Mayor Fred Yates at 7:00 pm. Invocation was given by Councilman Preston White, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Yates.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Preston White, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Carol Cooper and Attorney Will Crowe. Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and Valerie Jackson; Town Clerk

Citizen's attending was Debbie Whedbee, Reta Blair, Steve McDonald, Lucretia Washington. Cynthia Cunningham, Leon Felton, Reggie Ponder

Mayor Yates asked Council was there a Conflict of Interest, none declared. A motion was made an approval on the Conflict of Interest by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes for July 11th, 2022, meeting with necessary corrections by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Financial Report:

The accountant Richard Arnold stated that there was one change in fire department, with an increase of 2,500.00 more of county grant and an increase in equipment expenditures by the same amount. After an extended period of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Preston White for approval of the financial report and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried. However, there was more discussion after the approval.

Old Business:

Approval of the Amended Budget Ordinance: However, the approval of the budget amended ordinance did not take place.

New Business:

- A. **Zoning:** Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask Council to consider letting the company that updated the Chapter 160 zoning ordinance to update our zoning map. The 2006 small colored maps are coded different than the black and white, therefore there is a conflict with some of the property. I would like for the company to update the maps, old forms that has not been updated in years, as needed and act as an advisor for zoning. Councilwoman Cooper explained that she would like to see the forms, maps, and zoning uniformed. The cost will be \$ 72.00 per hour. They will assign a person as an advisor on standby only as needed, not committing to spend money without approval. Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard reminded Councilwoman Carol Cooper when using a contractor, you need to advertise. After much discussion, Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion that we hire Municipal Services/State Code Enforcement, Inc. Information to act as advisors on planning and zoning issues at 72.00 per hour and that we get a price to update our zoning maps, and applications forms and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilman Preston White replied yes, and Councilwoman Virginia Harvey responded no. (See letter attached)
- B. **Recording Minutes:** Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to record all Council meetings in the future until the next Council meeting (audio) and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Other Information:

Departments:

- A. **Sewer:** Melvin Jackson, Public Works Director told council he had 2 issues, and talked about the problems with the pumping station located at 216 West Main Street, and that he had a bypass there now, the I and I infiltration issues, dirt getting into our system and the problem with the new highway, the gate down by Larry's located at 374 Winfall Blvd. Finance Officer Debbie Parker told Council about the Department of Transportation purchasing property from the Town of Winfall in 2019 and they compensated the Town of Winfall with \$ 7,050.00 to repair anything that needed to be done because they knew that the fence had to be changed. Melvin said so now he has a problem getting to the bypass pump at the pumping station, which requires a new fence. Melvin told Town Council that the Sewer needs a lot of work. Debbie Parker said she contacted Albemarle Fencing and they are supposed to send someone out to see how much it would cost to put a gate on wheels

and give us a quote. Melvin said he must get North Carolina Power to come and change the guidelines. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask, "how much do a new pump cost? Melvin said the pump is not the problem. Councilwoman Virginia Harvey ask, "how do we fix the problem?" Melvin said you will have to get a truck to come in and suck up the stuff out.

Committee Report:

Building: Councilwoman Virginia Harvey told Council that Mrs. Brenda had told her about 2 leaks in the building and that she had contacted a couple of people about repair the roof, but it failed through. Mrs. Brenda ask Mayor for permission to go ahead and read her report.

Administration: Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard read her report out loud. (See Report) Debbie Parker, Finance Officer said she had contacted someone for the website. It was in the making but it would take 7 to 10 days. Debbie Parker said she got 2 quotes: the League which wanted 8,000 to set up, \$ 500.00 subscription and \$ 100.00 for 2 months until we could take it over. Debbie got a quote from WebPro for \$1,500 to get started, \$132.00 a year subscription, \$56.99 for four months, \$1,850 for this year for everything until we could take over everything. It would be, townofwinfall.org. Debbie told council that she would need a photo for all councilmembers and staff. Steve McDonald asks if there would be email service for council members, and Debbie replied yes. He also wanted to know how many administrators, Debbie replied 1 right now, Steve responded that you always need a backup. Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard continued with her report. (See Report). Brenda also told council that we have had someone to fix the leak before, but it needs to be fix again. Brenda told Council that the window in the community hall also needs to be fixed. Debbie Parker told Council that Lyle Brown would charge \$ 300.00 per hour to clean ditches and haul away and it would take about an hour and half to complete the job, there is about 5 to 6 ditches to be cleaned. Mr. Lyle suggest doing the job while it is hot. Debbie said Mr. Hurdle is backed up; therefore, he cannot get to the ditches. Debbie said Mr. Hurdle would charge \$ 6,000 for the house. After discussion, Councilman Preston White made a motion to get the ditches cleaned out and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Tourism: Councilman Preston White talked about the dinner Bowl and that it should be up and running in next month (September 2022). Mr. McDonald mentioned about the paddle club and one boat up and running. Councilman Preston White talked about tour sites, such as Wolfman Jack place and where he is laid, and looking around the county for other tour spots, all this is a work in progress.

Beautification Committee (Finance Officer Debbie Parker) reported that there no report, just working and cleaning up.

Attorney: The attorney was asked to research the property on 410 Louise Street owned by Jessie Harris. Attorney Crowe said there are no records how he acquired the property, and there are no liens. His recommendation is to do a quick claim because there is about \$ 300.00 in taxes owed on the lot and if you don't do anything it will continue to accrue taxes. He said file court actions to be able to sell it. After discussion Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to get the quick claim for the property at 410 Louise Street and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. All Ayes.

Other Information Public Comments: Steve McDonald yield his time to Reta Blair for public comment. Reta Blair asked about the house on Main Street to be torn down. Debbie Parker responded that there is a quote of \$ 6000.00, and that there has been a letter sent out to the family. Reta Blair also mentioned about someone getting lost using their gps for King Street. Reta wanted to know how do we fix it? It was explained that King Street name had been changed a long time ago to King Ave. There is no King Street in the Town of Winfall.

Steve McDonald ask Council if they would write a letter to DOT, asking them that the road from the intersection be doubled yellow lines designation and a speed limit of 35 MPH from NC DOT on the new configuration of US 17 Business and NC 37/Winfall Blvd.to the Town of Winfall and speed posted 35. (See attached letter).

Councilwoman Valerie McDonald provided Council with suggestions for Town of Winfall Grant Program and read aloud. She said it's all information and nothing has been done. She stated that Mrs. Cole had a student come in and help them. Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard informed Councilwoman Valery McDonald that the Town have had prior grants before. Councilwoman McDonald ask if she (Brenda Dillard) would get her a copy and email them to her.

At 8:30 pm. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.


Mayor Fred Yates

Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk