

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
July 11, 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 Councilwoman Valery McDonald 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 was absent, Valerie Jackson; Town Clerk

Citizens attending were: Debbie Whedbee, Reta Blair, Joyce Lee, Jeremi Holley, James Holley, Debra Long, Lucretia Washington. Cynthia Cunningham, Leon Felton, Reggie Ponder

Mayor Yates asked Council was there a Conflict of Interest, **none declared.**

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

A motion was made to approve the Public Hearing minutes for June 13, 2022 by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. A motion was made to approve the Minutes for June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with corrections by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

The accountant Richard Arnold stated that there was no budget amendments to the last budget. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask, "bottom line, where are we for the year"? The CPA Richard Arnold responded (27,700) negative for the year. After discussion, Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion on the approval of the **financial report** and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- A. Letter from State and Local Government Finance Division and the Local Government Division: Mayor Yates read aloud the letter and told Council that what they are telling us is that we have been put on the list.

**Other Information:**

**Departments:**

- A. Sewer, Police, Fire  
Fire: The building has been fixed, and the truck is on the way.

**Committee Report:**

**Administration:** Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard reported that there will be a meeting July 12, 2022 in the morning for employee's duties. Winfall has got to get back to what's required and she will report to council each month.

**Public Safety:** Councilwoman Carol Cooper reported that she talked with Frank Heath about the police department, vehicles, and equipment. Councilwoman Carol Cooper said she didn't feel that the four people of this Council had the authority to give up all of Winfall's police equipment forever. No deal was made. Councilwoman Carol Cooper said she had talked to everybody about being on a committee. List of committees and assignments as follows: Administration-Carol Cooper, Beautification-Virginia Harvey, Building-Virginia Harvey, Finance-Carol Cooper, Grants-Valery McDonald, Preston White-Public Safety, (Fire-Carol Cooper) Recreation-Valery McDonald, Roads & Grounds-Preston White, Sewer-Preston White & Valery McDonald, Tourism-Preston

White, Zoning Board Carol Cooper. Mayor Yates ask, "what do you want me to do? Councilwoman Carol Cooper said advise us, and be a mentor.

Beautification Committee (Finance Officer Debbie Parker) reported that there will not be a Christmas Parade this year and there are no new projects or events. Debbie Parker said next year we will plan for a parade, maybe Indian Summer Festival with Hertford and Veteran's Day do something in the park late in the afternoon. Debbie also said the bathrooms do work and are usable the only problem is the locking and unlocking when people use the park. Debbie Parker said right now they have to come into the building to use the restrooms because the doors are locked. She also mentioned that the stools in the ladies restroom need to be replace and figure out why the air or heat don't circulate in there.

Mayor Yates asks what was the new hours opened: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10:00-2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 -5:00 pm. Mayor Yates also told Council that Lewis Smith cannot be the Zoning Administrator.

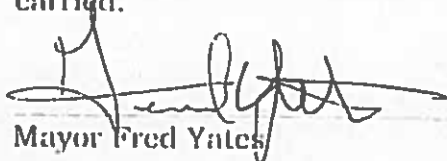
Debbie Parker ask, do the Chamber of Commerce have a representative for the Town of Winfall? The response was Councilman Preston White.

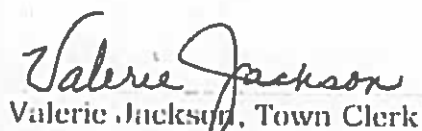
**Other Information Public Comments:** Debra Long had questions regarding the house in Winfall and who gets the bids for it first, and who sends out the letter for the town. Debra also talked about the ditches and the standing water. Councilwoman asks Debbie Parker if she had gotten and quotes and she responded "no", not yet. Debra Long said Roads and Grounds mow property, what fund does this money go into? Debra Long ask about the sewer Loan from 2008, and what kind of the contingency are you going to have for the sewer system. Debbie Parker responded about the \$ 35,000.00 repairs that had been done to the system and that they are looking into other repairs. Debra Long wanted to know if the town had contacted Hertford about creating a website. Debbie Parker said she had gotten some quotes, but they were a little high. Reta Blair said it is a means of communications and that it was worth it because it is a necessity. After much discussion, Mayor Yates told Debbie Parker to get a couple of quotes and give to Council. Debra Long ask Council if they had any other strategies for balancing the budget other than the cost cutting. Reta Blair ask about the sewer bills and cutting off residents 2 months behind. Brenda Dillard told her it will begin on July 19<sup>th</sup>, and it will be rough but we will stick to it. The question was asked about the opening of the S-bridge and if there was going to be any ribbon cutting. Steve McDonald said the target date is September 1, 2022.

It was said that someone from Roads & Grounds and Administration will be at the meeting. Lucretia Washington ask if someone grass is cut, how do we collect? Brenda Dillard responded that we will get the money or we will get the property. Cynthia Cunningham said there was a rumor about town houses being put in Winfall. Mayor Yates responded and said it would have to come through the Zoning Board.

Attorney: Request a copy of the contract from the Sheriff Department.

At 8:20 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried.

  
Mayor Fred Yates

  
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk