

AMENDED

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 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 Debbie Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Carol Cooper.

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.

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 on the approval of the March 14, 2022 **minutes** by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper, and so carried.

Financial Report:

The Accountant Richard Arnold stated that there were a \$ 500.00 increase in telephone and a decrease in roads and grounds by \$500.00. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. **Advertise for the Seal Bids for the 2001 Crown Victoria- Re-advertise as per Mayor.**

New Business:

- A. **Winfall Representative on Tourism Development Authority Board:** A motion was made on **Councilman Preston White to represent the Town on Winfall on the Tourism Board** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried. Councilman Preston White gave an overall summary of the meeting he attended in April, regarding the Harbor Town Project which includes having dinner moments, ski boats. It would include locations of Elizabeth City, Edenton, Hertford, and Columbia. He said they had a test run back in 2018, and seats sold for \$ 1000.00, which sold out in 2 hours. It holds about 75-80 people, but haven't set a price yet. It's kind of like the Spirit of Norfolk. It is something that I think will benefit the area. He also said it looks prosperous and will bring in revenues from the inner and outer banks. Hertford, Columbia and Plymouth will have the first opportunity. It is approximately 15 feet wide and 30 feet long. There are also smaller house boats for less people. Some will be at a cheaper cost. There is supposed to be a test run in October. Councilwoman Carol Cooper said it sounds wonderful.

Other Information:

Mayor Yates ask Debbie and Richard to get together to set a date for the budget. A date was set for April 30th. Richard stated normally the departments need to have their budget by April 30th. Council does not need to come together until vote.

Mayor recognized Mr. Steve McDonald: Mr. McDonald said, " I'm here to clear up some misconceptions that were brought up at the last town council meeting. So, I need to clarify what has been done and what hasn't been." During the town council about 2 weeks ago, Mayor asks about getting some grant money. and he address to the council, more to McDonald about getting me involved, since I'm free. So to speak, so I came back to the next town council meeting and ask for a resolution to authorize me and the resolution was not approved to go ahead with the project. That's where the confusion started and the meeting got out of hand and Attorney Crowe asks Mayor to take control of the meeting. Mr.

Cooper prompted Mayor to call the meeting to order. Councilwoman Carol Cooper replied that it has nothing to do with what they were talking about. She asks Mayor Yates to speak on one thing. She said she agrees with one thing, and she would like permission to talk about the last meeting, because grants are plentiful at this time. What we need to do is pursue grants right now. Councilwoman Cooper said she would like to lead on pursuing grants, but not getting them, but seeing what is available and talking with CBG and those people, having them come to our town and discussing with us on what is available. She just wants to bring people to the meeting. She said that is all she wants to do because that is not something one person should be talking about. Mayor Yates said, please let me talk. What we will do is set up an appointment to have someone come here and tell us what grants is available. Councilwoman Cooper said, I don't want to do that, Mayor. Mayor responded, what do you want to do? Councilwoman Cooper said I don't drive so I want to get emails, from my home, like you all do here. I want to call them and say, is this grant available, does it apply to Winfall? Mayor Yates responded no. Afterwards Councilwoman Cooper excused herself from the meeting. Mayor Yates said for right now let's just shut it down and start over. Attorney Crowe ask Mayor if he should call the meeting. Mayor Yates said no, I'm good, I have 2 people. I can break a tie.

Departments Reported: Police, Fire:

Police:

Fire Department: Councilman Preston White told council about the situation at the school when they thought there was gas in the building. He said a student had some spoil sandwiches in he's/her backpack, and the hand sanitizer smell gave off a gas smell. They let everyone go home to be on the safe side. He also informed Council about the fire at 423 Louise Street, and the damage to the fire department and the truck on the way back. Mayor said he has to get a report so he can turn it into the insurance company. He received the fire report regarding 423 Louise Street from Valerie.

Committee Reports: Mayor Yates asks Debbie Parker was there anything; she replied no, the budget date was set. He asks if there was anything as far as the Beautification was concern and she replied no.

Mayor Yates mentioned about April 23, week of the young child, and May 27th the Helping Hand will be in Missing Mill Park.

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: none. Sewer:

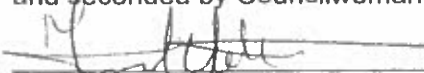
Roads & Grounds:

Other Business: Councilman Preston White said he was in touch with a family member regarding Ms. Leafy shop. They will be getting together with Debbie Parker.

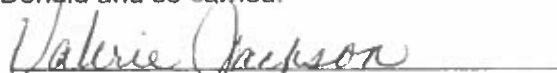
Mr. Steve McDonald said he had one more thing. He told Council that he was also on the PDA with the president and he was going to write Steinburg and Congressman Godwin as a private citizen about putting in an appropriate docking.

Attorney:

At 7:38 pm. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Preston White, and seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried.



Mayor Fred Yates



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk