

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 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 and Attorney Will Crowe.

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

A motion was made to approve the **agenda** by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the January 10, 2022 **minutes** by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald, and so carried.

Financial Report:

The Accountant Richard Arnold stated that there were no amendments. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Old Business:

A. Personnel Policy: Tabled.

New Business:

None.

Departments Reported: Police, Fire

Police: Chief Anthony Spellman wanted to know if there was an ordinance regarding dogs running at large.

Fire Department: Volunteer Fireman Preston White told Council that they would be sponsoring a pancake/sausage dinner February 24, 2022 and all tickets had been sold, but if they would like a plate to just drive on up. He also asks about the status on the bathroom doors. I responded, all I know is that the doors hadn't come. Mayor Yates responded that he did not know they were damaged, do he would have taken care of it. Mayor Yates said he would look into it.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: none. Sewer: Mayor Yates reported sewer was getting along fine.

Roads & Grounds: Mayor Fred Yates told Council that they are keeping the town clean.

Other Business:

Mayor Yates addressed the 50th Anniversary of the Older American Act Nutrition Program and told council if anyone was interested in delivering meals to give their name to the town clerk.

Mayor Yates explained that the house on Main Street belonged to Edward Spellman estate and it was in the process of being condemned. He said that the building inspector was going to look at it.

A town resident, Ms. Debra Brookins thanked the town for addressing the issue regarding the house on Main Street. She also asks about the incident on King Ave., regarding the house that was shot up. She wanted to know what the

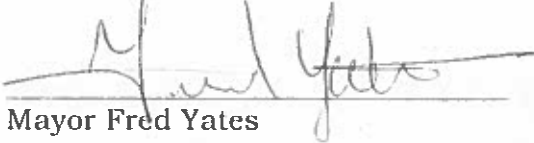
update was on it. Mayor Yates told her it was still under investigation. She added that this was the second incident regarding a shooting in that area, and that she understands that everyone needs a place to live; however, there are elderly and senior citizens people who lives in that area. Ms. Brookins said she was glad that Mr. & Mrs. George White wasn't home during that time. Chief Anthony Spellman followed up by saying that he had talked with different people who witnessed what happened; however, they did not want to get involved. Until more information becomes available that is where we are at. Ms. Brookins said "I remember when Winfall was a quiet place".

Then she addressed the water standing in the ditches. Mayor Yates told her that there were leaves in the ditches and that we don't have the necessary personnel to clean out the ditches. The conversation went into discussing the ^{power} bill funds. Mr. Steve McDonald stated that some cleaning was better than nothing. He said he was volunteered last month to lead an effort to get grants. Mr. Steve McDonald suggested writing a grant for funds to take care of some of the town issues. He told council that he looked into it, and one thing he needs is a resolution from the council outlining broad topics where they like to go, and the document is needed to apply or start the process to apply for grants. Mr. McDonald said his recommendation is to have a subcommittee to gather a list including details. They need to come up with a resolution for writing a grant and he would write it. Mayor Yates said he agrees. Mayor Yates told him that they would get together on it.

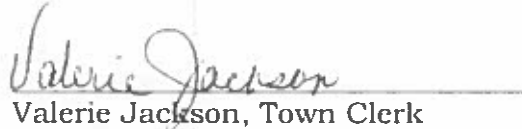
Councilman Preston White stated that he and Debbie Parker was reaching out to the community trying to get donations to restore the old Ms. Lefty shop to preserve it and make it a historic site by doing some restorations to it. Mayor Yates said, "When we get the money we can rebuild that store." Councilman Preston White said not the town, the community and through grants and stuff.

Attorney: Please have Debbie send him a copy of the personnel policy.

At 7:28 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.



Mayor Fred Yates



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk