

**TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023, 6:00 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 6:05 p.m. 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, Councilman Christopher Richardson, Attorney Crowe, Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk.

Citizen's attending was Robert Valentine, Lucretia Washington, Ellis Washington, Debra Long, Lauren Spruill, Donald Spruill, Steve McDonald, Cynthia Cunnigham, and Reta Blair

Mayor Fred Yates asked if it was a conflict of Interest. None was declared. A motion was made by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilman Christopher Richardson and so carried.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made to **approve the Agenda** for July 10, 2023, meeting by Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilman Christopher Richardson with the correction of adding Council to take the vacant seat and so carried.

Approval of the minutes. Councilman Christopher made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, minutes and seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Financial Report:

The accountant Richard Arnold reported for the fiscal year the town had saved over 3 hundred and 6 grand. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report by Councilman Christopher Richardson and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. Approval of May 08, 2023, minutes. A motion was made to approve the May 08, 2023 minutes by Councilman Christopher Richardson and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.
- B. Approval of filling vacant Council Seat: Councilman Preston White Ask Council to accept Cynthia Cunningham to fill the vacant seat of Carol Cooper. Mayor Fred Yates said he strongly recommend her to replace Carol on the board. Councilman Christopher Richardson seconded the motion and was so carried. Mayor Yates requested that Cynthia Cunnigham to come and take her seat. Councilwoman Valery McDonald reminded council that newly appointed (Cynthia Cunnigham) cannot take her seat until she had been sworn in. It was stated that they need to get Todd Tilley to the next meeting to swear her in before she can take her seat.

New Business:

- A. Approval of Re-Zoning of Hollowell Trailer Park: Councilman Christopher Richardson made a motion to approve the rezoning of Hollowell Trailer Park and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.
- B. Approval for Increase of Garbage Can after discussion from 13.00 to 14.00 per month. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to increase the garbage can by \$ 1.00 per month and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.
- C. Approval for Increase for Rezoning Permit. After discussion, Councilman Christopher Richardson made a motion to charge \$ 250.00 for a rezoning permit and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. **(The increase was only 50.00 after rechecking the prices, from \$ 200.00 to 250.00)**
6. Other information:
Departments:
 - A. Sewer: Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported that she had nothing at the time, and McPherson needs to give a new quote, because the old quote had expired.
 - B. Police: Councilman Chirstopher Richardson reported that the sheriff department was doing a great job.

- C. Fire: Councilman Christopher Richardson reported that the fire department was looking at purchasing a new fire truck, the process could take a few months.

Committee Reports:

7. Administration: Councilman Christopher Richardson reported that there was 2 job postings, a Deputy Clerk and Roads & Grounds person.
8. Roads & Grounds/Public Safety/Tourism: -Mayor Pro-Tem Preston White reported the person that was cutting the grass quit and the town had to hire outside help to continue cutting the grass for the town of Winfall. Contractors are a lot more expensive for cutting the grounds, so our roads and grounds budget is going to go up. He explained that the council would be advertising for a person who could cut grass, do a little painting, repair boards on the pier, and until we get somebody working for the town of Winfall our grass budget will increase and there was no way around it for right now. The grass had to be cut twice a month because it is flying. Right now, our back is against the wall. Councilman Preston White said he talked to the contractors about picking up trash while they are mowing and if not they would have to get someone else. He said he is looking into getting the ditches clean, the grass is growing, and they have to try and get the ones clean that wasn't clean before. Councilman Preston White told them that the gentleman that talked about Williams Street, he and Mr. Hurdle went out and it was just an act of nature, the erosion, the high ties and stuff, he suggested to cut back some of the debris and clean the pipe out and see if that pipe is stopped up. If it is not the town issue it is the resident. He reported that the potholes in the streets haven't been fixed yet, the 2 guys he talked to about 2 estimates has not done it yet, and he is looking into reaching out to someone else. He doesn't know what it is going to cost, but he will bring it back to the town council meeting. The house- He talked to Mr. Hurdle again, Council decided to wait on Mr. Hurdle. His truck is still broke down, the parts are so hard to get now. As soon as he gets his truck up and running, he will take the house down. Councilman Preston White reported that there would be a tourism meeting the next night, nothing has changed since the last meeting. Public Safety, the sheriff is also riding Winfall more than normal and the state troopers are riding through Winfall more than normal. Councilman Preston White named the streets where they were sitting and patrolling.
- D. Sewer/Recreation/Grants- Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported that she would address it with McPherson tomorrow. Recreation-she don't know what's going on there. She will check into it tomorrow also. Grants-Nothing going on with Grants. Valerie Jackson, town clerk told Councilwoman McDonald she would send her some information regarding a safety grant.

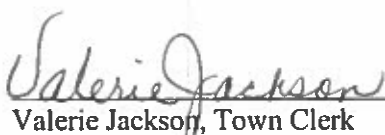
PUBLIC COMMENTS (See attached)

1. Information was given to the council concerning meeting of County Commissioners (1st Monday of month). There should be a representative from the town council at the meeting.
2. Board of election is coming. Winfall is her main focus..
3. She ask Councilman Christopher Richardson if he got a chance to check on the sewer, he replied he was waiting on data.
4. Brought up concern that the Spellman house was still in limbo over \$1500 more, when \$41,000 was spent on Town hall building and water is standing on the porch of the building. She requested that they get someone to take it down for health and safety reason because it was a public nuisance.
5. An individual was bitten by a dog and that animal control picked the dog up. She ask how many dogs are you allowed to have in the town Winfall? Councilman Preston White responded that according to the Town of Winfall Ordinance all dogs are supposed to be on a leash.
6. Grass cutters are still not picking up trash. If they can't pick up the trash than get somebody else.
7. Concern about the grass at 286 Winfall Blvd. and on King Ave.
8. Add planning & Zoning members name and term to the website.

Resident Steve McDonald congratulated Council for this year's work. Details they had to work out, but council has taken physical responsibility. He congratulated them on the production and operating budget. A positive path forward for the council. Councilman Preston white responded thank you.

At approximate 6:45 pm. Mayor Yates ask for a motion to **adjourn** the meeting and Councilman Preston White seconded and so carried.


Mayor Fred Yates


Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk