

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2019 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 p.m... Invocation was given by Councilman Steav Congdon and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

Those in attendance were, Councilman Preston White, Councilman Steav Congdon, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and Attorney William Crowe.

- A. Mayor Yates asked Council if there was a **conflict of interest**. Councilman Preston White rescued himself from voting being a member of the Volunteer Fire Department on the motion of the Fire Brush Truck and the 50/50 grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon to approve the **agenda** and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the December 14, 2018 **minutes** by Councilman Steav Congdon and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Financial Report:

Councilman Preston White made a motion to approve the **Financial Report** and was seconded by Councilman Steav Congdon and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. Tourism Sharon Smith. Not here.
- B.

New Business:

- A. Beautification Committee Member Debbie Whebee presented Gift cards to the Christmas Decoration Winners of 2018. She told everyone about the history behind the Christmas Decoration. The winners were as follows: Mr. William Evans, Ms. Nadine Jackson and Mr. Thomas Stanton. Mayor Yates thanked and told them it really showed in Winfall.
- B. Mayor Yates read the names for the 2019 Volunteer Fire Department Officers that was approved by Chief Thomas Roach. Mayor Yates confirmed the officers and a motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon to accept the 2019 Officers for the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

Department Reports:

Administration: None.

Public Safety: None

Sewer: Mayor Fred Yates asks if council was having problems with sewer. Ms. Nadine Jackson told Council she called in because there was one issue dealing with flushing. Our Public Works Melvin Jackson took care of it.

Police Department: None.

- B. **Fire Department:** Mayor Yates entertained a motion for the purchase of the Fire Brush Truck. A motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon to purchase the Fire Brush Truck for the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department, and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried. Councilman Preston White rescued himself from voting being a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation, Sewer, Roads & Grounds, Building.

Recreation: Councilman Steav Congdon said there was an emergency meeting called because one committee member resigned.

Roads & Grounds: Mayor Yates told Council that they are trying to keep the building and town clean.

Building: None.

Beautification: Beautification Committee member Debbie Whedbee said it was time to start thinking about the 4th of July fireworks. Mayor Yates invited Ms. Nadine Jackson to join the beautification committee.

Attorney: None.

Mayor Yates:

- A. **Other Business:** Debbie Whedbee discussed a problem with the pole light near her home. Mayor Yates told her to find the number on the pole and to contact the office. Mayor Yates read aloud a Religious Freedom Day 2019 Proclamation and entertained a motion to pass the proclamation by the Winfall Town Council. A motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon to pass the proclamation proclaiming January 16th as Religious Freedom Day and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. Mayor Yates shared with the council and public the dates the Winfall Town Office is closed for holidays for 2019. Chief Thomas Roach told Council that they wanted to apply for a 50/50 grant. Mayor Yates entertained a motion. A motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon for the Town of Winfall Volunteer Fire Department to apply for a 50/50 grant and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried. Councilman Preston White rescued himself from voting being a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Yates shared with Town Council the information listed in the newspaper regarding being double tax by the 911 fees. He told them he had a meeting January 14, 2019 with the town manager, county manager, and the mayor of Hertford. They all went into a contract with the county for dispatch and 911 some years ago. He said are paying someone else to do what we should be doing ourselves. When the fire department is called that's 911. They are doing a good job and they are not getting paid. Without their services we couldn't make it. We are not being doubled tax according to the news article dated January 9, 2019. The Volunteer Fire Department is selling tickets for a pancake supper February 28, 2018. The cost is \$8.00.

At 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and seconded by Councilman Steav Congdon and so carried.


Frederick L. Yates, Mayor


Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk