

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
August 9, 2021 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 Ken Rominger and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ken Rominger.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Rominger, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and Attorney Will Crowe.

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

A motion was made to approve the **Amended agenda** by Councilman Ken Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the July 12, 2021 **minutes** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

The Accountant Richard Arnold stated that there was nothing to explain at that time. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Veteran Home:** Tabled until further notice. Mayor Yates explained to the public about the information regarding the veteran home.
- B. **Mr. John Chappell Update:** Mayor Yates said Mr. John Chappell has not heard from him yet.
- C. Mayor Yates asks Council what was their thought regarding the **wastewater study information in their package**. He asks Council if they wanted to move forward or what? Councilwoman Carol Cooper stated that she don't feel why we would want to do that, but if anyone else thinks we should do this we needs to have a workshop to look at it. Mayor Yates asks Councilwoman Cooper for a motion if you're not ready to vote. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to **not proceed** with it. Councilman Ken Rominger stated he wanted a discussion, not to rush into this, stating maybe it would eliminate the cost of maintaining the sewer. Councilwoman Virginia Harvey seconded and so carried. Mayor Yates made a motion to have Sharon Smith come in and present a workshop, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**New Business:**

- A. **Auditor:** Mayor Yates explained to Council that Auditor Larry Carpenter resigned as the Auditor for the Town of Winfall late in the ballgame, and recommended Gregory Redman. Mayor Yates informed Council that we are running behind and needs to make a decision. He had Mr. Redman to introduce his self and tell Council a little regarding his practice. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to hire Mr. Gregory Redman as the Town of Winfall auditor, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried. Councilman Ken Rominger wanted to know what the cost would be. Mr. Redman responded it would be the same as what Mr. Carpenter charged \$ 17,000. Mayor Yates said we will sign all paperwork and forward to Mr. Redman.
- B. **Approval of new Conditional and Use Permit Ordinance:** Attorney Crowe explained to Council and Planning board about the new general statue regarding the Chapter 160D and that the new wording of the Chapter 160D Ordinance changed from Conditional Use Permit to

Special Use Permit and the wording is similar to the 4 findings that the board wanted to change to match the county. He also explained the different format that was used would be hard to change. Chairman Lewis Smith stated that Special Use Permit would be fine and to let it remain the same but suggested a Board of Adjustment, but we would still have a planning board also. Attorney Crowe reminded Council that they had already adopted the new ordinance. Councilwoman Virginia Harvey made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Ken Rominger, and so carried.

- C. **Approval and reappointment of the new and old Zoning and Planning Board Members:** Mr. Lewis Smith introduced the names of the planning board. New members: Mr. Thomas Cordell and Mrs. Cynthia Stallings; reappointments: Mr. Robert Neal, Mr. Philip Tetley, Mr. Alan Modlin and Mr. Lewis Smith, chairman. Mayor Yates made a motion to approve the new members and reappointment of the old members to the planning board. Councilman Kenneth Rominger said according to the statue. Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion on the approval of the Planning board members, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.
- D. **City of Elizabeth City-Regarding Chief Anthony Spellman:** Mayor Yates told Council members in their package was a letter from Elizabeth City Police Department Eddie Buffalo stating that Anthony's position with them was null and void. He is no longer employed by Elizabeth City Police Department. Mayor Yates explained that Anthony would be full-time and that he was out on foot surgery.
- E. ARP: Mayor Yates read aloud the letter he had received regarding the ARP funds to be received.

**Departments Reported: Sewer: Police.**

**Fire Department:** Preston White told Council that the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department would be out to Parks & Rec for National Night August 10, 2021. He also explained that he had been on the Town Council for many years and would be running again.

**Committee Reports:**

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: None.

**Roads & Grounds:** Mayor Yates told Council there was damage to the window in front of the community town hall. He read aloud the overview that he had received from Mr. Tony Kee. Mayor Yates told Council we have to hire an outside contractor for the job.

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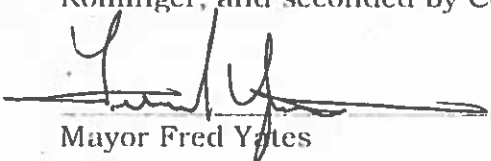
**Other Business:**

**Attorney:**

Mayor Yates: Mayor Yates told Council we needed to have a workshop on the personnel policy, when.

Other business: Public comments: Mayor Yates informed the board that Mrs. Valery McDonald was running for a Town Council seat in the November elections. Mayor Yates told Council he would be going into the hospital on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Ken Rominger would be in charge. Finance Officer Debbie Parker asks Mayor Yates if the Park was now open. Councilwoman Cooper made a motion to reopen the park and was seconded by Councilman Ken Rominger, and so carried.

At 7:45 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Ken Rominger, and seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

  
Mayor Fred Yates

  
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk