

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 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 Preston White and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Yates.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Rominger, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond 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 Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the October 11, 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 1 increase in capital outlay for the fire department. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** with additional information by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. 2020-2021 Audit:** The auditor: Gregory Redman gave a summary of the **2020-2021 audit** and recommendations. Because of the depreciation the Council needs to respond on how to increase the Fund Balance with a letter and if not raising rates, why? Also, Mr. Redman said there were no internal control problems and just needs to catch up. Also he saw no other issues other than to decrease our expenditures. It was made know that we could not cut off resident's water according to the governors' executive order in March. Mayor Yates ask for an approval to adopt the audit. A motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Rominger to adopt the audit, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.
- B. Personnel Policy was tabled.**
- C. Ordinances:** Attorney Crowe explained that the December 1, 2021 deadline had pass, and our ordinances are still valid, we just may have a hard time penalizing anybody until the Winfall Board takes action on a few ordinances without any big monetary penalty. A motion was by Councilwoman Carol Cooper to approve and was seconded by Councilman Preston White, and so carried.
- D. Christmas Dinner and Christmas Bonus approval:** It was suggested that we not have the Christmas Dinner. A motion was made to give the same Christmas bonuses again like last year by Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried. After some discussion Councilwoman Carol Cooper motioned to double the bonus and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.
- E. Internet Sweepstakes/Video Gaming Ordinance Draft approval:** Mr. Lewis Smith, chairman of the planning and zoning board explained to council how the planning board had put in time coming up with a draft for the internet sweepstakes/video gaming ordinance and requested an approval. A motion was made on the approval of the internet sweepstakes/video gaming ordinance draft

by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.

Break: Installation Ceremony of new Councilmembers: Councilman Preston White and Councilwoman Valery McDonald. Presentation of outgoing Councilmembers: Mayor Pro-tem Kenneth Rominger and Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond Celebration.

New Business:

- A. **2021 Record of Retention and Disposition Schedule Updates approval:** Mayor Yates ask for a motion to accept the Retention and Disposition Schedule of the Local Government Agencies. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to adopt the 2021 Records of Retention and Disposition Schedule Updates Standards and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Departments Reported: Sewer: Police.

Police: Chief of Police Spellman told Council to think about auctioning off the old police car: 2000 Crown Victoria. Councilwoman Carol Cooper suggested donating the car to the Winfall Fire Department for practice as a tool for extracting people in a car accident. Mayor Yates suggests auctioning the car with seal bid and advertise.

Fire Department: Volunteer Fireman Preston White told Council that the Volunteer Fire department supported Hertford in the Christmas Parade.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: none. Roads and Grounds, Mayor Yates told Council they were keeping the town clean.

Roads & Grounds: Mayor Yates told Council he received congratulation on the park and the benches. He was told it was one of the best parks around.

Beautification (Finance Officer Debbie Parker) Finance Officer Debbie Parker informed Council that she would be getting out flyers for the Christmas Contest. The Contest would run through the end of December. Winners would be announced in the January 2022 meeting. She also informed Council that the other half of the ARP Fund would be within a year.

Other Business:

Attorney: Wished everyone to have safe and Happy Holidays.

Mayor Yates: Mayor Yates told Council there was an upcoming offer for Mayor Pro-tem. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to appoint Councilman Preston White as upcoming Mayor Pro-tem and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald, and so carried.

At 8:15 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Preston White, and seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.



Mayor Fred Yates



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk