

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
June 14, 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 Kenneth Rominger and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

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 **agenda** by Councilman Ken Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the May 10, 2021 **minutes** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper, and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger, and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

The Financial report was explained by Accountant Richard Arnold regarding reevaluation of sales tax money received, court cost and police receipts. A motion was made on the approval of the financial report by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

**Old Business:**

**A. Veteran Home:** Tabled until further notice.

**B. Chapter 160D Zoning and Resolution update approval:** A motion was made on the approval of the Chapter 160D Zoning update and Resolution by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.

**C. Mr. John Chappell Update:** Mayor Yates said Mr. John Chappell was supposed to call him but hasn't called back.

**D. S-Bridge :**(Notes inclusion in the meeting from Mr. Steve McDonald) Mayor Yates allowed time for Mrs. Chris Lane, Mrs. Woodard, and the two gentlemen from Department of Transportation time to talk with the Town Councilmembers about reconsidering to temporarily allow the S-Bridge to be stored in the Winfall Town Park. Mrs. Chris Lane stated their mission was to save the bridge. They feel it is important for Perquimans County as well as the world. After much discussion the Council decided to support and stand with their motion from the May 10, 2021 meeting, not to temporarily store the S-Bridge in the Winfall Town Park. Mayor told Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Woodard it would be nice to invite Council to a meeting, than if they wanted to rescind their vote they can.

**New Business:**

**A. Winfall Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Development approval for internet sweepstakes business and/or internet cafes in the Town of Winfall:** Mayor Yates read aloud the Resolution and ask for a motion to adopt. A motion was made on the approval of establishing a Moratorium by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried. Attorney Crowe drafted a Moratorium and asked to have a public hearing set for the next meeting. (July 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm)

- B. American Rescue Plan Act Resolution approval: Mayor Yates shared with Council the Resolution for the ARPC and asked for a motion to adopt. A motion was made on the approval of the American Rescue Plan Act Resolution by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger, and so carried.
- C. Budget Ordinance for FYE 2021-2022 approval: a motion was made on the approval of the Budget Ordinance for FYE 2021-2022 by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

**Departments Reported:**

**Sewer:**  
**Police:**

**Fire Department:** Chief Corey Stalling of the fire department told Council that it has been a very busy year, and they had received approximately 56,000 50/50 grants this year. He stated that the state would give them \$ 28,484.81 and they would have to match it. Mayor Yates told Chief Corey Stallings they were doing a good job and Council members congratulated him.

**Committee Reports:**

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: There was a meeting Tuesday night according to Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, thou she was not able to attend.

Building, Beautification (Finance Officer Debbie Parker)

**Other Business:** Councilwoman Carol Cooper told Council due to safety issues she was making a motion to close the park effective immediately, and that we don't rent out the park, regardless of whether they rent or provide their own bathroom facilities, until all of the NCLM Hazard Assessments recommendations dated April 27, 2021 have been completed and a new Hazard Assessment has been done, and there are no remaining hazards and that the bathrooms are in working order and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was so carried. Mayor Yates said he disagrees.

Mayor Yates entertained a motion to keep the Park open and there was no response. Debbie Parker responded that the main issue as she sees it was the bathrooms. Councilwoman Carol Cooper said that they could rent the community hall, but not use the park. Park Closed. Council replied that we needed to post Park Closed Signs, and will it protect us.

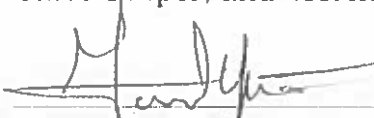
Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion not to hire outside labor and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried only in case of an emergency. In case of an emergency, Town Council will be contacted and if they approve, contract labor may be hired at a predetermined/preapproved price. At all other times, work needs to be done by the Roads and Grounds employees.

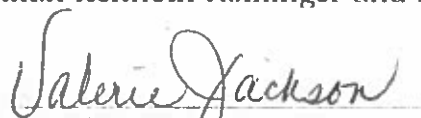
**Attorney:** Just wanted to wish everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Yates: Mayor Yates asks Councilwoman Carol Cooper was the tree down in the park considered an emergency. Councilwoman Carol Cooper responded that the Town Council would have to make that determination and the cost.

Councilman Kenneth Rominger stated that residents requested if a sign could be put on Nixon Street to let people know that it is a dead end road. Mayor Yates said he would contact DOT. (Mayor Yates contacted DOT and talked to Kenny, he is working on it).

At 8:00 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Carol Cooper, and seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

  
Mayor Fred Yates

  
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk