

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2022 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 Debbie Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Carol Cooper.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Preston White, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Carol Cooper and Attorney Will Crowe.

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

A motion was made to approve the **Amended Agenda** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the February 14, 2022 **minutes** by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald, and so carried.

Financial Report:

The Accountant Richard Arnold stated that there were a \$ 500.00 increase in facility use rental and a \$ 500.0 decrease in police receipts. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. Personnel Policy:** A motion was made on the approval of the **updated personnel policy** by Councilman Preston White and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper, and so carried.
- B. 108 Main Street:** Mayor Yates read aloud the letter from Virgil Parrish, the building inspector regarding the house. He agreed the house does not meet the minimum housing ordinance, is unsafe and in danger of collapsing. He would be condemning the house structure and a letter should be sent to the property owners requiring them to have the property taken down as soon as possible. Board agrees there should be 3 estimates to tear down the house and send a letter to the owners. (Attorney). Finance Officer Debbie Parker has an updated address to whom to send the letter to.

New Business:

- A. Deputy Finance Officers Approval:** According to North Carolina Local Government anyone handling money over \$ 100.00, has to be approved by the Board as deputy finance officers with a blanket bond. Councilman Preston White made a motion to **approve Brenda Dillard and Valerie Jackson as deputy finance officers**, and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.
- B. Debris Monitoring & Debris Management Approval:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Carol Cooper to give Mayor Yates the approval to **sign the necessary paperwork for the Debris Management Debris Removal** and was seconded by Councilman Preston White, and so carried.
- C. Building Permit:** Virgil Parrish, the building inspector recommended changing our form (Building Permit) to read Zoning permit only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Carol Cooper to clarify the form (**Building permit**) to (**Zoning Permit**) and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Other Information:

American Legion Post 126: Mayor Yates read the invitation from the American Legion Post 126 regarding their 50th Anniversary. Mayor Yates said he wanted to make sure people in town knows.

Departments Reported: Police, Fire

Police:

Fire Department: Councilman Preston White told Council that the fire department had an outstanding turn out for the pancake dinner and that they sold more than they had ever sold and wanted to thank everyone for their support.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation: none. Sewer:

Roads & Grounds: Mayor Fred Yates told Council that they are keeping the town clean.

Other Business:

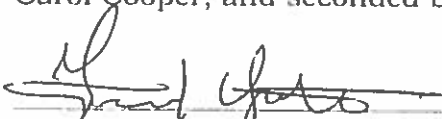
Councilwoman Valery McDonald talked about the grant funding, application and approval. She discussed that she and Steve McDonald had looked into information regarding grant funding with someone in Charlotte. They could set up for a presentation if council was interested. They gathered lots of information. Councilman Preston White stated that he should have brought the information before the town. Ms. Debbie Parker asks what were the pros and cons of how it would benefit the town. Council said they wanted to talk with someone from NCLM to see if someone could come in and help with the wastewater issue. Ms. Debra Brookins suggested that research should be done because there is lots of infrastructure funds out there and that Perquimans and the Town of Winfall should be getting some. Mayor Yates said that we needs to get someone in that can explain what it would do for this town. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion that Council come together as a team and call Raleigh for CDB, including NCLM to explain, and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Ms. Brookins also talked about Mary White Shop, and that North Carolina Historic preservation would give credits. Private funds could be used.

Mayor Yates explained that Hurdle Enterprise removed the debris from the ditch on River Street which is a main ditch where the water traveled. They could see that the water was moving. Ms. Brookins said they appreciated. Mrs. Luann Washington asks if the same thing could be done for White Street. Mayor Yates told her to meet him there the next day to show him and he would investigate it.

Attorney:

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



Mayor Fred Yates



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk