

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2018 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 Preston White and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

Those in attendance were, Councilman Preston White, Councilman Steav Congdon, and Kenneth Rominger, and Attorney William Crowe.

Mayor Yates asked Council if there was a **conflict of interest**. None was declared.

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

A motion was made on the approval of the November 12, 2018 **minutes** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

Financial Report:

Councilman Kenneth Rominger 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. Christmas Bonuses:

Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve Christmas Bonuses was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

B. Christmas Dinner: Mayor Yates discussed the Christmas dinner and the finalization of it for Friday night December 14, 2018.

C.

Department Reports:

Administration: None.

Public Safety: None

Sewer: Mayor Fred Yates asked the Council members if they remembered when they gave the county the water because in the long run it would have cost too much to upgrade and keep it upgraded with the pipes in the ground. He said the Town would not be able to afford it without raising the rates, so they gave the water to the county for 99 years without charging them anything. Mayor Yates said now he's hearing in the streets that we are charging too high for the water, and it needs to be cut out because we don't charge nothing for water, neither do we set the rates. The Town of Winfall had it included in the contract with the county, that if a person doesn't pay their sewer bill their water can be cut-off. It was granted to the Town. They're also complaining about the sewer bill being too high. Some years ago the Town got in trouble with the auditors because they said the sewer should be self-sufficient. Mayor Yates said we are not charging people outrageous fees for sewer and Council agreed.

Police Department: Mayor Yates stated that the police department is doing a good job patrolling the town. We got about the safest town around here.

Fire Department: Mayor Yates told Council you can't ask for a better fire department and told them how the fire department started out with one truck. They were located in the old building on one corner, the Town hall in the center and the police department on

the other corner and that was all the town had. The water department was across the street. Now the fire department has four trucks and a fire station. Mayor Yates said we're moving. Mayor Yates told Councilman Preston White that he understood that the fire department had elected new officers. He informed him that you can't elect new officers until you bring them before Council. Mayor Yates told Councilman Preston White he saw him on Facebook and the only way that they can approve new officers, Council has to approve the selection of officers. Mayor Yates told Councilman Preston White so at the next meeting bring the new Officers and what we will do is you all present them and Council can vote and approve them, then you're done.

Committee Reports:

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

Recreation: Councilman Steav Congdon said they were looking at whether to replace the entire gym floor or to just replace a section.

Roads & Grounds: None

Building: None.

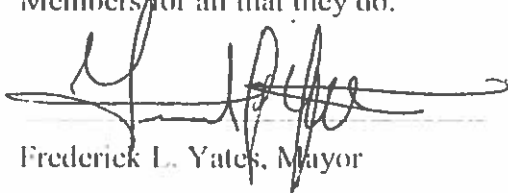
Beautification: Council members stated we had a good Christmas Parade and Mayor Yates said it was an outstanding parade, one of the best. Councilman Preston White said the committee was talking about doing the best Christmas decorated house. Mayor Yates informed him that the Town had sent out the letters informing the community about the judging. He said we would continue it in the honor of Ms. Leslie White because she started it. Mayor Yates said we will do it in her honor. It will be done the first week of January 2019.

Attorney: None.

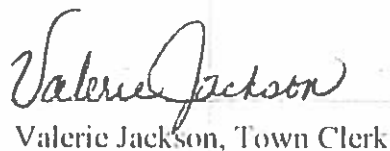
Mayor Yates: Mayor Yates told Council that he thanked everybody for participating and planning together.

Other Business: It was asked if the fire department would be joining in for the Christmas dinner and Mayor Yates told them that they decided not to come in with us this year.

At 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and seconded by Preston White and so carried. Mayor Yates thanked Council Members for all that they do.



Frederick L. Yates, Mayor



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk