

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 9, 2019 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 Councilman Steav Congdon and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

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

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

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

A motion was made on the approval of the November 11, 2019 **minutes** by Councilman Steav Congdon and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

Accountant Richard Arnold explained to Council that there was an amendment to decrease sewer to up the payroll taxes by \$1500.00. Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the **Financial Report with amendments** and was seconded by Councilman Steav Congdon and so carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Tourism Sharon Smith. Not here.**
- B. **Christmas Bonuses:** Mayor Yates reminded Council that they have always given a Christmas bonus on a yearly basis. A motion was made to approve Christmas Bonuses by Councilman Steav Congdon and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

**New Business: None.**

**Department Reports:**

**Sewer:** None.

**Police:** None.

**Fire:** Fire chief Roach announced that the pickup was at the fire station but lettering hadn't been completed because of the holidays. Also he stated that the town had been reimbursed for part of the 50/50 grant.

**Administration:** None.

**Public Safety:** None

**Recreation:** Councilman Steav Congdon told Council that they had a copy of the report from the last meeting.

**Roads & Grounds:**

**Building:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification:** Debbie Whedbee announced that the Christmas Parade was a great success, with 42 entries. It included 4 bands, 3 high schools and 1 university. She commended the announcers on the outstanding job entertaining and announcing each participant and how they really stepped up to the plate; PCHS Assistant Principal Mrs. Teresa Blanchard, and PCMS Assistant Principal Mr. Lister. Ms. Whedbee explained that the announcers had been volunteering the past 3 years and suggested a \$50.00 gift card to each in support of the Christmas Parade. She announced that the next event would be the Christmas decoration contest, in honor of the late Mrs. Leslie White. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be selected on December 31, 2019. The winners will be awarded a monetary gift card in the amount of (1<sup>st</sup> \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 50.00) which will be announced at the January Town Meeting. Ms. Whedbee discussed the goals for 2020 Christmas Parade which includes: (a.) needing more bodies to assist with the lineup of the Parade. (b.) Because ECSU students will miss their lunch time on campus, we need to prepare lunch for them. (c.) The town need to order new magnate signs for Town Council, Grand Marshal and a New Christmas Parade Banner!

Mayor Yates and Councilmembers all commented on how outstanding the Christmas Parade was. Councilman Rominger said the participants were great and it was the largest crowd seen on Winfall grounds.

**Attorney:** Fire truck is here and just need to tie up loose end that's left.

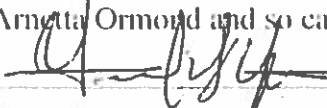
**Other Business:** Mayor Yates reminded Town Council of the Christmas Dinner.


**Presentations:** Mayor Yates read and presented plaques to the two outgoing councilmen, Councilman Steav Congdon and Councilman Preston White and thanked them for their years of service to the Town.

**Oath of Office:** Clerk of Court Todd Tilley swore in Carol Cooper and Virginia Harvey (the newly elected officials) for the 2 new vacant seats left by Councilman Steav Congdon and Councilman Preston White. Afterwards he swore in Mayor Fred Yates for being elected another term as Mayor of the Town of Winfall.

**Recess:** Swearing in celebration.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order and a motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

  
Frederick L. Yates, Mayor

  
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk