

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
February 10, 2020 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 Mayor Yates and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

Those in attendance were, Councilwoman Virginia P. Harvey, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilman Kenneth Rominger, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and Attorney William Crowe.

Mayor Yates asked Council if there was a conflict of interest. None declared. (After discussion of Councilman Kenneth Rominger ask to be recused from voting on the Veterans Home in Winfall).

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilman Ken Rominger, and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried with an addition to the agenda to add public comments under other business.

A motion was made on the approval of the January 13, 2020 minutes by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

Accountant Richard Arnold explained to Council that amendments were made to the budget. Councilwoman Carol Cooper had a question regarding check # 262, odd number. Accountant Richard Arnold explained that it was a Powell bill check. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to adopt the Financial Report Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the Financial with necessary changes and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**Old Business:**

A. Tourism Sharon Smith. Not here.

Veterans Home in Winfall was tabled until a later date after public announcement detailed discussion. Council and HOC members' needs to meet for further discussion. Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Hinton and Ms. Sutton for coming.

B. Approval of Credit Card for the Winfall Fire Department and amount was tabled until the March meeting. Fireman Thomas Roach explained that Volunteer Fireman Craig Trueblood could not be present.

C. Mayor Yates thanked Fireman Chief Corey Stallings for the updated list of Winfall Fire Officers changes.

**New Business: None.**

A. A motion was made to approve to re-elect Mayor Yates as Town of Winfall Representative on the Tourism Development Authority Board by Councilman Ken Rominger, and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

B. Ms. Tara Robertson with Winston, Williams, Creech, and Evans & Company, LLP presented the town council with an overview of the 2017-2018 draft audit. She said the Town of Winfall received an unmodified best report, which means a clean report. She explained that it was stamped draft until receiving a final approval from the state treasurer office. Tara stated that we are basically breaking even and the property tax collection rate had dropped, probably due to late discoveries. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask the auditor her opinion on how to solve the problem. Mrs. Robertson said her suggestion is to raise sewer rates, find another service you can charge for, or drop expenditures to fix the problem because of the decrease in depreciation. Mayor Yates thanked Ms. Robertson for coming.

**Department Reports:**

**Sewer:** Mayor Yates explained to the council we may have some budget amendments because of the pumping station that had an overflow but was caught in time. It wasn't to the point wherein we had to contact the state. A driveway had to also be dug up to fix a blockage.

**Police:** Mayor Yates said he was working on getting the police department in condition, and workman compensation was paying Chief Shaffer.

**Fire:** The volunteer fire department told council that the Brush truck was in service and ready to go. They also explained that they would be selling tickets for a pancake supper February 27, 2020 and the funds would go towards gears and radios. The time would be from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

**Administration:** None.

**Public Safety:** None

**Recreation:** Ex-Councilman Steav Congdon told Council the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would be meeting February 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

**Roads & Grounds:**

**Building:** None.

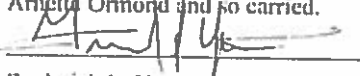
**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification:** None.

**Attorney:**

**Other Business:** Mayor Yates told council that they should have a letter from the Department of Transportation in their packets concerning the intersection of Wiggins Road and US 17. He reminded them of the Riverbash, and Human Trafficking. Changes of Council members contact list, update. Attorney Crowe explained the Clerk Court Fines letter. Councilwoman Ormond told Mayor the street sign was down for King Avenue and Louise Street. Mayor Yates explained that an employee had just put it back up that day. Mr. Ormond in the audience brought up the subject of the streets in the Town of Winfall having a Hertford address. The Mayor explained that the Post Office had been told change it to Winfall. They will not do it because they would have to have another delivery man. If your mail is delivered to your house it has a Hertford address because that's where you mail comes from. Attorney Crowe explained that it is a Federal Postal thing. The town has no control because of the 911 address. Mrs. Karen White asked about the signs for River Drive and Croft Drive because they were no longer readable. Mayor Yates told her the signs would be replaced on February 11, 2020.

At approximately 8:12 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 Arnette Ormond and so carried.

  
Frederick L. Yates, Mayor

  
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk