

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 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 Councilman Steav Congdon 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.

Councilwoman Carol Cooper said she did not see on the agenda the letter she received regarding the audit; neither did she see a place for public comments. Do we do it (public comments) and we just don't have it on here. Mayor Yates replied, when receiving packets, if there is questions please call the office and ask to have them included on the agenda. Mayor Yates said there needs to be an addition made to the agenda. We need to add the Christmas Decoration winners because they were present tonight and someone wants to open a veteran's home in Winfall. A motion was made to approve the **agenda** by Councilman Ken Rominger, and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper with necessary changes including Christmas Decorations and Veteran Home in Winfall and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the December 9, 2019 **minutes** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Financial Report:

Accountant Richard Arnold explained to Council that we received the second installment of the Powell Bill money. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask questions regarding the Powell Bill because she did not know what he was talking about, because she did not received a copy of the letter. Accountant Richard Arnold explained it comes in 2 installments, one in October and the second in December. The purpose of the funding is for the town's streets. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to adopt the Financial Report Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the **Financial** and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

Old Business:

- A. Tourism Sharon Smith. Mayor Yates explained that she is employed by the Tourism Authority. She was supposed to come with a report but she is not here.
- B. Christmas Decorations. Mayor Yates presented and congratulated the Christmas decorations winners with their gift card. 1st Place: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manazer, \$ 100.00, 2nd Place: Mrs. Megan Ritayik \$ 75.00, and 3rd Place Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine \$50.00.

New Business: None.

- A. Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Ordinance: Councilman Kenneth Rominger told council that it was the standard retention and disposition of records. The town clerk, Valerie Jackson explained the purpose of the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, which is state mandated. Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Ordinance and was seconded Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.
- B. Approval of Credit Card for the Winfall Fire Department and amount was tabled until the February meeting due to the lack of information needed to make a decision. Mayor told Fireman Thomas Roach to make sure Fireman Craig Trueblood to attend the February meeting. Fire Roach informed Council that the

fire department had new officers. Mayor Yates asks for a list so Council could approve the officers. He ask to make a list available for the next meeting. Mayor Yates thanked Fireman Thomas Roach for the job that the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department does.

- C. Veteran's Home in Winfall: Veteran's Home on River and Belvidere Street. Councilman Kenneth Rominger told Mayor Yates they mentioned the general procedure is to refer it to the Planning and Zoning Board because the Council takes the final action on it. So, he suggest for it to be referred to the Planning Board and let them hold a public hearing because it's going to require rezoning. Than it comes to Council and they have the yea or nay, because that's normally the way it's done. Mayor Yates told Councilman Rominger that he was absolutely correct because Council is the decision makers and it would require the Planning and Zoning Board to hold a public hearing. He said they need to do this as quickly as possible. Councilwoman Carol Cooper asks who was on the planning board. Councilman Kenneth Rominger told her Mr. Lewis Smith is the chairman of the planning board. Mayor Yates told Councilwoman Cooper to let him get her a list of the members. Mayor Yates stated again we are going to have a public hearing but he thought there were some people who wanted to speak tonight. Mr. Mike Boyea said he wants to stay abreast on every step of what's going on. He wanted to know the details. Another person of the public asks numerous questions: how big is the home going to be, traffic, parking, what kind of facility, staff, and how many people. Other questions ask were, is it a business, what the intent is, and what about the second part. Is it for disabled veterans? Is it a package deal or two separate entities? Mayor Yates told them all of this has to go before the planning board and a public hearing held. He also told them it will be posted in the Perquimans Weekly. Questions could be asked during that time.

Department Reports:

Sewer: None.

Police: None.

Fire: Fire chief Roach asked Accountant Richard Arnold if the \$33,000 was approved by the auditors to move use from the previous year. He responded it was taken care of. Fire chief Roach told council that Corey Stallings is now the new fire chief, and they had new officers. Mayor Yates ask them to provide a list to the council.

Administration: None.

Public Safety: None

Recreation: Mayor Yates told Council they have to appoint someone for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Councilwoman Virginia Harvey volunteered to fill the position. Mayor Yates approved.

Roads & Grounds:

Building: None.

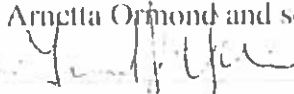
Committee Reports:

Beautification: Mayor Yates explained that Debbie Whedbee is the chairperson for the Beautification Committee.

Attorney: Mayor Yates introduced Attorney William Crowe to Council and the public.

Other Business: Mayor Yates reminded Town Council of the Leaders Lunch January 14, 2020, with Michael Hurdle as the guest speaker. The cost for lunch at this meeting will be \$8.00 per person. Mayor Yates also appointed Councilwoman Carol Cooper and Virginia Harvey to the Fire Department Relief Fund Board.

At approximately 7:35 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