

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
March 11, 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 Preston White and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

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

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

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

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

**Old Business:**

- A. Tourism Sharon Smith. Not here.
- B. Monica Thornton thanked everyone for allowing her to meet with Winfall Town Council. She informed Council that the town did not qualify for the grant applied for because their funds exceeded the limit, but she was here to offer a USDA loan in the amount of 85,000 to purchase the fire brush truck. The truck would cost 85,251.00 and the town would have to pay the \$ 251.00. Ms. Thornton stated that the 85,000.00 would be financed at a rate of 4.25% for 7 years. She went over the packet which was presented to the board and reviewed over the contract. Ms. Thornton said the interest rate would always be the lower of two rates. If it should go up to 6%, our rate would remain at 4.25%. If it should drop down lower than 4.25%, than our rate would drop down to the lower rate. After reviewing the forms, Mayor Fred Yates entertained a motion to except the proposal regarding USDA loan. Being an active member of the Winfall volunteer fire department Councilman Preston White recused himself from voting. A motion was made to accept the proposal by Councilman Steav Congdon and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried. The Resolution was passed with a 3 to 3 motion. The Resolution was signed by Mayor Fred Yates and attest by town clerk Valerie Jackson. Resolution No: 2019-03-11. The signing of all documents took place immediately following the passing of the motion.

**New Business:**

- A. A discussion regarding the garbage can fees were discussed. Mayor Yates explained that someone was saying that we (Town of Winfall) cut off their water. Mayor Yates explained according to the contract agreement with the county, the town can request a customer's water to be cut off for non-payment of sewer fees. Mayor Fred Yates read the contract that each customer has to sign when opening an account regarding sewer and garbage. A motion was made to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement for fire protection by Councilman Steav Congdon and seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried. The Automatic Aid Agreement for fire protection was signed by the Winfall Fire Chief Thomas Roach and Mayor Fred Yates. The Albemarle Commission requested a contribution of \$ 350.00. Mayor Yates entertained a motion. A motion was made to approve the **\$350.00 contribution to the Albemarle Commission** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

B. Sewer. None.

C. Police. Mayor Yates informed Council that Chief Shaffer was on light duty and has not scheduled himself for work. Captain Anthony Spellman has been covering the town.

D. Fire. Fire Chief Thomas Roach thanked the Council for approving good assets for the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department. He also talked about a new radio station which would be a big investment for the county. Mayor Yates thanked Fire chief Thomas Roach.

**Department Reports:**

**Administration:** None.

**Public Safety:** None

**Recreation:** Councilman Steav Congdon provided Council with a copy of the minutes held on February 12, 2019 by Parks and Recreation. He said the basketball floor was completed. Mayor Yates said the Town was thankful because Melton Grove Church used the building and really appreciated it.

**Sewer:** None.

**Roads & Grounds:** None.

**Building:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification:** None.

**Attorney:** None. Send copy of signed paperwork.

**Mayor Yates:**

**Other Business:**

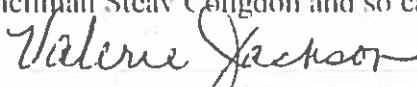
A. Mayor Yates told Council that the town had not been able to do much with the streets because of all the rain, and nothing much can be done.

1. Mayor Yates informed Council when he is riding and sees kids standing around; he let them know there is an ordinance prohibiting loitering.
2. Mayor Yates told Council that he and Councilman Kenneth Rominger attended the Albemarle Hope line Annual Breakfast. He said he learned a lot, and talked about the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and how North Carolina is one of the major destination locations for people coming in for human trafficking.
3. Mayor Yates said he attended the Chamber meeting not as member and the next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2019, but wasn't aware of the time. He said he had to attend a Board of Trustees meeting March 12, 2019 beginning at 9:00 am. Mayor Yates informed council that he would be attending the NC Black Alliance Summit on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and asked if anyone else wanted to attend.
4. Mayor Yates told Council he needs to have a Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss a map in question. He would like to meet one Saturday morning. He also told them that Ellis Temple Baptist Church paved a parking lot and was asking for donations to help complete the other side.

At approximately 8:00 p.m. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and seconded by Councilman Steav Congdon and so carried.



Frederick L. Yates, Mayor



Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk