

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
March 9, 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 Councilwoman Carol Cooper 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.

A motion was made to approve the **agenda** by Councilman Ken Rominger, and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

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

**Financial Report:**

Accountant Richard Arnold explained to Council that amendments were made to the budget. Councilwoman Carol Cooper has questions concerning: Charles Ward and supplies, utility bills and how they are split amongst the police department and Winfall Volunteer Fire Department. She wanted to know if there was a way to break down the information. Councilwoman Carol Cooper stated that the Fire Department would like to know what their actual costs of the utilities are. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask what the \$ 1500.00 check written to the North Carolina Black Elected Official Summit was for. After discussion Mayor Yates entertained a motion to adopt the Financial Report; Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the **Financial Report** and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Tourism Sharon Smith.** Sharon Smith discussed the details of the River Bash which is to be held April 28, 2020. She stated there was a change, and everything was consolidated to Hertford because the park was not Winfall Friendly because of **NO** access point to get people off the dock. Maybe the town needs to look at extending the pier. Mrs. Smith also stated that Mayor said the Town would pledge \$ 2,000.00 for TDA this year. Sharon Smith talked to the Council about submitting an (application) Pre-application Access Grant Proposals Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Funds 2020-2021 Cycle. She suggested that the Town of Winfall should add on a pier about 20 to 30 feet out to access the boardwalk to the park from the water. She left a copy of the application to view. Second, they have an opportunity to do another event from Winfall, June 13<sup>th</sup>, a paddling from here. They was supposed to have done it from the Albemarle Plantation but told her to ask if it could be done from here. The bathrooms need to be working or portable johns. So, they would like for Kayakers to be able to park their campers in Town of Winfall Park the evening and night before. People would show up here and have a little welcome and get barbecue, spend the night. The Kayakers would kayak from Winfall Landing Park over to Hertford. It would be a one night thing and they wanted to stay. They need to know about the paddle by April and the firework by June. Sharon Smith said she would get with Mayor Yates, and discuss the pre-application which is due by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know what you think. Mayor Yates told council that he serves on the TDA, which is the Tourism Development Authority and they can transmit ideas back and forth. He said Council you heard the report; we won't make a decision tonight because he had to get with the accountant to see where the town is financially. He thanked Mrs. Smith for coming.
- B. **Approval of Credit Card for the Winfall Fire Department.** Mayor Yates recognized that the Chaplin was present. He asked if Chaplin Preston White would like to make a report. Chaplin Preston White told Council that the pancake supper was the best they've had yet and thanked everyone for their support. He said the money was used to help purchase small equipment and other things they need. Chaplin White said Councilwoman Carol Cooper and Councilwoman Virginia Harvey had been coming out and enjoying themselves. Councilwoman Cooper made the statement that the fire department was doing a great job. Mayor Yates ask him if the person was here for the credit card? Chaplin White said no, but was told to ask for \$ 5,000.00 limit. Mayor Yates told him that Craig needs to attend the meeting because there are some questions he has to answer before the credit card can be approved. So it was tabled until the April meeting.

- C. Mayor Yates told council that while they were in old business, that a man approached him today, (March 9, 2020) and gave him a copy of a petition. Mayor Yates read the petition aloud. The Petition had 25 signatures against the Veteran Home. After reading Mayor Yates stated that there would be no decision made tonight, and it would be sent back to the planning board. Mr. Boyea informed Council that he circulated the petition, because there were lots of strange things that they don't understand. Mayor Yates told them the attorney had something he would like to say. Attorney Crowe explained to them that in North Carolina there are certain criteria's that the government needs to consider. To be effective you need to reconsider the concerns. Mayor Yates said the matter needs to go back before the planning and zoning board.

**New Business:**

- A. Larry Carpenter: New Auditor Approval: After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Kenneth Rominger move to accept Mr. Carpenter as the new auditor, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey with further discussions. Mayor Yates ask if there were any more questions. Councilwoman Carol Cooper had more questions. After all questions and statements were made. Mayor Yates ask all in favor? It passes 3 to 1. Yeas: 3 Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, Councilman Kenneth Rominger. No: 1 Councilwoman Carol Cooper.

**Department Reports:**

**Sewer:** Mayor Yates explained to the council we had to call Wooten Company back in. He introduced Melvin Jackson as our sewer man. They had to look at the sewer system plans. They looked at both contract 1 and contract 2 plans, as well as the maps and manholes. Mr. Jackson told council they had to replace to pumps down near Perquimans Middle School as well as backup, pick up manholes, clean the force mans out. It's been over 20 years. He gave important information concerning the pumping stations.

**Police:** Mayor Yates told Council that Chief Shaffer were on worker's compensation and needed to turn in car. (In correction to Mayor's statement at that time, Chief Shaffer was no longer employed with the Town of Winfall and all items and car was turned in). Mayor Yates explained to Council that he had talked with Ms. Meyers who said if there was any questions they could be directed to her at (919)662-4525. Ms. Meyers stated that we did not have to be in a hurry to hire a chief of police right now, because Captain Anthony Spellman was capable of handling the duties of the chief. Then he read all information attached and told council it has been completed and mailed.

**Fire:** The volunteer fire department told council everything is a same as above.

**Administration:** None.

**Public Safety:** None

**Recreation:**

**Roads & Grounds:** Mayor Yates told council there was a leak in the building.

**Building:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

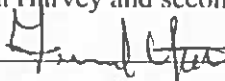
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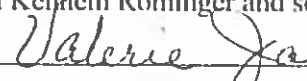
**Attorney:**

**Other Business:** Public Comments: Mrs. Karen White thanked Council for the new signs put up at River Drive.

Mr. Booker T. Ormond had a complaint about the smell across from the street from where he lives. He said the smell was coming from the thicket and asked if anyone had reported it. Mayor Yates said no one had reported it but we will. Mayor Yates said he will find out who to contact. Mayor Yates thanked everyone for coming out.

At approximately 8:12 p.m., a motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

  
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Frederick L. Yates, Mayor

  
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Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk