# TOWN OF WINFALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING November 12, 2018 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 Preston White and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Steav Congdon to approve the **agenda** with changes after Mayor Yates added to adopt the Flood Ordinance of Perquimans County to the the Agenda and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the September 10, 2018 **minutes** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger with changes after Mayor Yates corrected under Old Business that Tourism Director, Mrs. Sharon Smith provides a report to the Town of Hertford and the County, and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

### Financial Report:

Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the **Financial Report** with the explanation by Accountant Richard Arnold regarding the increase in the Fire Department budget for August 2018, and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

## **Old Business:**

A. Tourism Sharon Smith, Not here. Councilman Kenneth Rominger asked Mayor Fred Yates if he knew about the River bash that was to take place November 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The location was the Perquimans County Public Library. Mayor Yates stated that he had not heard anything about it. Councilman Kenneth Rominger said he needed to attend so that he could talk to Mrs. Sharon Smith. Councilman Kenneth Rominger reminded Mayor Yates of the County Leadership meeting for November 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. Councilman Kenneth Rominger said he could not go. Mayor Fred Yates asked the Council members if anyone could attend. There were none, so Mayor Yates said he would attend.

# New Business:

A. Mayor told Council Members they should have a copy of the letter written by Chief David Shaffer. Mayor Yates read the letter aloud including changes that Officer Anthony Spellman should be promoted to Captain (Lieutenant) with a \$3.00 (\$2.00) per hour increase in pay. Mayor Fred Yates said it shouldn't be a problem in the budget since we have not hired a second part-time officer. Mayor Yates told the Town Council that he needed a vote on it. Chief David Shaffer spoke on behalf of Officer Anthony Spellman and said he should have a promotion because he (Chief David Shaffer) was spending less time on the streets. Officer Anthony Spellman thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to work for the Town. He also told them how much he enjoys working in Winfall. Mayor Fred Yates told the Council members about how our next door neighbors (Town of Hertford) were trying to recruit Officer Spellman to come and work for them.

Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the promotion of Officer Anthony Spellman to Captain and to include a \$ 3.00 per hour increase in pay and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so earried. Councilman Steav Congdon said the pay increase was not bad at all.

B. Mayor Fred Yates told Council Members that he had heard the explanation regarding the Flood Ordinance and there was a public meeting held regarding the adoption of the Perquimans County Flood Ordinance. Mayor Fred Yates entertained a motion to adopt. Councilman Preston White made a motion to adopt the Perquimans County Flood Ordinance and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

#### **Department Reports:**

Administration: None.

Roads & Grounds: None

Sewer: Mayor Fred Yates said that we were doing the best we could.

Police Department: Chief David Shaffer said it was quiet other than traffic. He said that there was and incidental shooting. Chief Shaffer explained to the Town Council about the incident that took place with complete details for clarification of any and all rumors going around. Councilman Kenneth Rominger told Chief Shaffer about the firing off of a high power rifle near his resident. Chief David Shaffer said he would check into it.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Thomas Roach reminded Town Council about the exercise that was schedule to take place Saturday morning. He said the Highway 37 traffic should follow the detour signs. Mayor Yates told Fire Chief Roach that the citizens had already been informed. He also talked about the issues with trucks detouring on Highway 37. Mayor Fred Yates told Chief Roach he and the Police Chief would need write him a letter saying that the bushes need to come down because they are blocking the view. He stated that he had seen people pulling out, and he needs a letter from the both of them requesting assistance for the Town of Winfall to do something. Mayor Yates said, than he can go to the Department of Transportation and he will have it in black and white. He said he would like to get it before the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> so that he could hand deliver it. Fire Chief Roach asks how the paperwork on the brush truck was coming. I replied waiting for paperwork from different ones including Fire Chief Roach.

## Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation, Sewer, Roads & Grounds, Building.

Recreation: Councilman Steav Congdon said a meeting was scheduled for November 13th.

Building: Mayor Fred Yates told Council the building needs some work.

**Beautification**: Councilman Preston White said the Committee needs to get together and have another meeting. He said the Grand Marshall would be Mr. Rufus Rouse who is 92 years old, and that all bands had agreed to be in the Christmas Parade. He said they were going to use Cooper's Bus Company and they needed to get the hotdogs and water situated. Mayor Fred Yates said the Town staff would make copies of the Christmas flyer for the entire resident.

Attorney: None, other than to get back on Fire Brush Truck and Ordinance.

Mayor Yates: Mayor Yates told Council that he would be going out of town on November 29<sup>th</sup> to the Mayor Fall breakfast Meeting at the Marriott.

Other Business: Mayor Fred Yates and Councilman Kenneth Rominger agreed to attend the demonstration and luncheon on November 14, 2018.

At 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and seconded by Preston White and so carried.

Frederick L. Yates, Mayor

Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk