

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 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 Preston White, Councilman Steav Congdon, 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 Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the October 14, 2019 **minutes** by Councilman Steav Congdon and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

Accountant Richard Arnold explained to Council that there was an amendment to Roads and Grounds. Carlton Jackson and George Jackson employment has changed to employee's vs contractors. Move money from roads and grounds to wages. Councilman Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the **Financial Report with amendments** and was seconded by Councilman Steav Congdon and so carried.

**Old Business:**

A. **Tourism Sharon Smith. Not here.**

**New Business:**

Assistant Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools Mr. James Bunch made a request to the town council about funding basketball uniforms for Perquimans Middle School. He said he had ask Hertford about donating \$18,000 towards tap fees and water lines fees for the athletic complex. It was denied. They agreed to donate money towards the fire trucks in installments. Mayor Yates ask how much the uniforms and Mr. Bunch replied that the quote for the cost for both boys and girls is approximately around \$ 3000.00. He stated whatever the town is able to give would be grateful. Councilman Steav Congdon ask if we had the funds available in our budget. Accountant Richard Arnold wanted to know what the time frame. Mr. Bunch stated it was early summer. They would need to order the uniforms in June. Mayor Yates ask if there was a possibility of \$1,500.00. Accountant Richard Arnold proposed that we reconsider after the first of the year. Councilman Steav Congdon wanted to know how long the uniforms normally last, Mr. Bunch responded about 4 years. It was agreed to look at it again in about 3-4 months, or possible February 2020.

Councilman Preston White told Mr. James Bunch that he may be able to get a donation on the uniforms and will get back with him.

Mayor Yates ask Council about an attentive approval for the Winfall Town Sign. The cost to repair would be approximately 1,198.80. To design and install a new sign with Winfall logo would cost about \$2,135.00. He also told them that it was possible that Feina may pay for it. We don't know just yet. Kenneth Rominger made a motion to approve the repair/replacement of the sign tentatively and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

**Department Reports:**

**Sewer:** None.

**Police:** Mayor Yates informed Council that David Shaffer is still out on light duty and he would be looking at negotiating with Hertford Police Department to bring on an extra policeman since Anthony was the only one on the calendar.

**Fire:** Accountant Richard Arnold informed the fire department and Council that the Auditors said he can amend the budget for 2018-19 before the audit is completed, if Council approves. Mayor Yates told Accountant Arnold to do the paperwork and bring it before Council. Fire Chief Roach told Council that the State Grant money has not come back yet. It should be about \$ 12,000 from the 50/50 grant. He didn't know exactly how long it would take for it to be reimbursed. Chief Roach also stated that when the truck is finished, they will need a check. Attorney Crowe responded that the money was in a trust account.

**Administration:** None.

**Public Safety:** None

**Recreation:** Councilman Steav Congdon told Council that there would be a meeting November 12, 2019.

**Roads & Grounds:**

**Building:** None

**Committee Reports:**


**Beautification:** Mayor Yates asked Councilman Preston White what the updated was regarding the Christmas Parade. Councilman Preston White responded that all the bands would be participating in the Parade and that they had to get buses from out of Ahoskie for Elizabeth City State University. The parade will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Yates told Assistant Superintendent Bunch that the Winfall Christmas Parade would be lining up at the Middle School. Mayor Yates asked Mr. Bunch if he had tried the Minister Council about helping with the uniforms.


**Attorney:**

**Mayor Yates:** Mayor Yates thanked everyone.

**Other Business:**

At approximately 7:30 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