

TOWN OF WINFALL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 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 Kenneth Rominger and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

Those in attendance were, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, 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 Virginia Harvey and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the August 10, 2020 **minutes** by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Financial Report:

Mayor Yates entertained a motion to adopt the Financial Report; Accountant Richard Arnold stated he had to explain some of the capital appropriations. He had to move \$ 30,000.00 to the Fire Department for the extra payment on the Fire Truck, which was left over funds from FYE 2018-2019. He also explained the \$ 5013.90 from fema, and the 5,500.00 Hurricane Clean-up. Accountant Richard Arnold discussed the reclassification of George Jackson from employee to contractor and his contract amount of \$ 28,400.00 annually. After further discussion by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and the Accountant Richard Arnold, 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. Not here.
- B. Veteran's Home in Winfall (was tabled until further notice).

New Business:

None.

Department Reports:

Sewer: None. **Police:** Mayor Yates read the report Captain Anthony Spellman submitted regarding the shooting of the gunshot victim that died on September 13, 2020. Attorney Crowe ask Mayor Yates if the town had issued a permit for a party and Mayor responded no, the town did not.

Fire: None. **Administration:** None. **Public Safety:** None

Recreation: Councilwoman Virginia Harvey informed Council that the Recreation Advisory Board will start having meetings in October 2020.

Councilman Kenneth Rominger shared with the council that North Carolina Workforce has 81 jobs available in the local areas.

Roads & Grounds: None. **Building:** None.

Beautification Committee Reports: Debbie Whedbee said Katrina Mann from the Chamber asked if Winfall was planning a Christmas Parade. The Chamber of Commerce was planning one in Hertford. The other thing was about Trunk-or-Treat. Mrs. Mann stated that the Perquimans Central School will not be having it this year, and there was an invitation if the Town of Winfall wanted to do it. She said Hertford will be having trunk-or-treat and the Chamber will be doing it, if Winfall wants to bring a car. They will be blocking off the streets. Following some discussion, Mayor Yates said he recommends to Council to cancel Trunk-or-Treat and the Christmas Parade. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to cancel the trunk-or-treat and the Christmas Parade. Councilman Ken Rominger moved to cancel and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Attorney: Hope everyone has a safe and happy life

Other Business: Mayor Yates read aloud a letter from Finance Officer Brenda Dillard resigning her position as Finance Officer. Mayor Yates told Council that we are fortunate enough to have a person that's capable of assuming the role of Finance Officer for the Town in the name of Debbie Whedbee. Councilwoman Carol Cooper ask if we needed to advertise or anything, Mayor Yates responded no, we are going to fill it within house, we do not need to advertise. He asked if he could get a motion to recommend Debbie Whedbee for the new Finance Officer, and told Richard, you work with her before, do you have anything to say. He responded she's pleasant enough, and helpful, that's important to me. Councilwoman Carol Cooper had a few questions for Debbie Whedbee, after a brief discussion, Mayor Yates ask Debbie, "do you assume the Position", and Debbie Whedbee responded sure. Mayor Yates ask for a motion from the floor. Councilman Ken Rominger moved to approve Debbie Whedbee as Finance Officer for the town of Winfall, and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

Mayor Yates responded, "Good job".

At approximately 7:25 p.m., Mayor Yates entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

for *Kenneth L. Rominger*
Mayor Pro Tem
Frederick T. Yates, Mayor

Valerie Jackson
Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk