TOWN OF WINFALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING April 12, 2021 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 pm. Invocation was given by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Yates.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Rominger, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, Arnetta Ormond and Attorney Will Crowe.

Mayor Yates asked Council was there a Conflict of Interest, none was 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 March 8, 2021 **minutes** by Councilman Ken Rominger, seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, and so carried.

Financial Report:

The Financial report was explained by Accountant Richard Arnold regarding amendments. A motion was made on the approval of the financial report by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Old Business:

Sharon Smith of The Tourism Department no longer works for them. She is with Albemarle Commission.

Veteran Home: Tabled until further notice.

Chapter 160D Zoning: Councilman Kenneth Rominger provided a report and explained the extra work involved in updating the Chapter 160D Zoning and suggested paying someone to update the ordinance. He told council that it cost Hertford about 17,000 to have it done and we had a quote for 8,000, however the town clerk was working on another company. Mayor Yates said to continue it and bring it before the May meeting. The town clerk explained that it was mandatory and needed to be completed before July 1, 2021. Councilman Ken Rominger also explained the importance of getting it done. A motion was made on the approval of hiring a company to update the zoning ordinance by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and so carried.

Seal Bids license contractors: Town Clerk explained that the time had expired to get the repairs left done according to fema. Valerie filed for a 6-month extension, but hadn't heard from anyone. A motion was made by Councilwoman Carol Cooper for Cobbs Home and Repairs, to repair the roof on the pavilion and the roof on the town hall, and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Mr. John Chappell Update: Mayor said he was supposed to get back with Mr. Chappell. So he will make contact with him because he had talked with the attorney.

New Business:

A. Councilman Kenneth Rominger explained to Council about the virtual meeting to be held on the Flood Plan on May 4, 2021.

Mayor Yates read the letter from **Albemarle Commission** concerning the contribution request aloud. A motion was made to pay the 350.00 by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring Contracts extension approval: A motion was made for the approval of Mayor Yates to sign an extended contract for **Debris Removal** for the Town of Winfall by Councilman Kenneth Rominger and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey.

Departments Reported:

Sewer: Mayor Yates told Council they just approved the bill for \$ 2,144.00 for sewer.

Police: Mayor Yates shared with council the information requested from Mile Layton with the Perquimans Weeklies. He wanted to know who our chief of police was, how long he had been with the Town of Winfall. Also he wanted to know who the previous chief of police was and why he left. Mayor Yates told him that Anthony Spellman was the chief of police and had been employed with the Town of Winfall about 5 years and David Shaffer was the previous chief of police who retired.

Fire Department: Chief of the fire department Corey Stallings couldn't make the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Public Safety, Recreation- Councilwoman Virginia Harvey told council their first meeting was held in March since the pandemic.

Building, Beautification (Finance Officer Debbie Parker)

Finance Officer Debbie Parker shared with council the information regarding the American Rescue Act money that is supposed to come in for the Town of Winfall May 11, 2021, the first half. She checked into how the money can be spent. The Council suggestions were to use it for the pumping station and sewer septic infrastructure. Public Works Director Melvin Jackson was present to discuss issues concerning the sewer pumps. With much discussion it was settled that the funds would be used for sewer.

Other Business: Katrina Mann of the Chamber of Commerce wanted to know if the Town had a Facebook page. Finance officer Debbie Parker responded yes.

Attorney: None.

Mayor Yates: None.

At 7:58 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Carol Cooper, and seconded by Councilman Ken Rominger and so carried.

Mayor Fred Yates

Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk