TOWN OF WINFALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING January 11, 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 Pro-Tem Ken Rominger.

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

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 Arnetta Ormond and so carried.

A motion was made on the approval of the November 9, 2020 **minutes** by Councilman Ken Rominger, seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond, and so carried. There were no December 14, 2020 minutes due to lack of a quorum.

Financial Report:

The Financial report was not approved because Accountant Richard Arnold has some adjustment transactions to discuss, but could not be understood by Council so Mayor Yates ask to wait until he could meet face to face.

Old Business:

Sharon Smith of The Tourism Department was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Smith sent two emails. 1. Learn how to turn ideas into reality at this workshop from NC Coastal Management. Mayor Yates asks Finance Officer Debbie Parker to check into this virtual workshop for February 9, 2021 thru February 11, 2021. The second email was an important reminder regarding Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statues that goes into effect July 1, 2021 dealing with updating Zoning Ordinances. Councilman Ken Rominger will look into the 160D webinar with the UNC School of Government.

Veteran Home: Tabled

New Business:

Mayor Yates read aloud the **Town Garbage Can Ordinance** for approval. Councilman Ken Rominger made a motion to adopt the Garbage Can Ordinance, and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

Christmas dinner was cancelled.

Mayor Yates asks for a motion to promote Captain Anthony Spellman to Police Chief upgrading his pay to \$ 24.00 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours per week. Mayor Yates told Council that Anthony was being promoted because he has a faithful employee over the past years, and we're employing him as police chief. Councilman Ken Rominger made a motion to promote Captain Anthony Spellman to police chief with a salary of \$ 24.00 per hour and was seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

Christmas bonuses were taken care of in December. Chamber Banquet was tabled. Councilman Ken Rominger shared with Council that the drive by Christmas Parade in Hertford was good.

Beautifications Committee Chair Debbie Parker gave an overall insight on the Christmas Caroling through Winfall and said she hope the Christmas Parade can continue in December. She talked about how the Fire Chief led the Christmas Carolers and Mayor Yates and his wife Arlene followed also. Mayor Yates thanked them for a job well done.

Winners of the Christmas Decorations: Debbie Parker told Council that they hadn't told anyone who had won until she discuss with Council for directions.

Gift card winners as follows: 1st: Melvin and Brenda Jackson \$ 100.00, 2nd: Preston and Nita White \$ 75.00, 3rd: Wilson and Sandi White \$ 50.00. Mayor Yates reminded Council that the Christmas Decorations was in honor of Mrs. Leslie White who started it years ago.

Personnel Policy update: Mayor asks council members for a date to update personnel policy. Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Rominger suggested letting a couple of people go through it first. Mayor replied ok.

Departments Reported:

Sewer: Mayor Yates told council the sewer pumps are being worked on.

Fire Department:

Fireman Anthony McLawhorn told council that the fire department had new officers. Fire chief Corey Stallings sent a list of new officers for approval; Mayor Yates ask for a motion to approve. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to accept the new officers for the Winfall Fire Department and was seconded by Councilman Ken Rominger and so carried. McLawhorn told Council that the fire department had received a nice Letter that was put out.

Police Activity Report:

Mayor Yates told Council that Police Chief Spellman would be providing a report the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Officer Debbie Parker had already given report.

Other Business:

Attorney: Attorney Crow told Mayor Yates it was nice to have him back. Councilman Ken Rominger also told Mayor Welcome back and thanked everyone for being helpful.

At 7:35 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