

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 12, 2022, 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 Councilman Preston White and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Yates.

Those in attendance were Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Preston White, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Carol Cooper, Councilwoman Virginia Harvey, Attorney Crowe and Valerie Jackson; Town Clerk, Finance Officer Debbie Parker was absent.

Citizens attending were: None signed in.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Yates explained that no one signed in to speak from the public.

A motion was made to **approve the Minutes** for November 14, 2022 meeting by Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**Financial Report:**

The accountant Richard Arnold said there was nothing. He reviewed the financial report and there was nothing to report at that time. A motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Preston White. Councilwoman Carol Cooper asks questions regarding the sewer pump payment and the ARP funds left. Richard Arnold the accountant explained that everything regarding the sewer pumps had been paid for, and there were still \$97,000 left in ARP Funding. The motion was so carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Building/ Repairs:** After much discussion Councilman Preston White made a motion to table the building/repairs and to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate, and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried.
- B. **Councilman Preston White:** He went and looked at Williams Street and said he didn't think that there was anything that we can do about it, but he will get Brown Landing or Hurdle Enterprise to take a look at it.
- C. **Grants (Bric2022) Kaine Riggan:** According to Mr. Riggan, the Town of Winfall Scoring on the letter of interest did not qualify the town to move on. **North Carolina Public** requested items to see about getting help.

**New Business:**

- A. **Christmas Dinner/Bonus:** A motion was made to the approval of Christmas Bonus by Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.
- B. **Change time of Council meeting from 7:00 to 6:00 pm.** Mayor Yates ask Council to consider changing the time for the Council meetings since it get dark earlier now. A motion was made by Councilman Preston White to change the time of the Council meetings from 7:00 pm, to 6:00 pm and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.

**Other Information:**

**Departments:**

- A. **Sewer:** Public Works Melvin Jackson proposed that the town upgrade the pumping station out by Andy's. A motion was made by Councilwoman Carol Cooper to spend \$ 50,000 on the pumping station repairs and was seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried. (See attached)
- B. **Police:**
- C. **Fire:** Councilman Preston White reported that the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department has new officers and that on Thursday night, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm kids could come out and take pictures with the Grinch. It is opened to the public. Councilman Preston White also told Councilmembers about 3 accidents that occurred in the Town of Winfall requiring the nightingale.

Committee Report:

**Administration:** Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard reported that there is a new employee name Jeremi Holley and is doing a wonderful job. Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays and New Year Day. She also told Council about the beautiful Christmas decorations down on White Street and the 2 oversize guards that is guarding the Town of Winfall. (See Personnel Manager's Report).

Councilwoman Carol Cooper reported to Council that the company that worked on the Maps, and has not charged us anything, is now working on getting us a colored map.

**Tourism:** Councilman Preston White, nothing new to report.

**Beautification/Building:** Councilwoman Virginia Harvey reported it was tabled until January 2023.

**Recreation:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald gave the report from Perquimans County Parks & Recreation. She shared with Council that the department had received some funding from North Carolina to make improvement and they are looking at golf court and installing splash pads for the park.

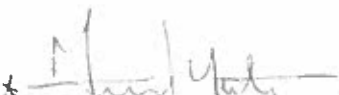
**Grant:** Working on another grant from North Carolina.


**Beautification Committee:** Councilwoman Virginia Harvey let Council know that this would be her last Council meeting. She shared with Council she was leaving because she was moving out of the town.

**Attorney:** Attorney Crowe gave a report on Jesse Harris property. The deed is ready to be turned over to the town once the taxes are paid by the owner, and Mr. Harris has requested that the town provide a statement forgiving the mowing fees. Attorney Crowe also gave a report regarding the Spellman property and the letter sent to them regarding the cost to demolish the house.

**Other Information Public Comments:** No one signed in to speak, but Councilman Preston White shared with Council a letter written by Ms. Debra Long in her absent.

At 8:12 pm. A motion was made to **adjourn** the meeting by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

  
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Mayor Fred Yates

  
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Valerie Jackson, Town Clerk