

TOWN OF WINFALL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 14, 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

Citizens attending were: Lucretia Washington, Cynthia Cunningham, Robert Valentine, Debra Long, Eddie Felton, Edith Fayall, Reginald White, Cherie Robinson, William Modlin, Jimmie Ritter, and Reta Blair

Mayor Yates asked Council was there a Conflict of Interest, **none declared.**

A motion was made to approve the **Agenda** by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes for September 12, 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 to add, and the audit is final, a motion was made on the approval of the **financial report** by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Audit Approval: Tabled until corrections and final from auditors.**

**New Business:**

- A. **Honoring the oldest Veteran in the Town of Winfall:** Commander Reginald white, Vice President of District 1: was given the task to honor and present Ms. Winnie Robinson of Winfall with a plaque (Clock). In her absent it was presented to her daughter-in-law and niece for her.
- B. **Ordinances Approval:** a motion was made on the approval of two updated ordinances (Discharging of Firearms within the town limits and Town of Winfall Ordinance Carry of Concealed Weapons) Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilwoman Virginia Harvey and so carried.
- C. **Chamber of Commerce Vote:** Selection of Tammi Byrum, Todd French, Tiwaad Parker, and Kimberly Westbrook. A motion was made of the approval of the By-law by Councilman Preston White and seconded by Councilwoman Carol Cooper and so carried.

**Other Information:**

**Departments:**

- A. **Sewer:** Public Works Melvin Jackson reported that the new pump was in and he had talked to someone about rebuilding the manholes, and is waiting on prices. Melvin said there were 3 pumps at West Main Street and Bembury. He also said 2 were submerged pumps. Six pumps were purchased with ARP money and a by-pass pump was coming out of the ARP monies. Melvin stated that if we gets 2 inches of rain, there will be a spill because of the I & & problem. Councilwoman Carol Cooper asks what should we do to solve the I & I problem? Can we use our new money to get rid of the I & I problem? Melvin suggested getting grant. Councilwoman McDonald said we were denied, but don't know why.
- B. **Police:**
- C. **Fire:** Councilman Preston White stated that the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department did very well with the pancake supper and received lots of support. Voted in new officers, was supposed to attend meeting, but got called out.

**Committee Report:**

**Administration:** Personnel Manager Brenda Dillard reported that there is only one employee left for roads and grounds: Carlton Jackson. Derrick Leary left and we need to advertise for help and does anyone know of someone looking for a job? Mrs. Brenda also explained to Council that people was calling and complaining about the late fees and water being turned off. Some have been irate. She also stated that she had 2 estimates for the windows and outside building repairs. AR Chesson 31,330.00 and Lenay Felton 17,000. Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated that her main concern is the roof. Mayor Yates suggested tabling the building issue until next month after scheduling a meeting with contractors and Council members.

Mrs. Brenda told Council that the clerk needed more hours in order to complete reports in a timely manner. She suggested 4 hours more. Personnel manager Brenda Dillard also reminded the Councilmembers that if they had not completed the ethics training that they need to get it done by the end of the year.

**Administration/Finance/Fire/Zoning Board:**

**Roads & Grounds:** Councilman Preston White discussed the stopped up ditches and pipes on King Ave, and River Street. Some are completely stopped up and some are partially.

**Tourism:** Councilman Preston White said the next meeting will be held on November 18, 2022.

**Sewer/Grants/Recreation:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald discussed the issues regarding the sewer. She wanted to know why the Town did not qualify for the BRIC'2022 grant.

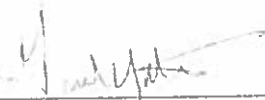
**Beautification Committee** Councilwoman Virginia Harvey discussed the decision regarding the building and wanted to know how we are going pay for it. It was agreed that we do not have a parade. Councilwoman Carol Cooper asked if the Council should combine the Citizen Advisory/Grievance Committee with the Beautification Committee as it was in the previous years. Valery McDonald made a motion to **combine both committees** and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. Councilman Preston White made a motion to adopt the **mission statement of the Citizens Advisory Committee** and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried.

**Attorney:** The attorney discussed a quick claim deed for the Jesse Harris property, and needed something in writing stating that the Town would pay the taxes and forgive the mowing fees. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to seek a quick claim deed for the property and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried.

**Other Information Public Comments:**

Mr. Jimmie Ritter talked to Council regarding Williams Street and the water that stands on the street. He said it needs to be drained. Councilman Preston White said he would take a look at it. Councilwoman Carol Cooper said the grass at Dr. DeNunzio's office needs to be mowed. Councilwoman Cooper said she found out that the 2006 zoning map is not the official map; the 2009 zoning map is the official one. Mayor Yates ask for a motion to increase the clerks hours by 4 hours. Councilwoman Carol Cooper made a motion to approve **Valerie Jackson (town clerk) 4 more hours** and was seconded by Councilman Preston White and so carried. Councilman Preston White before adjourning presented Mayor Yates with a plaque from the Town of Winfall.

At 9:05 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