

TOWN OF WINFALL

December 11, 2023- 6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly of Winfall Town Council was called to order by Mayor Fred Yates at 6:00 p.m. at Winfall Town Hall.

Those in Attendance were as follows: Mayor Fred Yates, Mayor Pro-temp Preston White, Councilman Christopher Richardson, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Attorney Crowe, Town Clerk Valerie Jackson, and CPA Richard Arnold.

Public attendance: There was a room full of community residents, friends, and family in attendance.

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Elected Mayor Preston White.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None. Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to move forward with agenda, Councilwoman McDonald second that motion, and so carried. All ayes.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to approval of Agenda, Councilwoman Ormond second that motion and so carried. All ayes.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Of 11/27/2023 Councilwoman McDonald stated that she had a question concerning at the ending of the minutes, when speaking of public's comments. Those comments where not mentioned just only who had comments, Town clerk Valerie Jackson answered her concern and informed her that the publics comments would have to be presented in writing for those questions to be in the minutes. Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to accept minutes as written with minor adjustments, Councilwoman Ormond second that motion and so carried. All ayes.
5. **Financial Report:** CPA Arnold stated there was nothing to report no change in budget. Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to accept the financial report, Councilwoman Ormand second that motion and so carried. All ayes
6. **Old Business:**
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Financial Signatures: Removals and Approvals:** Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to remove old employees, Brenda Dillard and Mayor Fred Yates and add new employee Elisha Washington and new Mayor Preston White. Councilwoman McDonald second that motion and so carried.
 - B. **Donations:** Ms. Debbie Parker: There was a donation of 23 new Holiday Flags from Tavaris Burke and The Bowe Family. The Town would like to Thank them for their contribution to the Community.
 - C. **Approval of Deputy Finance Officer (Debbie Parker & Elisha Washington):** Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion to accept and approve Debbie Parker and Elisha Washington as Deputy Finance Officer, Councilwoman Ormand second that motion and so carried. All ayes.

Other information: FPIC Response Letter Reminder (02/09/2024) was tabled until January 8, 2024, by Councilwoman Valery McDonald.

1. **Departments:**

- A. **Sewer:** Councilwoman McDonald stated there was nothing new to report, but we will have to look into raising rates because Hertford just raised our rates, we will have to look into a rate increase.
- B. **Police:** Mayor White stated the sheriffs are still patrolling the areas of Winfall, they are doing a good job, and we really appreciate it.
- C. **Fire:** Greg mentioned we have had no major incidents to report. They would like to express their opinions about separations and negotiations and so forth by the first of the year.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Mayor White stated that roads are being taken care of pretty good. During the spring of the year there will be pothole. Once we get through the winter months, we will have to look at patching them up. He thanked the Burkes and Bowes family for their donations of the flags. Mayor White said we will continue the Christmas decorations in honor of Ms. White.

Tourism: Mayor White stated that they have not had a meeting and probably will not have another meeting until the beginning of the year.

Zoning: Mayor White stated that there were no new zoning permits submitted. Nothing to report.

Recreation: Councilwoman McDonald stated she has not had a meeting. Won't have one until next year.

Grants: Nothing to report

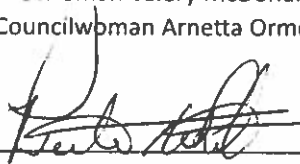
Attorney: Attorney Crowe spoke on the notice to Government Entities Receiving Court Costs and Fines: He explained to Council that the courts could waive or remit costs and fines. Councilwoman McDonald made a motion that we go after anyone who commits a crime in Winfall for the cost of anything that they cost the town. Councilwoman Cunningham second that motion and so carried. All Ayes.

Public Comments: Steve McDonald.

6:55 Closed Session: Mayor White read the statue pursuant to going into closed session. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to go into closed session and was seconded by Councilwoman Valery McDonald and so carried. After discussion, around 7:20 pm Mayor White ask for a motion to come out of closed session. Councilwoman Ormond made a motion to come out of closed session and was seconded by Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham and so carried. All ayes.

At approximately 7:24 Mayor White ask to adjourned the town council meeting. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to adjourned and was seconded by Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond and so carried. All ayes.

Mayor



Town Clerk



****Minutes are submitted by Deputy Clerk, Elisha Washington****

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