

## TOWN OF WINFALL

MARCH 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

### WINFALL TOWN HALL

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

Those in Attendance were as follows: Mayor Preston White, Councilwoman

Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond, Councilwoman Debera Long, Attorney Crowe, Town Clerk Valerie Jackson, and CPA Richard Arnold.

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Preston White gave Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None Declared. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion there was no conflict of interest, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second it. And so, carried. All Ayes.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve agenda as is, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion. And so, carried. All ayes.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** 02/12/2024: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion with the approval of minutes with the recommended changes to be made Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second that motion and so carried. All ayes.
5. **Financial Report:** CPA Richard Arnold reported a Decrease in acct. {425.01} Adm-Unemployment Tax by \$1,000, with also a decrease in Acct. {454.01} Adm-Collection Fees – Taxes by \$2,000.00 and increase by \$3,000 for Acct {442.01} Adm-Office Supplies. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to accept the financial report with the necessary Corrections, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond Second the motion and so carried. All ayes.
6. **Old Business: None**
7. **New Business**
  - A. **Fire Department:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported she will start attending meetings with the fire department every second Tuesday of the month. Councilwoman Debera Long also let the fire department know that the Council agreed to continue to have the town cut the Fire department grass.
  - B. **Rescind Minutes 15 dates draft:** Mayor White stated he wanted to rescind the motion made to have minutes draft 15 days after meeting. It was mainly for administration purposes only. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to rescind the motion made to have minutes done within 15-day time frame from meetings, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried, all ayes.
  - C. **Mayor Pro-Tem:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to nominate Debera Long, Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to nominate Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second to Councilwoman Debera Longs motion making Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham new Mayor Pro-tem this Term year.
  - D. **Sewer Increase Rates: Approval:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported the rates will need to be increased by \$13 due to Hertford raising their prices to Winfall. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve the increase in rates for town sewer, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham Second the motion and so carried, all ayes.
  - E. **Melvin Jackson Contract:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated that councilwoman Debera Long brought in a contract last month that needs some clarifications with what he is doing and have a signed contract. Mayor White asked when the last contract was done and in response it was last dated 2020, Mayor White suggested when council meets for the next workshop, they will review Melvin's new Contract and decide on what they will do moving forward.
  - F. **Council Committees Update:** Fire/Grants: Councilwoman Debera Long. Public Safety / Roads & Grounds: Mayor White and Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond; TDA/ Zoning/ Chamber of

Commerce: Mayor White; Sewer: Councilwoman Valery McDonald; Recreation: Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to accept the councilmembers to their new committees this term year, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried all ayes.

**Departments:**

**Sewer:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported she had a conversation with Melvin about one of the pumps had gone down at the middle school, he did move the bypass pump to the middle school just in case the pump failed, it did not. Melvin also mentioned that it is time for the bypass pump to be serviced and we have 12 pumps, two at each pumping station, state regulation says that we should have six pumps on a shelf for if pumps go down and at least three solid movement pumps.

**Police:** Mayor White reported the sheriff department and state troopers are doing a pretty decent job with setting up throughout the neighborhood especially with the speeding.

**Fire Department:** Representative JJ Bagwell reported they applied for the state grant this year the application was submitted and accepted they find out if they got it on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. The adjuster from the insurance company came out to look at the water damage and HVAC system they are waiting for response before moving forward.

**Administration:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported everything with collecting is going fine the ladies are doing good, according to the water department we only have a certain time to cut off. Last month we collected more than our quarter was.

**Public Safety:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported she met with Sharon Smith for Grants for the Town of Winfall and for the Fire Department {Rural Infrastructure Grant} she said she would look at the Grants that they are offering and get back with Councilwoman Debera Long and let her know what's the next step to move forward.

**Roads & Grounds:** Mayor White reported the roads and grounds guy have been patching some holes up. Eventually we are looking into getting some streets paved.

**Tourism:** Mayor White reported they did not have a meeting last month due to everyone being sick, so nothing to report.

**Zoning:** DOT will be doing a traffic study on Winfall Blvd for the school zone.

**Recreation:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham reported as of right now nothing to report, but she will be attending a meeting next month.

**Attorney:** Nothing to report. The family enjoyed the pancake supper from the Fire Department.

**Mayor:** Mayor White stated we have a great team here we work together in Unity. We are here to do what's best for the town.

**Public Comments:** Steve McDonald and Reta Blair.

**Adjourn:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all ayes.

Preston White  Mayor

Valerie Jackson  Clerk

\*\*Minutes written by Deputy Clerk Elisha Washington 