

TOWN OF WINFALL

APRIL 8, 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 Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond, Councilwoman Debera Long, Town Clerk Valerie Jackson, Attorney Crowe, and CPA Richard Arnold.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor White at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation and Pledge:** Invocation was done by Mayor White and the pledge was led by the Town Council.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve agenda as is, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond Second it and so carried. All ayes.
4. **Approval of Minutes 03/11/2024:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second it and so carried. All ayes.
5. **Financial Report:** CPA Richard Arnold reported with general funds acct {302.01} will be increased by \$1,000, Acct {344.01} facility use will be increased by \$1,000 and to balance that will reduce the budget for acct {332.01} Solid waste Fees by \$2,000. Will raise budget on acct{866.02} Sewer Treatment by \$55,000, with that will decrease the budget for acct {828.02} Sewer- repairs by \$33,000, also decrease acct {827.02} Sewer- Electricity by \$2,000, also the budget for acct{352.02} Sewer receipts will be increased by \$13,500, acct {358.02} water/sewer tap will be increased by \$6,500. this will not be carved in stone. This will just get us through for this month, there can be some things that can be paid for through the ARP account. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to accept the budget as given, Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried. All yes.
6. **Old Business:** None to discuss
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Fire Department:** Set Date for Meeting: Mayor stated he would like to set a date to meet with the Fire Department regarding any issues they may have.
 - B. **Rescind Motion from July 2022 Regarding Mayor Approval:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to table it for one month. 1 yes,2 nays, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to move forward and continue to have Mayor White on his duties, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second that motion and so carried. 3ayes,1 nay.
 - C. **Chamber of Commerce (Fireworks approval):** The Director of the Chamber of Commerce from the Town of Hertford presented an opportunity for the Town of Winfall to take over the Fireworks. They are stepping down and are asking if the Town of Winfall to take over and be the party responsible for handling it. It cost \$10,000 to do. \$5,000 of that has already been raised. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to agree to take on the responsibility to take over the fireworks and raise the money with the stipulation that if the rest of the money is not raised their

will not be any fireworks and they will be cancelled in a timely matter.

Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried. 1 nay 3 ayes.

- D. **Melvin's Contract:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated she looked over the contract and would like to table it until the next workshop. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to have the contract tabled until the next workshop. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All ayes.
- E. **Schedule Date for Future Workshop:** It was discussed amongst Council members and agreed for April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- F. **Christmas Parade:** Mayor White stated the community was a little disappointed there was not a Christmas parade held in the Town of Winfall, in the past years from covid and last year due to last minute circumstances, with discussion with the council and checking the budget with help from the community, we hope to bring it back to the Town.

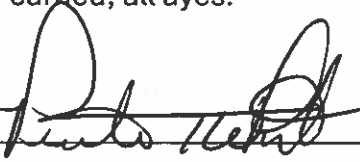
Departments:

- **Sewer:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported she have not heard anything from Melvin with any issues. She called Mr. Forsythe regarding the smoke test; she has not gotten a response yet.
- **Police:** Mayor White reported the sheriff's department has been patrolling all areas like they normally do. No incidents reported.
- **Fire Department:** Had a structure fire on Hurdletown road, car fire in Belvidere.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson recommended getting a timeclock in the office, so that employees can clock in and out, be more accurate, more dependability or have a count of town management. Mayor White then asked the council how they feel about getting a time clock for office. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion for the town to invest in a time clock to see which would be suitable for this operation. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All ayes.
- **Fire:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported the only thing that needs to be done at the current time is to set up a meeting to go over their finances.
- **Public Safety / Roads & Grounds:** Mayor White reported the grass is growing. Roads and grounds are trying to do the best he can to keep up with cutting the grounds throughout the town, but with season moving forward believes that he may need some help, Mayor White suggest the Council look at hiring someone part time to help seasonal.
- **Tourism:** No meeting
- **Zoning:** Plans to have a meeting 04/10/2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the new subdivision that wants to come in.
- **Recreation:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham reported she attended a meeting on March 12, 2024 at the recreation department. It was very informative about any local sports that you would like your child to play or attend, stop by the recreation department for further dates.
- **Grants:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported at the recent workshop she passed around a packet that was completed from the USDA regarding funding for Drainage, Councilwoman Long stated she forwarded the packet and now is waiting for acknowledgement.
- **Attorney:** There is nothing to report.

- **Mayor:** Mayor White requested to get a new computer for the office. Mayor White then Thanked the Council for doing their best with trying to get the town together and keeping him informed with meetings that are being held if he can make them, he will try his best to attend.
- **Public Comments:** Ronald Smirlock, Robert Valentine, Eddie Felton, and Steven McDonald.
- **Adjourn:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried, all ayes.

Mayor  Town Clerk 

**Minutes are written by Deputy Clerk Elisha Washington 