

TOWN OF WINFALL

MAY 13, 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.

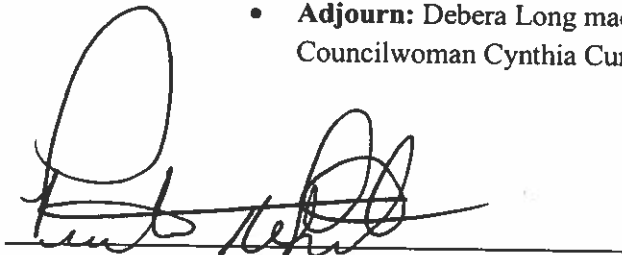
Those in Attendance were as follows: Mayor Preston White, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond, Councilwoman Debera Long, Town Clerk Valerie Jackson, Attorney Crowe, and CPA Richard Arnold.

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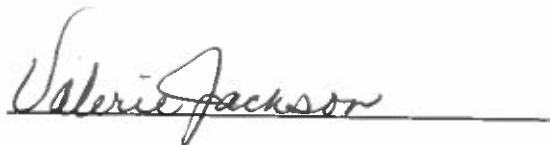
1. **Invocation and Pledge:** Invocation was led by Mayor White and the pledge was led by the Town Council.
 2. **Conflict of Interest:** None Declared.
 3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve of agenda as is. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second it and so carried. All yes.
 4. **Approval Minutes 04/08/2024:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve minutes as given. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
 5. **Financial Report:** CPA Ricard Arnold reported there were increases in Acct: {302.01} Fire Department received a reimbursement for some damage at the fire department for \$7000, to offset that increase the budget Acct {618.01} Fire Department. The Vehicle Tax increase the budget for {326.01} by \$9000. To offset that Acct {434.01} Adm- organizational fees were increased by \$2000, Also acct {465.01} Contingency -fund was increased by \$7000. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to accept the Financial Report with the necessary changes, Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried all yes.
 6. **Old Business:** None Declared.
 7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Melvins Contract:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald reported some changes need to be changed (The date) before he signs it. Then things can move forward. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve the contract and enter the correct date once the contract is signed, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried all yes.
 - B. **Approval of Policies: Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy, Public Request Policy, Cash Management Policy:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to accept the policies that were put in place as given, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second the motion and so carried. All yes.
 - C. **Budget Workshop:** Council decided to call back in with a date.
 - D. **Schedule Date for future Workshops:** Council decided to call back in with a date.
 - E. **Fireworks Update:** Deputy Clerk Elisha Washington reported that we have over \$7,000 in donations, \$5,000 from the chamber of commerce that was donations left from last year. We have some promises from different entities, but none have been given just yet. We have also collected from some of our small local Businesses in Winfall we would like to Thank., As of right now we are waiting for callbacks and still collecting.
 - F. **Plumber (sewer smoke test):** Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated she have been trying to get in touch with Ricky Trueblood to see about getting him to assist with helping any residents who could not find a plumber of their own. There will be letters sent out giving residents 30 days who had issues on their property with the smoke test, that they can do it themselves to get it fixed, but if they don't the town will fix the issue and give them a bill. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to proceed with sending the letter out to residents of the Town with sewer pipe issues to get fixed, Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried, All yes.
- Departments:**
- **Sewer:** Valery McDonald reported a decision needs to be made for purchasing the risers for the Manholes to purchase now or to wait until the new Budget year.

Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion that the town repair the damage Manholes that have been identified, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second the motion and so carried, all yes.

- **Police:** Mayor White reported the sheriffs have been patrolling, they have been doing a very decent job.
- **Fire:** Spokes person for fire reported they have had 5 service calls 2 structure fires 1 Electrical fire.
- **Administration:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported we have set up new accounts for the Fire Department and Firework donations. We are also in the process of getting the budget ready for next year. Mrs. Jackson presented to the Council some Finance courses that the office staff were interested in. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion for the office staff be approved to take both classes totaling \$1125.00., Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second the motion and so carried. All yes.
- **Fire:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported as of May 1st the Fired Department Brush truck was paid off, she also had two requests, at this time while the Town is going through the audit and Budget could we just hold off with the separation until we come into our new fiscal year starting July 1st. Councilwoman Also asked the fire department to send everything they want in writing regarding their desires and needs.
- **Grants:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported the Town has gotten an official approval for \$15,000, She has put it out to three contractors, 1) Michael Hurdle, 2) Browns Landscaping, and 3) McPhersons. McPhersons stated they could not do anything for that amount, but Mrs. Long still asked how much they charge. The Grant source stated it needed to be done by May 22nd deadline.
- **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported There had been one complaint about a dog running in the neighborhood, that same dog had been reported that it tried to bite someone.
- **Roads and Grounds:** Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported street signs have been replaced, our Roads and grounds guy have been keeping the grass cut, He has put out New Flags out with donations from our community. Mayor White Thanked everyone that donated for the new flags, we have applications out for another roads and grounds person to help. There was also a complaint about a ditch on Creek Dr. that was passed on to DOT. We are waiting on the response to take further action.
- **Tourism:** Mayor White reported about the New Harbor boats that are coming out soon in Perquimans, will commute from Perquimans to Outer Banks.
- **Zoning:** Mayor White reported about the new subdivision still waiting on the technical group, plaques have been prepared and sent out.
- **Recreation:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham reported she received a letter welcoming her to the committee and will be notified about the next meeting.
- **Attorney:** Attorney had nothing to report.
- **Mayor:** Mayor White stated the Dollar General has opened, and it's been great having in the community.
- **Public Comments:** Steven Murray (Fire Chief), Ronald Smirlock, and Robert Valentine.
- **Adjourn:** Debera Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m., Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all ayes.



Mayor Preston White



Valerie Jackson, Clerk