

Emergency Meeting & Public Hearing

This meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Winfall.

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

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

1. **Invocation and Pledge:** Invocation was led by Mayor, and the pledge was led by Town of Winfall Council.
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
3. **Discussion and Possible action of Adopting Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald expressed her concerns regarding the tax revenue neutral, she felt that residents were being penalized now with taxes and the assessment at the same time was too much. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve and accept the Budget for 2024-2025, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond Second the motion and so carried, 2 yes, Councilwoman Valery McDonald nay, vote 2 to 1.
4. **Adjournment:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m., Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes

Mayor 

Clerk 

Minutes written by Elisha Washington 

TOWN OF WINFALL

JULY 8, 2024

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 and a Representative from High & Crowe.

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

1. **Invocation and Pledge:** Invocation was led by Mayor Preston White, and the Pledge was led by the Town Council.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None Declared.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve agenda as is, Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried. All yes.
4. **Approval of Minutes (06/10/2024):** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as given. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
5. **Financial Report:** Councilwoman Debera Long had a question about Acct{622.01} Brush Truck payment with Fire truck Expenditures, Supposed to be at zero. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to accept the budget with necessary corrections, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried. All yes.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Plumber smoke Test:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported we have had over 20 residents fix their problem, Melvin have been out checking the homes to make sure they are done, with only one that had an issue.
 - B. **Melvins Contract and has he tested homes:** It was reported by councilwoman Debera Long that he has received the list of homes and checked them with only one having a minor issue. Looking for a contractor that can work with Melvin to start working on those that have not fixed their issue.
 - C. **Hiring New Part-time Roads & Grounds Person:** Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported that there were 3 applicants, 1 was chosen Mr. Dante Johnson was chosen as the new part time Roads & Grounds.
 - D. **Fire Department:** Debera Long reported she received a P.O. she gave to clerk Valerie Jackson, and it will be handled.
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Schedule date for Future workshop:** It was agreed upon council to have it on July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. **Response to June Public Comments:** None to discuss.
 - C. **Go over (RFQ) Request for qualifications documents for engineer and contractor recommended by the league.:** Councilwoman Debera Long did some research and spoke to someone that was point of contact at the league

and it was suggested we should get an engineer to come in and check our sewer system.

D. **Post Office:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham stated she had spoken with a representative at Don Davis office regarding the Post Office and let them know that our case was closed, but nothing had been resolved. The representative stated that they will dig deeper into the situation and if they need to meet with the Postmaster General on the Town of Winfall behalf she will.

E. **Donation Approval for Shirley Wiggins/ Naming rights of Perquimans County High School Track:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to make a pledge to the Track and Field for Mrs. Shirley Wiggins. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.

F. **Town of Winfall Sewer & Garbage Payment Operation Policy Approval:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve to draft credit card payments and authorizations over the phone. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.

Departments

- **Sewer:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported that rural water can come down and do a free rate assessment, it can cover up to five years also with doing the free smoke test.
- **Police:** Mayor White stated the sheriff is busy throughout neighborhood patrolling nothing to report.
- **Fire:** Fire Department representative reported nothing too serious to report a brush fire. Went over contract waiting for lawyer to reach back out.

Committee Reports

Administrative: Nothing to report.

Public Safety: Mayor White reported about the Fireworks they were Outstanding great turn out.

Roads & Grounds: Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported we have hired a new part time worker to help getting work done.

Tourism: Nothing to report

Recreation: Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham waiting on next meeting, nothing to report.

Grants: Councilwoman Debera Long reported once we look at the RFQ's and decide which ones to get we can do one that identifies with the Town of Winfall.

Public Comments: Ronald Smirlock , Cedrick Barker and steven McDonald.

Adjourn: Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried. All yes.

Mayor

Clerk

Minutes written by:

Deputy Clerk