TOWN OF WINFALL "Corrected"

AUGUST 12,2024 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 Arnetta Ormond, Councilwoman Debera Long, Town Clerk Valerie Jackson and a representative from High & Crowe Law Firm.

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

- A. Invocation and Pledge: Invocation was led by Mayor White, and the Pledge was led by the Town Council.
- B. Conflict of Interest: None
- C. Approval of Agenda: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve the agenda as is, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
- **D.** Approval of Minutes: 07/08/2024 and Emergency Meeting: Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve the Minutes as is, Councilwoman Debera Long second that motion and so carried. All yes.
- **E.** Financial Report: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to table it until fill in CPA position fills. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
- F. Old Business:
 - **A.** *Fire Department:* Councilwoman Debera Long stated that the Fire Department is going to get with their attorney regarding the contract.

The contract. The 2024/2025 contribution from the county goes directly to the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department was increased to \$110,000.00. The Town is trying to close out two POs the Fire Department has out. The Town has also canceled the Fire Department credit card until we come to some resolution. Currently the Town is waiting for feedback from the Fire Department.

- **B.** *Melvins's Contract:* Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated the contract is ready all that needs to be done is a sit down with Melvin and get it done.
- C. Approval of Subdivision (Hampton Road Subdivision): Mr. Lewis the president of the planning board stated that the planning board met and voted to move forward with the plans of the Sub division, the vote was 5 yes and 1 nay. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to move forward with the New Subdivision, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion. Two yes and one nay.

7. New Business:

- **A. Schedule Date for Future Workshop:** Council decided to agree on 08/26/2024.
- **B.** Response to July Public Comments: Councilwoman Debera Long responded to the questions resident Ronald Smirlock had at the previous Town meeting.
- C. Approval of AIA Grant: No data to report.
- D. Approval of Finance Class: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve for Administration to take the Finance class. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
- E. ADP Proposal Approval for payroll: Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve for ADP to do payroll for those that are interested. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.

- F. Cleaning Lady Approval: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion a motion to approve for the cleaning lady extra day. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.
- G. Council Fees Increase \$100.00 monthly: Mayor Preston White presented that some council members wanted to know could council fees be increased from \$45.00 to \$100.00 considering the fact of having so many meetings and workshops during the month. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond made a motion to raise Council fees. Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion, 2 yes and 1 nay Councilwoman Valery McDonald voted and stated she would rather stay at \$45.00.

Departments:

Sewer: Councilwoman Debera Long reported based on the fixing on manhole covers, the sewer cleans out lines. The bill for the Town of Hertford went down.

Police: Mayor White reported the sheriffs patrolling and sitting in designated areas. Are doing a great job of keeping the town safe. Fire: Representative from Fire Department reported no emergency calls 3 structure Fires. Waiting on Lawyer to get back with them to finish contract.

Committee Reports:

Administration: Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported that. Jernigan oil wanted their late fees to be removed since they were getting their bill in the mail too late. It was agreed upon by the council to keep the late fees as is.

Public Safety: Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported nothing new to report. The sheriffs are patrolling.

Roads & Grounds: Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported with all this rain there is a lot of grass to be cut. Trash pickup needs to be done on the roads.

Tourism: Mayor White reported the Ferry boats will no longer be doing the tour.

Zoning: Moving forward with new Sub- Division.

Recreation: Nothing to report.

Grants: The AIA Data recognizes what is going on with our sewer system. We must be vetted in, In reference to the grant. The Town must adopt a resolution, Cost \$7,500. To have an assistant to write grant Ending Sept 30,2024. Will be awarded in February.

Attorney: Nothing to report.

Mayor White: Grand Opening of new Jamaican Restaurant will have Grand Opening August 17th.

Public Comments: Ronald Smirlock and Robert Valentine.

Adjourn: Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried. All yes.

Mayor

Town Clerk

"Minutes written by "Elisha Washington