

# TOWN OF WINFALL

October 15, 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.

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 Beverly Stroud.

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1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was led by Mayor White, and the pledge was led by the Town Council.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion that none was declared, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second and so carried, all yes.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to table the agenda pertaining to Melvin Jacksons contract. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second that motion and so carried. All yes.
4. **Approval Of Minute: 09/09/2024:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to rescind the motion made in 9/09/24 minutes on the motion to approve Melvin Jacksons contract, until Lawyer goes over new terms. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
5. **Financial Report:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to table the financial report until next meeting when the reconsolidation report is added. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond the second and so carried, all yes.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Fire Department:** Councilwoman Debera Long spoke with the attorney, they were waiting to touch base with the Fire Departments attorney.
  - B. **Melvin Jackson Contract:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated she revised the contract for more detailed reports weekly from Melvin. She has given it to the attorney to go over.
  - C. **Schedule future workshop:** Council decided on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
  - D. **Response to September Comments:** Mayor white stated that councilwoman Debera Long had got in touch with DOT concerning the road and the railroad tracks on Catherine Street.
  - E. **Zoning/Sewer (availability amount) Zoning Ordinance Update Language:** Mayor White stated the planning Board held there meeting discussing the Subdivision being that the Town had nothing in place about a subdivision development with sewer. Residents who build a home in the town no matter if they are hooked to the sewer system or not still pay the base rate. The planning board voted to move forward to the new policy with any subdivision moving forward from this point on pay a base rate fee if they are hooked to sewer or not. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve the vote to move forward with the new policy pertaining to any new subdivision coming to the Town of Winfall. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second, and so carried, all yes.
  - F. **Personnel Policy:** Council decided to Table it until next meeting.
  - G. **Post office:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham stated a packet was proposed to the central office in Greensboro, NC, waiting for response.
  - H. **Update smoke test:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald stated they would be administered on Friday 10/18/2024.
  - I. **Charter Update:** Councilwoman Debera Long stated still working on it getting different pieces in would like to table it until further notice from Attorney before moving forward. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to table it. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second and so carried, all yes.
  - J. **Letter (Ordinal for removal and disposition of Junked Motor Vehicles)** Mayor White stated a public ordinance based on any yards or infostructure that can be a nuisance to the community. If it is having to be finished or cleaned up, when you renege to do either one a notice will be sent to you to have a fence put up.  
**New Business**
  - K. **Southern Software:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to upgrade the software, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second the motion and so carried, all yes.
  - L. **Fee Schedule Update:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to update a new Fee schedule, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormand second the motion and so carried, all yes.
  - M. **Kristy Melton from Dixie Rental & Disposal. LLC:** Mrs. Melton presented her rentals and disposals business to the council in hopes of getting a contract to be the Town new Trash Disposal.

- N. Subdivision performance bond:** Mayor White reported that a letter came from the new subdivision it was sent over to the attorney to make some adjustments were done, that make sure the Town of Winfall is safe.
- O. Audit-Draft:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported the auditors came and they sent over the draft of it. The audit draft was sent to council to go over, if there needed to be any changes. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to accept the Audit Draft, Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second and so carried, all yes.
- P. Personnel Matter:** Mayor White reported the Roads & Grounds employee Mr. Andre Nixon reported he was cutting grass, and an object hit the back glass of the work truck and broke it, this is the third incident with Mr. Andre, but employee Mr. Dante Johnson took the full blame. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to bring Mr. Andre Nixon back from suspension with the stipulation that another occurrence he will be terminated. Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried, all yes.

**Departments:**

- **Sewer:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported the AIA grant was submitted; they will announce the award in February 2025.
- **Police:** Don't have police but Sheriffs are still patrolling
- **Public Safety:** Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond reported there was a bad accident, prior to the accident the person involved had already been called on for public intoxication, if maybe the town had at least a part time police officer some of these minor issues wouldn't occur.
- **Fire Department:** Fire Department representative reported 12 calls 6 accidents, a couple brush Fires. Pancake super October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Administration:** Town clerk Valerie Jackson reported with the Fire Department the CPA had to do an amendment with the budget because there was no budget for the Fire Department this year. CPA spoke and reported that there were two amendments one was the Fire Grant that was from last year to spend it this year \$18,499.00 and County allocation from last year was \$28,867.22 that wasn't spent in last years budget, so it needs to be brought back as a revenue, and they have already spent some with equipment and other repairs and maintenance that was had. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to move the money for the Fire Department, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- **Roads and Grounds:** Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond stated maybe the town should start looking for a new employee to cover the Roads and Grounds. Councilwoman Debera Long mentioned filling out Grants for Roads and Grounds and park recreation.
- **Tourism:** Mayor White reported the Christmas parade for the Town of Winfall, and volunteers are needed please see Mrs. Debbie Jean Parker in the Town Office. No meetings, a Grant was submitted to have Perquimans Middle School put on the Historical Route here in Perquimans County.
- **Zoning:** Mayor White stated it was voted on to having insert the Subdivision on paying basic rate.
- **Recreation:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham reported a Grant was submitted, just waiting to hear back.
- **Attorney:** The current ordinance which is for abandon nuisance and junk order vehicles is a 1998 ordinance needs to be updated immediately and add to letter that was sent on what would happen if things do not change.
- **Public Comments:** Ronald Smirlock
- **Adjourn:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m., Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond second the motion and so carried, all yes.

Mayor Preston White

Town Clerk:

\*\*Written by Deputy Clerk

  
  
