

TOWN OF WINFALL
November 12, 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.

Those in attendance were as follows: Mayor Preston White, Councilwoman Valery McDonald, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham, Councilwoman Debera Long, and Town Clerk Valerie Jackson.

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:** None was declared by Council.
3. **Approval of Agenda /October 15, 2024, and November 12, 2024:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve of agenda for October 15, 2024. Councilwoman Valery McDonald second the motion, and so carried all yes. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve agenda for November 12, 2024. Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried, all yes.
4. **Approval of minutes September 9, 2024, and October 15,2024, minutes.:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes for 09/09/24 with any necessary changes that need to be made, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion, and so carried all yes. Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to approve minutes for 10/15/2024, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second that motion and so carried, all yes.
5. **Financial Report:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to approve this month's financial report, Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried, all yes. Councilwoman Debera Long then made a motion to accepts September's Financial report, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second that motion and so carried, all yes.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Schedule Date for future workshop:** Council agreed to November 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
 - B. **Response to October public Comments:** Mayor White responded with sticking to what the LGC says tax rate stays the same.
 - C. **Zoning / Sewer (availability amount) Zoning ordinance update language.:** Mayor White reported the attorney wants to address the verbiage to avoid any problems if he must go to court for any of it, so attorney will go over it all.
 - D. **Audit Final:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported that the audit book has been passed out to council, also it has been sent to the LGC.
 - E. **Updating Ordinances:** Junk cars ordinance is still being updated.
 - F. **Southern Software upgrading in process:** Town clerk Valerie Jackson has been speaking with the representative and they have started the process of getting rid of old accounts not being used.
 - G. **Fee Schedule:** Rescind from agenda.
 - H. **Letter sent to Kristy Melton declining change in Garbage companies:** Council decided to stay with the current Garbage company, rate is less than what Mrs. Melton proposed for her company.
 - I. **Post office resolution:** Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham reported a letter was sent back to Town council apologizing to the town on the unfortunate mistake that has been made and they are trying there hardest to get it fixed.

New Business

- a) **Make CPA permanent:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion to make Mrs. Beverly Stroud permanent CPA for the Town of Winfall, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- b) **Amendment 4 to the budget approval:** Town clerk stated that the CPA needs an approved amendment to move money to appropriate the budget, Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve the amendment to move the money Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- c) **USDA Restricted Funds:** Town clerk Valerie Jackson reported the town received a letter from USDA it just explained that we must have a certain amount of restricted money in the funds with USDA, that's where most the towns loans go, they were just pointing out the town has more money than what was required, If money needed to be used it would have to be approved by the USDA prior to using it.
- d) **ARPA Amendment approval:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve the ARPA Amendment, Councilwoman Valery McDonald second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- e) **New Clerks Workshop/ Elisha Washington:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to approve Elisha Washington to go to the New Clerks institute, Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion, and so carried, all yes.
- f) **Resolution of Grant writer approval:** Councilwoman Valery McDonald made a motion for the grant writer, councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- g) **Merchant Services name change and approval:** Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion to change the name on Merchant services out of the former mayor's name to the present mayor's name. Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- h) **Courtney Hunter / Drop-off Coats Jar Twins:** Valerie Jackson asked that you could drop coats off at the Town Hall up until December 15th, 2024. All sizes are welcomed.

Departments

- **Sewer:** Councilwoman Debera Long reported that the Town have started sewer clean outs as of now there have been 23 sewer clean outs that have been done from the first smoke test.
- **Police:** Sheriffs are still patrolling through the town no incidents to report.
- **Fire:** They will be burning a salvaged house down on November 23rd. Councilwoman Debera Long stated the lawyer has had minimum contact with the Fire Departments lawyer.

Committee reports

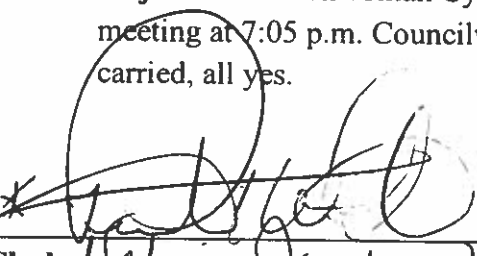
- **Administration:** Town Clerk Valerie Jackson reported ADP wants to know when they can do a trial run, date to be announced. Councilwoman Debera Long made a motion for future Council meetings to start at 5:00 p.m. during the winter months due to daylight savings, Councilwoman Valery McDonald second the motion and so carried, all yes.
- **Roads & Grounds:** Grass has slowed down a sign was knocked down on King Ave.
- **Tourism:** Christmas Parade is on Saturday December 7th, anyone that wants to participate in the parade or volunteer to help, please contact Mrs. Debbie Jean in the Town Hall.
- **Zoning:** Had one zoning permit submitted.
- **Recreation:** Still waiting on information about Grant submitted.

Other Business

Public Comments: Ronald Smirlock

Adjourn: Councilwoman Cynthia Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councilwoman Debera Long second the motion and so carried, all yes.

Mayor



Date 12-9-2024

Town Clerk



Minutes written by Deputy Clerk:

