

TOWN OF WINFALL

Public Hearing – Proposed FY 2026–2027 Budget

Date: June 22, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Winfall Town Hall

Attendance

- Mayor Preston White
- Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Cunningham
- Councilwoman Arnetta Ormond
- Councilman Robert Valentine
- Councilman Ronald Smirlock
- Deputy Clerk Elisha Washington

1. Call to Order

Mayor Preston White called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Robert Valentine. The Town Council then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Valentine made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Smirlock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor White stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to present the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget for the Town of Winfall and provide residents with an opportunity to review the proposed budget and express any questions, comments, or concerns.

Public Comments

Debera Long expressed concerns regarding the proposed reduction of the property tax rate to \$0.39 per \$100 of assessed valuation and asked what long-term effects the lower tax rate might have. She also inquired whether the sewer budget included the purchase of a bypass pump. Councilman Valentine confirmed that funding for the bypass pump was included in the proposed budget.

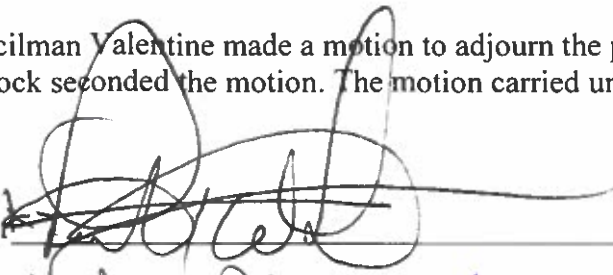
Judy Skinner asked for clarification regarding the "Outside Labor" line item in the sewer budget. Councilman Valentine explained that the funding is designated for contracted sewer maintenance services, including pump maintenance and related work. He further noted that because the Town does not employ a dedicated sewer contractor, the Town relies on the Town of Hertford for these services, and the budgeted funds are intended to ensure those contractual obligations are adequately covered.

Budget Action

Councilman Smirlock made a motion to postpone approval of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget until June 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ormond. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Valentine made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Councilman Smirlock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor 

Date 7-13-2026

Clerk Valerie Jackson

Date 07/13/2026

Deputy Clerk Erin

Date 07/13/2026

*****Minutes written by Deputy Clerk*****