

Town of Winfall Workshop & Budget Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Workshop Held on June 15, 2026

Meeting Information

Date	06/15/2026
Time	5:30 PM
Location	Town of Winfall Municipal Building
Type	Workshop

Attendance

Mayor Preston White

Council Members: Cynthia Cunningham, Ronald Smirlock, Robert Valentine, Arnetta Ormond

Town Office Assistant Manager: Debbie Parker, Clerk/ Finance Officer Valerie Jackson

Other Attendees from Community: Ms. Debera Long

Mr. Stephen McDonald

Mr. Bryan Anderson

Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Preston White with prayer & pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 PM.

No conflict of interest

***Agenda motion to be approved agenda as is by Councilman Smirlock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cunningham, voted on unanimously and approved.**

Agenda Items Discussed:

A. Proposed Budget –

- Councilman Ron Smirlock went line by line and explain each budget item. See attached worksheet

Mayor White asks for any comments:

- **Clerk/Finance Officer Valerie Jackson** expressed concerns regarding the proposal to transfer \$800,000 from the Town's current operating account into a money market account. Mrs. Jackson stated that moving that amount could leave insufficient funds in the operating account to adequately support the Town's day-to-day financial obligations.

Councilman Smirlock stated that transferring the funds into a money market account would generate a substantial amount of interest, noting that the current interest rate is approximately 4%, while the funds are presently earning little to no interest. He further stated that the funds could be transferred back to the operating account if needed. Mrs. Jackson questioned whether the 4% interest rate had been confirmed, and Councilman Smirlock stated that he was confident that the quoted rate was accurate.

- **Councilman Valentine** explained that sewer rates would be increasing and referred Council to the attached utility rate sheet. He stated that the proposed rate adjustments are projected to increase sewer revenues by approximately \$300,000.

Mrs. Jackson expressed concern that the Town has historically never collected that level of sewer revenue and questioned whether the projected amount would actually be realized.

Councilman Valentine responded that increasing commercial and small business sewer rates would help generate the additional revenue.

Councilman Valentine also expressed concern about the practice of borrowing \$100,000 from the Town's own accounts and repaying it annually. He questioned whether it would be more prudent to permanently transfer the funds rather than treating the amount as a loan requiring repayment.

Adjournment

No other business conducted/ ***motion to adjourn by Mayor Pro-Tem Cunningham, second by Councilwomen Ormand, voted on, unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Action Items & Next Steps

- Public Hearing for Budget set for June 22, 2026, at 6:00pm

Minutes Prepared By:

Debbie Parker, _____(signature)

Preston White, Mayor _____

Valerie Jackson, Clerk _____

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