

Turin Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Alan Starr. Present in addition to Mayor Starr were Councilmembers; Cindy Purcell, Alan Stapp, Mike Frnka and George Harris. Also present was Town Attorney, Ted Meeker and Town Clerk Tracey Townsend.

The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Frnka and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Councilmember Mike Frnka made a motion to amend the agenda to include 2016 Budget Approval under New Business, and to accept the agenda as amended seconded by Councilmember Alan Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Mike Frnka made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Council Meeting 2/23/2016

Budget Workshop 3/9/2016 & 3/17/2016

Seconded by Councilmember George Harris. Vote: All in favor.

Public Speakers

Margarette Bolden yielded her speaking time to Reverend Edward Brooks, Minister of China Grove Missionary Baptist Church, who asked the Council about the directional signs that were taken down. Mayor Starr informed Rev. Brooks the new signs would be in place soon.

Brody Scarlett gave a presentation of the ideas he has for the park being created in honor of Floyd Smith. Brody will be completing this project in order to achieve his Eagle Scout ranking.

Mike Williams was not present.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Starr stated that he has had no reply from the Town of Sharpsburg in regards to the water contract.

The Council briefly discussed the Handyman/Water Assistant job opening and the Clerk stated that four applications have been received so far. Councilmember Purcell will be looking into any special programs that provides grants for labor and information using prison labor.

Turin East Coweta Historic Society - requested office space for the society. Councilmember Purcell made a motion to create space within the Town Hall that shall be intended for the Museum and storage, seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor.

Waldrop Avenue Walking Trail - Councilmember Purcell made a motion to approve the preliminary plan as submitted by Scout Brody Scarlett, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Festival for City – no update

Roundabout Road Project – Should be started in July 2017, needs enhancement for the center so it can be submitted to the Department of Transportation. Councilmember Stapp made a motion to create an enhancement center landscape plan for the roundabout, seconded by Councilmember Purcell. Vote: All in favor.

Signs update –Mayor Starr has spoken with City Engineer Brennan Jones in regards to the Railroad and DOT approval. If signs are to be erected on City Right of Way, no problem should be found and those should be placed. Jenny Starr volunteered to speak with Mrs. Johnson for permission to place signs on her property.

Water system update and status of security measures – All is operating well.

Steering Committee – Everything is going as planned, the survey is out and results should be brought in shortly.

Planning and Zoning update - Chairperson Mac Tignor was present and stated they were discussing firework sales and the meetings have been moved to 9 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Starr is talking with Tod Handley from Coweta County about downtown parking, and with Mr. Mobley from the DOT in regards to traffic calming instruments.

It was brought to the Council's attention about streetscape drawings from Brennan Jones, and the Mayor stated he would review these with Mr. Jones.

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget, seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor.

Margarette Bolden asked for the Historical Society to receive funds. City Attorney Meeker stated he is preparing a contract between the parties.

Mrs. Bolden asked to receive funds to deposit for an operating account, the allocation of funds should be within the agreement.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion for \$2500 to be allocated directly to Turin East Coweta Historical Society, with agreement to be voted on in next meeting, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clarence Bolden – 420 Turin Road stated there are signs that needs to be repaired along Turin’s roadways. Mayor Starr stated this would be looked in to as soon as possible.

Shawn Banach stated that Turin has too many signs and when the new signs are erected maybe we should reduce what we have.

Reverend Brooks of China Grove MBC, informed the Council about a pothole at the entrance at China Grove Street is getting bigger and that the Church’s maintenance man has put in a hot patch, but it will need further attention.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Frnka gave a statement in regards to the training he and Councilmember Stapp attended.

MAYOR COMMENTS

There is a short term work plan with Three Rivers on March 23 at 11 a.m. Mayor Starr stated this would be postponed until he and the City Engineer can meet together.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2016.


Clerk