

MINUTES  
November 20, 2017  
Turin Town Hall  
47 Turin Road, Turin, GA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Alan Starr, Councilmembers Cindy Purcell, George Harris, and Alan Stapp; Town Clerk Tracey Townsend.

Mayor Alan Starr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Frnka gave the invocation and all present recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 23, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to approve the purchase of Sequoyah Software in the amount of \$18,500. Seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: Councilmember Harris, Stapp and Frnka in favor. Councilmember Purcell opposed. Motion carries.

Mayor Starr stated that the County Commissioners has approved assistance with the paving of N Hunter Road. Funds for this project will be used from Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants and also from the Town's SPLOST accounts. Councilmember Frnka made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

The Storm Water Plan was discussed with the Mayor stating this was an EPD requirement and that it would be discussed with the County to see if an IGA can be created for this.

Alex McDonald from Carl Smith was present to give a proposal in regards to the lumber company and the traffic that has increased over the years in the residential area. The company is looking to grow and helping Turin in the meantime. Since the plans include rezoning and other planning conditions, it is recommended for the plan to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission before any further review.

Tony Crunkleton asked if the Harris property would be taken care of with the new plan implemented by the lumber company, to which Don Smith answered yes, a pipe will be added to alleviate the run off.

Councilmember Harris asked if the company had considered relocating. It was answered that had been an idea, but with access to areas the move just would not balance out.

Don Smith also stated the area on the corner of Reese Street and Longstreet would not be used as commercial but that it needs to be rezoned in order to have the adjoining property zoned and that the properties are already owned by the Smith family.

Don Smith replied that the house located on Railroad Street would possibly be moved.

The Planning Commission will have 2 vacancies at the beginning of the year and applications will be taken by the clerk. These applications will be reviewed at the next Council meeting. An announcement has been placed on the website and will also be posted at Town Hall and the Post Office. Applications will need to be in by December 11.

Planning & Zoning update – In the November meeting, the vacancies were discussed.

Water System update – n/a

**Council Comments:**

Cyndi Purcell – 1. The fire hydrants need to be repainted and cleared of brush.  
2. Floyd Smith has written a very eloquent letter and sent to the customer in The Oaks. She would like an apology from the Mayor to Mr. Smith. She also stated that it keeps being said there is no water problem, well a study by Mr. Frnka was done and the word pollution was used and that the new Councilmembers should be aware that things are coming down the pipe.

George Harris - Highway 16 looks horrible, needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Starr – Thanks to everyone who participated in the election. Congratulations to the winners. Mayor Starr also reminded everyone of the Christmas celebration after the meeting in December.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to move to closed session in regards to personnel, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor. Moved to closed session at 7:35 p.m.  
Councilmember Stapp made a motion to return to regular session at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to give a yearly bonus to the Town Clerk and Water Superintendent in the amount of \$500.00, a gift card will be given to part time employees Tim Dean and Amanda Purdy, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

  
Clerk