

Turin Town Council

Special Called Meeting

January 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Clerk, Paulette Brown.

The invocation was delivered by Mayor Starr and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilmember Alan Stapp made a motion to appoint Councilmember Mike Frnka as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember George Harris. Motion was carried with a 3-1 vote, Councilmember Cindy Purcell opposed.

Mayor Starr introduced Tracey Townsend and Rusty Russell as the candidates for Town Clerk and Water Superintendent.

After discussion it was decided that the contracts drawn for these positions were in question and needed to be reviewed.

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to hire Tracey Townsend as Town Clerk and Rusty Russell as Water Superintendent with a caveat for Town Attorney, Ted Meeker to review the employment contracts and make possible amendments, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to have the new Town Clerk, Mayor Pro Tem along with the Mayor to be added and to have signing rights on the Town's checking accounts, and have the former employees removed, with the provision of a completed criminal background check for the new employees, seconded by Councilmember Harris. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to table the dissolution of the Water Contract Committee and the Sign Committee, to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

It was discussed that Tracey Townsend will begin training With Paulette Brown on Tuesday January 12, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Harris to appoint Mike Frnka to the Steering Committee, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Motion was carried with a 3-1 vote, Councilmember Purcell was opposed.

Tony Crumpleton gave his resignation as back up to the Water Superintendent.

Susan Reimer of 152 Odom Road, Turin, Ga. made a public comment welcoming Alan Stapp and Mike Frnka to the Council, she also stated that she would miss Paulette

Brown and Floyd Smith and gave commendations on their jobs with the Town of Turin. She also went on to give a list of the accomplishments made by the Council in 2015: Creation of the historical museum, developed a bike park, added beautification signs to enhance the city. Celebrated the 125th year of Turin, the changing of the road names, dedicated walkways and creating the town's web page. Mrs. Reimer gave a rundown of the town's accounts and made the comments that the town needs to be frivolous and be careful of the financial decisions that are made.

Cindy Purcell gave thoughts and concerns of the town and asks for residents and Council to come together. She congratulated the new Council Members and gave her concern of the interests of the current Council and Mayor. She gave commendations to Susan Reimer, Tony Crumpleton, Floyd Smith and Paulette Brown for their leadership and dedication to the Town of Turin. Mrs. Purcell gave her pledge to the residents and Council of Turin to work in a healthy manner to put the town back together. She requested for Mayor Starr to give the visibility that the public is entitled to have.

Shawn Banach, 214 Railroad Street, Turin, GA, spoke in regards to the sign committee and that he and his wife enjoy volunteering for the Town. He discussed the importance of the Zoning Ordinance.

Clarence Bolden, 420 Turin Road, Turin, GA, congratulated the new Councilmembers and requested an agenda be present at the meeting so citizens will know what is being discussed. He also requested that more public discussion be allowed before the voting, so Council can hear the public's comments and take those in consideration.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Motion was carried unanimously and the meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of February, 2016.

Gracey D. Townsend

Clerk