

Turin Town Council

Regular Council Meeting

February 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Alan Starr. Present in addition to Mayor Starr were Councilmembers; Cindy Purcell, Alan Stapp, and Mike Frnka. 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 Frnka made a motion to approve the Agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to approve the minutes for the following meetings:

12/15/2015 – regular council meeting

01/07/2016 – regular council meeting

Seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

Mayor Starr explained the difference between Public Speaker and Citizen's Comment on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Starr touched on the agenda item of Drainage issues, and stated that Brennan Jones is reviewing and trying to move along.

Mayor Starr stated that the water contract is in the hands of Sharpsburg officials and the Town is waiting to hear from Mayor Staley.

The walking trail was finished by the County and it was discussed on having the road more permanently closed off, since people are still trying to drive through the area. Councilmember Purcell will be looking into a project for this purpose.

The Department of Transportation met and discussed the roundabout. Mayor Starr stated there is still issues being resolved in regards to starting the project and it is on schedule for July 2017.

Water System Update – the fence around the tank is 95% complete and the security is working great.

Mayor Starr recommended Jennifer Starr to replace Brennan Jones and Tracey Townsend to replace Clarence Bolden on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Councilmember Stapp made a motion to have the Committee membership updated to include:

Mac Tignor
Randy Pryor
Jennifer Starr
Tracey Townsend
Susan Reimer
Mike Frnka, Liaison

Seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: Councilmembers Frnka and Stapp in favor, Councilmember Purcell opposed. Motion carries.

Turin East Coweta Historical Society – Margarett Bolden gave an update in regards to the society. She stated there is several pieces that have been received to be included in the library for the history of the town, and that the society has now been issued a federal ID # and is ready to open a checking account and will be able to receive funds. She also stated that the society is interested in renting office space at the old community building at a minimal cost and utilities.

It was discussed with Mrs. Bolden in regards to the furniture and equipment that is located in the Library, if anything could be used for the Society's business. She will be in touch with the Town Clerk and set a time to come in.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Chairman Mac Tignor started by thanking the Council for changing the Steering Committee membership via a public vote. All members are eager and willing to work with Three Rivers Regional Council. Mr. Tignor asked for members Frenando Ramos and Shawn Banach as well as any councilmembers that may be interested to attend the Planning & Zoning training in June. The price is \$155 per seat and registration needs to be completed as soon as possible. Councilmember Purcell made a motion to approve the training session, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Stapp made a motion for the dissolution of the Water Contract Committee, seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: Councilmembers Stapp and Frnka in favor, Councilmember Purcell opposed. Motion carries.

Mayor Starr gave discussion that the Town will need in the near future a mechanic or technical person and asked the Council to get their thoughts together on that.

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to have the Town Council meetings changed from the 3rd Tuesday to the 3rd Monday of each month, starting March 2016, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Mayor Starr gave discussion on a "Fall Festival" for the Town. Councilmember Frnka will be in contact with the 125th celebration committee to see what ideas they can come up with and will report back at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to extend the 2015 Budget, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to schedule a Budget Workshop for March 9, 2016 at 7 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on March 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the beginning of the regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Amy Emerich was present to speak on behalf of the Coweta County Republican Women supporting Mike Crane for Congress.

Angela Munson was present and spoke in regards to her candidacy for Coweta County Probate Judge.

Shawn Banach – As a volunteer of the sign committee he stated the welcome signs and directional poles are now complete and is asking for permission to erect them.

Tony Crunkleton commented on some remarks made to a councilperson after January's called meeting and an apology was requested.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

None

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Starr stated that he appreciates all in attendance and that differences need to be put aside. He apologizes for what he has let happen from a personal standpoint.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Frnka made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to enter into Closed Session in regards to Personnel, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote all in favor.

Councilmember Purcell made a motion to return to regular Council Session at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approve this 21st day of March, 2016.

Gracey D. Townsend
Clerk