

MINUTES
January 29, 2018
Turin Town Hall
47 Turin Road, Turin, GA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Alan Starr, Councilmembers Fernando Ramos, Clarence Bolden, Mike Frnka and Alan Stapp; Town Clerk Tracey Townsend.

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

Town Attorney Mark Mitchell gave the Oath of Office to the new Councilmembers; Fernando Ramos and Clarence Boden, and the returning Mayor Alan Starr

Reverend Anderson gave the invocation and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 20, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Ramos. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to appoint Jim Dunson and Brenda Henson to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Frnka. Vote: All in favor.

Councilmember Frnka made a motion to amend the Comprehensive Plan Map for Future Use to change Railroad street from Commercial to Residential, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

Animal Control was discussed, and it was determined an inter-governmental agreement with Coweta County was in place currently and that Mr. Mitchell will speak with the County attorney.

Mayor Starr stated that enforcement was the biggest issue since we had lost the agreement with Judge Stripling to hear Turin's cases. He has spoken with Judge Stokely, and he is willing to take on Turin as a client. The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Starr also brought up the subject of Community Service, he will contact the sheriff's office and also look into getting probationers to work in the Town.

Councilmember Ramos stated he is in touch with the UGA extension office and looking into Water Filtration Education.

The Mayor and Clerk will be working together in creating a schedule for Town Clean-up, installing the banners and planning for the Tractor Pull.

A community garden was discussed, the thought that the Town should sponsor and that we have a master gardener as a citizen was stated. The subject will be added to the February agenda.

Planning & Zoning update – none

Water System update – We are currently changing out registers that have stopped working.

Citizen Comments

Shawn Banach – 214 Railroad Street . He stated that Carl Smith has not submitted any plans to Planning & Zoning. Damage to Longstreet is still there. He has asked for the Council to please do something with at least the first 100' coming from Reese Road. It affects the look of the town. Community Service workers will be a good thing, the town looks like a trash heap. Needs some help in the old town, more effort needs to be put forth.

Council Comments

Mike Frnka – He was invited to a leadership breakfast event about an opioid epidemic. He has volunteered for a steering council. Councilmember Bolden stated that has info if anyone else is interested. He is also presenting issues to legislation through GMA.

Clarence Bolden – Stated he is proud to be a part of the Council. It was quite an experience campaigning! He will continue talking to citizens. Positive moves to become best town ever, it is important to get citizens involved, and we need to volunteer to help the older generation.

Fernando Ramos – he stated that he is honored to serve the town and happy to work with the Council.

Mayor Starr – He stated he was deeply honored to serve another four years. He enjoyed the campaign and hopes to work well and work for the community and make it better than in the past.

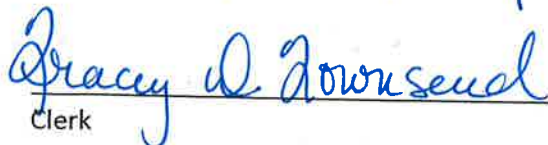
Town Attorney reminded the Council that a Mayor Pro-Tem needed to be appointed.

Councilmember Bolden made a motion for Councilmember Frnka to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of February, 2018.


Clerk