

Minutes  
February 19, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Turin Town Hall  
Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Frnka, Councilmembers; Fernando Ramos, Alan Stapp, Clarence Bolden, Town Attorney Mark Mitchell and Town Clerk Tracey Townsend

Mayor Pro-Tem Frnka called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Councilmember Bolden gave the invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present

Councilmember Bolden made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Discussion – Councilmember Stapp started discussion for the Citizen Comments to be moved back to the original position above Council Comments. Mayor Pro-Tem Frnka stated at the Council Workshop the move was suggested. Vote: Councilmember Bolden in favor, Councilmember Ramos and Stapp opposed. Motion fails.

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to move Citizen Comments to above Council Comments, seconded by Councilmember Ramos. Councilmember Bolden offered an amendment to have Citizen Comments moved to above Council Comments and add Citizen Comments to New Business to discuss. Amendment accepted by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

#### OLD BUSINESS

Changes to Occupational Tax – Tabled, nothing to report

Radar Signs – Speeding Data Report – Remove subject until data can be achieved

Code Enforcement and Judge Contract Update – Town Attorney Mark Mitchell is working on a meeting with Judge Striplin, hopefully by next meeting will contact if needed on Agenda further.

City of Trees – Town Attorney stated tonight's meeting could be used as a first reading, then move forward with review and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at next month's meeting. It was agreed to have this subject tabled until next month's meeting.

Park Land – Councilmember Bolden asked if an Ordinance needed to be created in order to establish a Park Committee or Commission. He is interested in getting a group together, but nothing as of yet but this is needed to be discussed in order to get going.

Policy for TECHS funding – Town Attorney Mark Mitchell is working on creating a policy and wants more guidance from Council. It is understood that a line item was added for \$1000 in budget. Councilmember

Bolden stated that TECHS would be responsible for gathering information and providing the service to the Town.

TSPLOST project status – Mayor Pro-Tem gave a review.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan and Town Projects Association – Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the Town has received criticism from Department of Community Affairs in regards to Turin not good at completing projects listed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Katie Westbrook was present to give a follow up on the Coweta County Hazard Mitigation Plan and the effect it would have on the Town of Turin. FEMA is required to do a 5-year update and Jay Jones sent an invitation to all municipalities to which, Mike Frnka attended. The meeting is to identify hazards and see what plan to follow. If the plan is not signed and agreed upon by the town the local government and the citizens of Turin would be ineligible for funds in case of a natural disaster. Councilmember Stapp made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Councilmember Bolden. Vote: All in favor

Rental Fees Old Community Building – Councilmember Bolden stated he would like to talk to the Mayor in depth before a decision is to be made. Move to old business for next agenda

#### Priority of Projects

- Occupation Tax rewrite
- Code Enforcement
- Park
- Tree City
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Downtown Development Authority
- \$25,000 Community Center Grant
- \$25,000 Public Sewer Grant

Council discussed that the most important subjects need to get taken care of, if anyone is interested please come to next council work session.

179 North Road – Garage – A request from Kody May has been given in order to build a garage at his residence located at 179 North Road was presented to the Council, which the Zoning Administrator gave his recommendation for approval, with no variance needed. Councilmember Stapp made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Ramos. Vote: All in favor

Citizen Comment Discussion – Councilmember Bolden started the discussion stating that at the end of the meeting there is no advantage on hear comments on what was already voted on. Citizen Comments can give Council more information and thought to base their decisions. Councilmember Stapp stated the Citizens have 4 weeks to approach the Council if concerned. Councilmember Ramos stated the Work Session would be the best place to give comments. That is where the agenda items are being discussed and that the Council meeting should be run as a business meeting and that it is standard practice for

Citizen Comments to be at the end of the agenda. Councilmember Bolden made a motion to have Citizen Comments at the Work Sessions relating to the creation of the regular meeting agenda, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor.

#### PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE – None

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE - Rusty Russell gave a report in regards to the system, all is running well averaging 30,000 – 40,000 gallons per day. The auto valves have been inserted and the water tower will be scheduled to go off line for cleaning and inspection. Should be a seamless effect for 1-2 days. This will be scheduled within the next couple of months. It was asked if any lines could be replaced if needed for the construction of the roundabout. Mr. Russell stated there would be no updates made in that area.

ENGINEER UPDATE – Brennan Jones gave an update on the Filtration System, he stated the design is complete and should be submitted within the next two weeks, the electrical needs more review and the backwash design needs to be looked at more closely. The funding is expected to come from a GEFA Loan with an estimated cost of \$300,000. Timeline –

Submit to EPD – 2 weeks

Approval – 1 month

Operational by end of 2019

Several steps will need to be taken in order to apply for the GEFA loan and this will be worked out in the time to come.

Brennan also stated there will be lines that will need to be replaced when the roundabout is installed at that time, he will request utility aide from the DOT.

USDA grants are going to be applied for in regards to public sewer and renovation of the Community Building. Again, several steps will need to be made and this will be worked out with the Clerk, Attorney, Council and Engineer.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Susan Reimer – 152 Odom Road gave a complaint in regards to the town website and that it needs to be updated. She also advised Council that some street lights are out. She then stated that several citizens came together and helped another homeowner with a problem that she was having with a creek on her property and that it was a beautiful day with neighbor helping neighbor.

#### COUNCILCOMMENTS

Clarence Bolden – It was nice to see people come together and help each other out.

Alan Stapp – None

Fernando Ramos – None

Mike Frnka – When he was vice president of the HOA, the mentioned creek was cleaned out by the HOA members.

Town Clerk wished to give recognition to Assistant Town Clerk Tabitha Crowley for the actions she took while The Clerk was on vacation then also absent for a week sick. Tabitha took control and ran the office as smoothly as could be expected.

Councilmember Bolden made a motion to move to Closed Session in response to a legal matter, seconded by Councilmember Stapp. Vote: All in favor

The Council moved to Closed Session at 9:26 p.m.

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to move back to regular session at 9:46 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Bolden. Vote: All in favor

Councilmember Stapp made a motion to close, seconded by Councilmember Ramos. Vote: All in favor

The meeting closed at 9:46 p.m.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

 Clerk