

Turin Town Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Turin Town Hall, 47 Turin Rd, Turin, Ga 30289

Present: Mayor Alan Starr; Councilmembers; Clarence Bolden, Michael Frnka, Fernando Ramos, & Alan Stapp; Town Attorney Mark Mitchell and Town Clerk Rena Screws.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Starr at 7:00 p.m., and Councilmember Frnka gave the **invocation**, and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all present.

Agenda approved: Motion by Councilman Stapp, seconded by Councilman Bolden, approved by all.

Approval of Minutes:

July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

September 9, 2019, Council Workshop Minutes

Motion to approve both by Councilman Bolden, Seconded by Councilman Stapp, Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Railroad Beautification / Right of entry for Coweta County: Railroad to amend agreement shortly by adding Third Party/County to execute work in right-of-way (ROW). Railroad requested the letter to be put onto letterhead and to name tenant on lease. The

Ethics Commission Appointments: Designate Board members for 2 years. First Reading was July 15, 2019. Second Reading and adoption approved this evening with a motion by Councilman Stapp and Second by Councilman Bolden and unanimous vote. Mayor Starr's candidate is George Harris and Councilman Frnka's candidate is Larry Cook. 3 additional candidates to be nominated at November meeting by the remaining councilmen.

Downtown Parking Plan: Tabled

Occupational Tax Ordinance: Consider this evening as First Reading. Requires Public Hearing. Schedule for 7 pm prior to October 21, 2019 Council Meeting. Then accomplish Second Reading and adoption.

Code Enforcement: Create 2 draft job descriptions and finalize for October meeting. Mayor asked but county does not have sufficient staff to support.

Improving Town's Signage: Town Clerk to make list of requirements. Council and Mayor to provide input at next meeting.

Update on Roundabout: Councilman Frnka explained that Georgia Dept of Transportation held a meeting to discuss the real estate and right-of-way plans. Construction estimated to begin about

October 2020. Mayor stated the Town of Turin will have the right to maintain the center section for advertising Turin but will need a landscape plan.

Judge's Contract / Code Enforcement: Judge Stripling not available. Legal Counsel will check with Judge Stokely agreed with use of Magistrate Court. Legal Counsel, Mark Mitchell, to provide prosecution services as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Year Schedule Change: Legal Counsel to review town charter but can execute by ordinance.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: N/A

COMMITTEE UPDATE: N/A

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE:

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:

Water Superintendent, Rusty Russell – A new main water valve has been installed at the Hwy 154 & Hwy 54 intersection. The Town of Turin water system is producing about 60-65 thousand gallons of water per day.

Turin Town Engineer, Brennan Jones, provided the following update on the proposed installation of a whole system water filtration unit.

1. Plans have been approved by Ga EPD requiring Public notice that he will put in the newspaper this week.
2. The loan application has been submitted to the state revolving fund, GEFA, for the project for the range of \$350-450K.
3. The previous Thursday a pre-bid meeting was held with 7-8 contractors.
4. 4 vendors were pre-qualified that can meet the specifications for our system. The AdVantage equipment was used as a good example for the proposed system.
5. A Variable Flow pump control panel will be incorporated to eliminate the water hammer effect.
6. The project has grown because the EPD requires the inclusion of a back-flow retention pond which will require storage basins.
7. The well water has dissolved solids, but they are a thousand times better than surface water sources. The current water well is taking water out of a fracture in the aquifer at about 250 feet below the surface. Once filtered the chlorination will remain in our water for a long period of time.
8. Iron and manganese will be filtered out with the new system. Manganese is one of the minerals that will be required by environmental regulations of the future to be removed from all public water sources as it is expected to move from a secondary to primary maximum contaminate level mineral. The proposed system will solve this future problem for us.
9. The planned bid date is October 1, 2019.
10. The new filtration system will not be operational at the beginning of 2020 due to the delays in the loan approval process. We have postponed the bid opening to ensure the loan will be

approved. (Expect approval by November 1.) It is not fair to ask the contractors to spend money on their proposals unless we can fund the contract. The Town Engineer is in contact with the loan underwriting office. The Council agreed to allow the Engineer to make the call on the bid date.

11. The future water rates will need to be evaluated based on the cost for the filtration system. The increase in water bills might be about \$8 per month for a consumption of 5,000 gallons per month which is less cost than the county charges.
12. Tap fees can be used for capital projects which include a new well, tank repairs, and a new water tank.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Clarence Bolden

1. Received a complaint about abandoned building on Hwy 16
2. Announced meeting of the Friends of the Garden for September 18, 2019 at 6 pm.

Michael Frnka

Alan Stapp

1. Speed limits for the town are set by Georgia state requirements. He will contact the county.
2. Pothole at the intersection of Turin Rd and S. Hunter Rd. near stop sign on Lodge corner. Need to add to the road repair list.

Fernando Ramos

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Stapp, Second by Councilman Bolden, Unanimous approval

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Roundabout: GDOT met to discuss real estate issues. Estimated October 2020 contract let date. Turin will receive substantial Utility Relocation Aid funds. Turin retains the right to decorate the center of the structure for visibility of Turin.

Provide Assistance to Town Clerk Transition: Rena Screws was introduced as the new Town of Turin Town Clerk. The citizens were asked for their patience while the transition is accomplished. Also, the Council approved the use of experts to mentor Rena as she grows into the position and gains the appropriate credentials. The Council will receive progress reports as the training progresses.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE: None

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE: None

ENGINEER UPDATE: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mac Tignor: Stated his concerns about the campaigning process for Alan Stapp. Their complaint has been filed with the proper authorities.

Allen Nolan: Requested that the acoustics in the assembly hall be improved.

Rick Bryant: Expressed his concern about the lumberyard truck traffic along Railroad Street making ruts in his yard. The Town will investigate better signage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clarence Bolden: Congratulated Alan Stapp on his re-election and Susan Reimer on her election to the Town of Turin Council

Alan Stapp: None

Fernando Ramos: None

Mike Frnka: Announced his departure from the Town Council at the end of this term on December 31, 2019. He appreciated correcting the Briarwood Commons zoning issue and the great support from all the Town Citizens over the last 4 years.

Mayor's Comments: Recognized 2 ECHS students who were observing the Turin Town Council meeting as part of a school project.

Closed Session: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Stapp made a motion to Close the meeting. Councilman Ramos seconded the motion; vote was unanimous. The meeting closed at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of December 2019

Renee Sorens Clerk