

# Turin Town Hall Council Work Session Minutes

47 Turin Rd — February 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

- Mayor Sprouse welcomed all in attendance.

## **The work session of the Turin Town Hall Council will be called to order.**

- Mayor Sprouse called the work session to order.

Announcement, as this is a work session we will not be accepting public comments.

## **Council Members in Attendance:**

- Council member Lydia Wallin
- Council member Kimbely Barnett
- Mayor Sprouse

## **Staff in Attendance:**

- Water Sup. Rusty Russell

## **Legal in Attendance:**

- **Attorney Mark Mitchell**
  - Advised Mayor and Council that he has not heard anything from the judge about the lawsuit the Town is currently in.

## **Old Business:**

- **Budget 2026-27 | Fiscal Update: Discussion and review of the fiscal update for the upcoming 2026-27 budget cycle.**
  - Council member Wallin and Council member Barnett has spoke to CPA Elizabeth Wingate and wanted to know why they can't get financial statements; they were advised the software we have is bad and advised software Black Mountain was better for the needs of the town. Ms. Wingate also advised she could show Rena how to print a monthly ledger. Sending Rena emails to get information and will look over how she codes things.

- Council member Wallin wants to come up with policy and procedures as it pertains to financial matters. Mayor Sprouse wants to put together an employee package.
- **Planning & Zoning: Review and discussion P&Z Commission operations. | HB 493**
  - Homeowner submitted a request back in November 2025, here it is February 2026 and the homeowner still has not gotten an answer or feedback.
  - Mayor Sprouse spoke to 2 different companies for quotes with building inspections and permits.
  - Mayor Sprouse and Council member Barnett met with a rep from SafeBuilt (SB) to get a packet together and come and present to Council. SB offers a lot of the services the Town is now currently needed.
  - Mayor Sprouse will reach out to the 2 engineering companies and have them come to the March Council meeting and give a presentation.
  - HB 493 was passed by Gov. Kemp 2021, which became state law, stating that the municipalities and cities that if items are not addressed in a timely manner that the customer can move forward as a private company with the project but still must get final approval.
- **Draft Charter: Examination and consideration of the draft charter for the town.**
  - Mayor Sprouse needs everyone to review the draft charter and address any changes so it can get voted on and presented to Legislature in order present during this session.
  - Council member Wallin wanted to know if something was in the charter for purchasing policy, and attendance from Council members at meetings. Wants to get these things items added. Mayor Sprouse said it's addressed in the Charter that if they do not attend, they can be removed just cause.
- **Vacant Council Seat: Discussion**
  - Mayor Sprouse said there are 2 people currently interested in the seat.
- **Water Department Presentation**
  - It was canceled because we didn't have the correct equipment and will have it ready for the work session in March.

### **Announcements**

- Council member Wallin wanted everyone to comment on reading the letter from the Ga Department of Audits and respond by the end of the week.

### **Adjourn**

- Mayor Sprouse adjourned the meeting.