

TURIN TOWN HALL
COUNCIL MEETING Minutes
MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2026, 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Sprouse

INVOCATION:

- Invocation given by Mayor Sprouse

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- All in attendance

Start Public Hearing

- **Amy Gollsbey from Three Rivers presented a presentation for our Comprehensive Plan.**
 - Requirement of the state to place a Comp Plan in place and must update every 5 years. The last time the plan was updated was in 2021. The Town needs to have a steering committee including a Council member, business owner and any other community member. All this needs to be completed by October of this year 2026. Mayor Sprouse thanked Miss Gollsbey for her time and presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR

2026-2046 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Turin is initiating the process to begin the 5-year update of its local comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan develops, establishes and promotes the town's vision for the future. The update will be prepared according to rules for local comprehensive planning adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The plan update is also part of the maintenance of its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status, which allows the city to obtain state grant funds, loans, and permits.

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the purpose of the plan, the update process, and opportunities for public participation. Those interested in learning about and participating in the plan update are encouraged to attend.

The public hearing will be held at the Turin Council Meeting, March 16th, 2026, at Turin Town Hall, 47 Turin Rd, Turin GA 30289 at 6:30 p.m.

For questions regarding the comprehensive plan update, please contact city hall at 770-599-0777.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. SAFE BUILT

- a. **Ron Hannah is here to present to the Mayor and Council the services that Safebuilt can provide for the Town.**
- i. **Mr. Hannah stated off with what SB already does for the Town. SB already provides building inspections and plan reviews. SB can also offer the town code enforcement and**

some engineering services. Mr. Hannah passed out a 2nd Amendment packet which included remote civil engineering services and remote planning and zoning consultation. Mayor Sprouse thanked Mr. Hannah for coming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. NIA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2026 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- Motion made by Councilmember Stapp to approve minutes, 2nd by Councilmember Barnett. Motion carried.

2. **VACANT COUNCIL CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS (5 MINUTES EACH)**

- **Susan Reimer**
 - Withdrew her application.
- **Patricia Smith**
 - Miss Smith introduced herself how long she has been a member of Turin, and she deeply cares about Turin and a few highlights that she believes in. She also said she would honor her to serve this community.

3. **VACANT COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT |**

- Councilmember Wallin made a motion to appoint Patricia Smith to the vacant seat council seat for the 22-month term left from Walter Sprouse's term, 2nd by Councilmember Stapp. Motion carried

4. **BUDGET 2026 | FISCAL UPDATE**

- Mayor Sprouse gave the update that the budget is in process for fiscal year 2026 and that we have deadlines to meet. Councilmember Wallin has been putting things together for the budget. She announced that the soft wire that we use is horrible. She made a commitment to have something put together by April's meeting. She will bring with us water sup. And get a list of his big projects that he wants to get done so the cost can be budgeted for. Mayor Sprouse brought up that the previous administration did approve the mayor a \$5000.00 and clerk a \$1000.00 approval limit and the attorney's invoice that was turned in for approval over his limit and he needs approval from council to pay. Motion made by Councilmember Stapp to pay the attorney's invoice, 2nd by Councilmember Barnett. Motion carried.

5. **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- Mayor Sprouse recently sent some policy and procedures to council. As of now the town has very few policies and procedures. We need to work on these in the future as soon as we can. Councilmember Wallin came and got the policy and procedures book in the clerk's office and are looking over them. Councilmember Wallin said there are some procedures that need to be put in place immediately, getting w9's from contract labor before letting them do work for the town and we need to complete time sheets for town employes and have them approved. We also need levels of authority, and the town attorney was going look into who can sign a contract and for how much. Councilmember Barnett agrees with Councilmember Wallin with the need for policies and procedures, time sheets for employees and levels of authority. Rena, the town clerk, advised that she already has a time sheet that the mayor sees when he signs the checks on a weekly basis. Councilmember Wallin made it clear that she thinks everything has been done correctly and that she has gone back a couple years and looked at everything. Mayor Sprouse agreed and supported that statement.

6. **DRAFT CHARTER | MOVE TO COMMITTEE FOR 2027 ADOPTION**

- Mayor Sprouse is going to work on getting a committee together.

7. **ENGINEERING | AMMENDED CONTRACT APPROVAL**

- Motion made by Councilmember Barnett to approve the 2nd amendment with SB, 2nd by Councilmember Wallin. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - N/A
- **PLANNING COMMISSION**
 - **Appointment of P&Z Vacancy on the Commission, by Council**
 - **Saskia Shepro introduced herself to mayor and council.**
 - Motion made by Councilmember Wallin to appoint Saskia Sherpro to the vacant seat on the planning and zoning committee, 2nd by Councilmember Barnett.
Motion carried.
- **WATER SYSTEM UPDATE | SERVICES | PRESENTATION | WATER RATE STUDY**
 - Town Clerk advised the mayor and council that all the paperwork has been submitted and we are waiting for a response from Tal Woodall from GRWA.

LEGAL:

- N/A

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- **KIM BARNETT**
 - Wanted to thank Rena, town clerk, for providing the general ledgers and wanted to thank everyone in attendance.
- **ALAN STAPP**
 - N/A
- **LYDIA WALLIN**
 - Also wanted to thank Rena for the general ledger reports and everyone in attendance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- **WALTER SPROUSE**
 - Wanted to thank everyone for taking time to come out and attend the meeting. Thanked the guest speakers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- N/A

ADJOURN

- Motion made by Councilmember Stapp to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Councilmember Barnett. Motion carried.

Approved this 20th day of April 2026.


Town Clerk