

TURIN TOWN HALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY  
APRIL 20, 2026, 7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Called to order by Mayor Sprouse

**INVOCATION:**

- Invocation given by Mark Mitichell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- All in attendance

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- No public comments

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
  - Motion made by Councilmember Stapp to approve the March 2026 minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wallin. Motion carried.
- **BUDGET 2026 | FISCAL**
  - Councilmember Wallin send out a file that has General, Water and Splost. She used the actual numbers from fiscal year 2025, there were some higher repairs for water in 2025 that we do not expect in 2026. She wants to have this put together and have a meeting before the council meeting to discuss the budget so we can run all the necessary notices before adoption. She does have some concerns about where items are being charged to the water fund when it should be charged to the general. We are currently having a water study done to make sure our revenue is covering our expenses.
- **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
  - Mayor Sprouse and council will be looking through the polices and procedures that we currently have to see if anything needs to be changed and making new policies and procedures. Councilmember Wallin has highlighted some that she wants to look at first, are approval authority, financial coding, HR and payroll functions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **RECERTIFICATION | TOWN OF ETHICS**
  - Mayor Sprouse was notified that Turin was a Town of Ethics and that we need to recertify with a resolution, which Mayor Sprouse read.
    - Motion made by Councilmember Smith for the Town to accept the resolution to recertify Turin as a Town of Ethics, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Stapp. Motion carried.
- **CERTIFICATION | TOWN OF CIVILITY**
  - Mayor Sprouse notified the public and councilmembers that Turin has never had a certification of civility in the past. Mayor Sprouse read the resolution. Motion made by councilmember Smith to adopt the resolution of civility, 2<sup>nd</sup> by councilmember Wallin. Motion carried.

- **EPD | WATER SYSTEM**

- Mayor Sprouse informed the public and councilmembers that the town received a letter from EPD that should have been responded to last year in 2025. Since the town did not respond in a timely manner, the town had to send out a letter to all water customers notifying them we failed to certify by notification there were no lead or galvanized pipes in our water system. In an effort to comply with EPD's rules regarding reporting, we acknowledge documentation was not reported in a timely fashion and will correct this moving forward. Additionally, this letter serves our customers with information to notify you our water system contains no Lead or Galvanized pipes.

**COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

- **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- No administration updates

- **PLANNING COMMISSION**

- No planning commission updates

- **WATER SYSTEM UPDATE | SERVICES | PRESENTATION | WATER RATE STUDY**

- Rusty Russell put together a presentation on what the town has as far as the water system and pipes. The water study indicates preliminarily the town will have to increase our water rates.

**LEGAL:**

- No legal updates

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- **KIM BARNETT**

- Not in attendance

- **PATRICIA SMITH**

- Councilmember Smith conducted the first meeting for the Comprehensive plan and 8 people were in attendance. The meetings are going to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night of each month for now. The committee is going to work on a survey they can send out to the residents of the town and visitors to Turin. The committee wants to come up with an electronic form like a QR code on the water bills. Mayor Sprouse talked with Three Rivers, and they suggested that we should set up a meeting with some or all of the business owners in town to get some input from them as well.

- **ALAN STAPP**

- Councilmember Stapp started off by letting everyone know that Tuesday and Thursdays are not good for him to meet, and thus the reason he didn't get to attend the meetings with Brent Scarbrough associates. The plans that he was sent, he is very much opposed to this. He does not think that de-annexing's of any property for another town's profit should ever happen. The water system here in Turin cannot handle that many homes. Councilmember Stapp said he's not opposed to the neighborhood, However dumping out traffic that close to the round about on 54 will create a traffic nightmare. Councilmember Stapp also said he wishes he could attend some of the meetings, but when Brent Scarbrough gets his mind set to build something he gets it done. Councilmember Stapp just wanted to let his opinion be heard on this matter.

- **LYDIA WALLIN**

- Councilmember Wallin wants to remind Mayor and Council she needs feed back on the 2026 budget so we can move forward. Councilmember Wallin wants the Mayor to explain all the things that will go on with the old community building project so she can have a better understanding for the budget.

- **MAYOR'S COMMENT**

- Mayor Sprouse wanted to make it clear he does not want to de-annex any portion of Turin under any circumstance. The rumor of de-annexation purported by certain members of the community is inaccurate in an effort to derail future talks for the town and divide the community. He acknowledges there are discussions with the Town of Sharpsburg and Brent Holdings which are in the preliminary stages for a planned subdivision in Sharpsburg and in the Town of Turin. The plan being discussed will bring sewer to the Town of Turin, help mitigate problems currently being experienced by The Oaks of Turin and provide conservation green space with the proposed Turin subdivision allowed by Georgia Law.

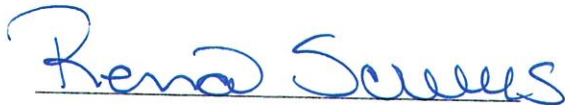
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Councilmember Wallin to move into executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Smith. Motion carried. Mayor Sprouse thanked the public for coming and executive session began. A motion was made to exit executive session following discussion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

- Motion made by Councilmember Smith to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wallin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Approved on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
Rena Sculls

Town Clerk