

**Town of Alto  
Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2022  
Minutes**

**Those in attendance:**

**PJ Huggins, Mayor  
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem  
James Turner, Council Post 2  
Allen Fox, Council Post 3  
Josh Ivey, Police Chief  
Lisa Turner, CFO  
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

**The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on July 12, 2022, preceded by a work session at 6:00pm in which they discussed current projects and items on the agenda: Mayor Huggins has been to and is going to the meetings on the Banks County LOST in which the funds will be divided 85% County and 15% Cities; Pro-tem Eddie Palmer and Councilman Allen Fox are going to pursue the potential Habersham annex properties. They also attended the Habersham Property tax meeting where explanation of taxes having to increase were discussed; Attorney Syfan is not in favor of forced annexation. No shooting your gun inside the City Limits seems to be the biggest drawback for some not wanting to annex in. Officials agreed that there could be a solution to that; If property on both sides of Wynn Shoals Road are inside the City, we have right of way to pave it; The fees for the permits/inspections were adjusted and agreed upon. SAFEbuilt will be contacted about hiring them; There was disagreement concerning the Community Center so nothing exact was decided on; Habersham has the incorrect mileage on the IGA, Officials agree not to sign; Charter Amendment will fix the loophole concerning the role of the Mayor Pro-tem; some damaged lines were discussed. The meeting was then called to order by Mayor PJ Huggins. The invocation was delivered by Pro-tem Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor Huggins stated that (b) Banks Co roads and bridges needed to be omitted and SAFEbuilt and fee changes needed to be added. Councilman James Turner made a motion to accept the agenda with the change. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion.**

**Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting was presented for approval. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the minutes. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.**

**Approved by all.**

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The minutes of June 28, 2022, Special Called Meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

**New Business:**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to table the Habersham IGA TSPLOST until the mileage is corrected. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adopt the Special Elections Ordinance. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the Charter Amendment to clarify the role of the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adopt the Peach State FCU Resolution for the authorized signatures for the Town checks. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the fee changes and authorize the mayor to sign the SAFEbuilt contract once they add that they will do Code Enforcement along with the inspections and permits. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

**Old Business:** None

**Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:**

Chief Josh Ivey presented monthly Police Department totals. He informed the Officials that they have partnered with the Banks County Library with the handing out of food bags to children every Friday while school is out.

**Public comments:**

Amos Smith told the Officials that the proposed Car Show will be free to the public but will have entry fees for the participates and food will be sold to raise funds. They decided to do the fundraiser for the local Banks County American Legion for the Veterans. The floor needs to be replaced. All he will need from the Town is the space at the Community Center and tables and chairs.

Margaret Beaupre at 426 Wade Street, inquired about the new code enforcement and inspectors. She was told it should be taken care of soon with SAFEbuilt.

Sheila Mathis at 173 Wade Street, inquired about the mess at 448 Grant Street. She was told the tenant moved out and the landlord is cleaning it up. The apartment has to air out due to the shape it was left in.

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**Councilman James Turner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem  
Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.  
Approved by all.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Penny Rogers**  
**Town Clerk**