

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2023
Minutes
(Work Session 6:00pm)**

Those in attendance:

**PJ Huggins, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
James Turner, Council Post 2
Allen Fox, Council Post 3
Debbie Turner, Council Post 5
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Sean Rogers, Officer
Lisa Turner, CFO
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session preceded the meeting in which current items on the agenda were discussed: Habersham Co Animal Control IGA had to be updated due to population error; Project list for last Comprehensive Plan was discussed; October 2024 is deadline for the water survey for EPD requiring that all old lines are to be replaced to avoid any lead poisoning; Sports Center suggestion for Whealler property where there are 157 acres; Sidewalks, green ways with trees and demographics were touched on; a Thank You Christmas card was signed by all Officials to be mailed out to the participates in the Tree Lighting.

Following this, the meeting was called to order by Mayor PJ Huggins. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered and led by Eddie Palmer.

The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the November 28, 2023, Called Meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Councilwoman Debbie Turner opposed. Councilman James Turner opposed.

New Business:

Councilman James Turner made a motion to adopt the Habersham Co Animal Control IGA. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor Huggins stated that the Habersham Comprehensive Plan is being updated and they need any proposed new additions.

Mayor PJ Huggins preceded to thank all participants in the Christmas Tree

Lighting event. Everything went great and there was a good turnout.

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Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly totals.

Councilman Allen Fox inquired why the minutes were opposed. Councilwoman Debbie Turner stated that she wasn't comfortable approving them from the last meeting concerning the paving of Wynn Shoals Road and was told by GMRC not to vote to approve. Councilman James Turner said that some things were left out. Clerk Penny Rogers stated "obviously you must not understand what the minutes are. They are the recording of the business that occurs at the meeting. It's the motions made, who made them, who seconded them and who opposed. It's not why they're made or any of the hoopla or snarkyism ya'll do that would make the minutes 10 pages long. It's just the business. Last meeting the motion to award the Wynn Shoals Project to Thomason Construction was approved by two Officials and opposed by two Officials therefore leaving the Mayor to break the tie in which she did so by going with Thomason Construction. Was that not what happened?" After several detailed statements from Pro-tem Eddie Palmer determining that the minutes were correct, Councilwoman Debbie Turner asked if she could go back and approve them. Mayor Huggins then revisited the motion and second that was left on the table which was: Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made the motion to approve the Minutes from Called Meeting of November 28, 2023. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Councilwoman Debbie Turner approved. Councilman James Turner opposed. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**