

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
October 08, 2024
Minutes
Work Session 6:00pm**

Those in attendance:

**Gail Armour, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Pro-tem
PJ Huggins, Post 1
James Turner, Post 2
Allen Fox, Post 3
Debbie Turner, Post 5
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session was held at 6pm to discuss current concerns and items on the agenda: Mayor Armour gave encouraging words concerning all the storms and damage that has been happening right now; millage rate was discussed and recommended that it stay the same, must have 3 public hearings before adopting it, has to be complete by November 1st; proposed 2025 budget presented; McDaniel shop repairs were discussed, but all were in agreement to consider selling the property and building a new shop; fencing for the playground was discussed and decided to go with chain length instead of wood due to longer life span; Pro-tem Eddie Palmer checked with the Trade School Horticulture to possibly do a plan for beautifying the park, it's at no cost, all were in favor; Wynn Shoals Road project was discussed; generator in flood plane was discussed that needs a retaining wall before GEMA will approve anything; City Hall entrance at Wade Street was discussed to find a solution to widen and fix the drop off at the ditch, older citizens have requested that the road be lined.

Mayor Gail Armour called the regular meeting to order at 7pm. Greg Pruitt delivered the invocation. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to approve the agenda.
Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2024, meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

New Business:

Mayor Armour stated that the millage rate would remain at 4.370. Three public hearings must be scheduled before adopting it. Public hearings will be: October 18th at 12noon and 5pm, October 21st at 5:30pm; called meeting October 21st at 6pm to adopt the rate.

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Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to table the McDaniel Shop concern until further information can be obtained. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor Armour proceeded to open the only sealed bid turned in for the Cedar Creek property. The bid was from Virasackda Phougsavanh for \$45,002.89. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept this bid. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A 50-14-3(6) pertaining to Personnel. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

**Officials left the room at 7:10pm.
Officials came back into the room at 8:08pm.**

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to re-enter the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor Gail Armour stated that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals and the probation report.

Public Comments: None

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**