

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2024
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

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

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on July 09, 2024, preceded by a work session at 6:00pm in which they discussed agenda items: Mayor Armour opened with words of encouragement concerning the 4th of July and the blessings and freedom in our country. She read Psalm 71 and acknowledged how we should all live in harmony together and how the truth will set you free; Governor Kemp has signed a bill that permits cannot be charged according to cost of the project, it has to be by square footage and set fees. All were in agreement that the Town has to change the fee schedule back to this; issues with SAFEbuilt not staying on top of permits and inspections, doing the proper documentation and lack of communication were discussed. Residents that ask to be called so they can be there aren't being called and then the inspection fails, therefore making another visit to be paid for then the inspector has to go back out; therefore, being an issue with the budgeted overall cost. Suggestion was to terminate the contract and look for an individual instead of a big company, making the coverage end on October 31, 2024, ending the 90-day written notice. Officer Rogers stated that the Code Enforcement has really accomplished a lot and increased action has cleaned up a lot of places. All in agreement to send letter of termination and look for local individual at a reasonable rate; conflict of July 26th retreat date was changed to Saturday, August 3rd from 9-4 here at City Hall.

The meeting was then called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation was delivered by Pro-tem Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented for approval. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the June 11, 2024, 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:

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to change the permit / inspection fees back to a base fee and square footage as required by the State effective immediately. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to authorize mailing a certified letter to SAFEbuilt terminating the contract agreement. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Officer Sean Rogers presented monthly Police Department and Probation totals.

Public comments: None

Councilman James Turner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk