

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2020
Minutes
Work Session 6:30pm**

Those in attendance:

**Audrey Turner, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
Carolyn Cabe, Council Post 1
James Turner, Council Post 2
Allen Fox, Council Post 3
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk
Absent: Lisa Turner, CFO**

A work session was held to discuss current issues and projects:

Daniel Thompson, Regional Director of Philanthropy, made a presentation and handed out packets of information to the Officials as the representative of the Georgia Healthy Family Alliance which is the philanthropic arm of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians. They are launching an effort to bring vaping education to students in 4th and 5th grades in Northeast Georgia using the evidence-based program “Tar Wars”. The program was developed by a family physician to teach elementary students about the dangerous health effects of tobacco and vape use, the cost associated with it and the advertising and messaging techniques used to market its products to the youth. Their goal is to raise \$250,000 to make the program available to students for years to come. This will make it a reality for students, reduce the potentially deadly effects of vaping by teaching them that Nicotine, Heavy Metals and other harmful chemicals are in vapes and E-Cigarettes. He is asking the Town to support this outreach and join them in the fight against vaping use and abuse among our children by helping to bring this much needed educational program into our schools.

The 5 year Tax History ad in the papers stated that a public hearing would be held at 7 for the millage rate, even though it failed to get printed on the agenda. No public was present.

Chief Josh Ivey informed the Officials that the vehicles are late getting here and he will have to pick them up in Winder when they do arrive.

It was stated that Gordian awarded JOC to do the scope of work for the upcoming projects, but the bid packets are not ready yet for the contractors to place bids. There has been some misunderstanding of the details of this award that upset the local contractors and Mayor Turner will set up a meeting with Gordian to get all correct information involved.

Mayor Turner called the regular meeting to order. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer gave the invocation and then lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda.
Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the minutes of September 8th meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe made a motion to leave the millage rate at the current 5.58. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business:

Gordian projects-Mayor Turner informed the Officials that they are working on the details for the water line extension on Alto Mud Creek Road to the log yard. Some work has been done on the Community Center. The generator project has not been signed off on yet. GMRC needs to update the map with sizes of waterlines. She stated that she wants to see some work done before signing off on any more projects.

Recommendations from Officers, Departments and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals.

It was noted that the flooding caused a lot of damage and messes everywhere that has to be addressed quickly.

Back streets were discussed.

Heroin abuse issue was discussed.

Public Comments: None

**Councilman James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**