

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020
Minutes
(Work Session 6:30pm)**

Those in attendance:

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

A work session preceded the meeting to discuss all current projects. Bob Bowers with JOC Construction gave the Officials an update on the projects they were working on. He then set a meeting for afterward with Inspector Joe Davidson to get all details on the specifications to be inspected and approved. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer said that Martin Drive was looking good and ready for paving soon. He then expressed his appreciation for the employees on how much and how hard they have had to work due to the storms and wanted them to know what a great job they are doing. Councilman Allen Fox inquired about the police vehicles, Chief Josh Ivey stated that it should Friday or Monday for arrival. It was stated that the trash truck would be left for citizens to load their limbs in if they do a work order.

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on November 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Joe Davidson. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Pro-tem Eddie Palmer.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to change the water lock off policy from 2 months past due to 1 month past due will be subject to disconnection beginning January 2021.

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Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

The Mayor, Council and Inspector Joe Davidson had a discussion on the derelict properties on Cornwall and Alto Mud Creek Road. Mr. Davidson said he has attempted to serve citations, but no one will ever come to the door. Citizens John and Debbie DeLauder stated their concern about these properties and were wanting to know what the Town is doing to get them cleaned up. Mayor Turner replied that Habersham County is saying that the Alto Mud Creek Road property is in the county and not inside the City Limits, but maps plainly show it is inside the City Limits. The owner will fight the Town on this statement. She said that they would attempt to contact him and see if something can be agreed upon to get it cleaned up. Joe Davidson and Chief Ivey will attempt to go to the Cornwall property after the meeting. Mr. Davidson stated that the best approach to each is to issue a citation and let them go before the Judge.

Old Business:

Gordian projects were discussed in the work session.

GEMA Generator Grant Project scope isn't through yet.

CARES Act will fund \$50,000 on the Martin Drive project.

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals. He stated that Court is going well. Mayor Turner mentioned that there's a request for annexation on Nix Road going all the way to Apple Pie Ridge Road.

Public comments: None

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk