

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2021
Minutes**

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
Lisa Turner, CFO
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

The Alto Town Officials held the regular council meeting on August 24, 2021 preceded by a work session at 6:30pm to discuss current projects, financials, GEMA/FEMA funds, Gworks software, flooding from excessive rains and items on the agenda. The meeting was then called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Pro-tem Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

CFO Lisa Turner presented the two retirement programs from GMA. After a discussion, officials agreed that she should get details for the Deferred Contributions and present it at the next meeting. Officials were not interested in the Pension Program.

Mayor Turner read the release on the new method of issuing burn permits and the requirements that will begin August 30, 2021. (attached)

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to set the Commercial deposit rates as \$250 for any business and \$500 for Industrial business. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.

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Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe made a motion to go into an Executive Session concerning contract negotiation pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1). Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Officials went into Executive Session.
Officials came out of Executive Session.

Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe made a motion to re-enter the regular meeting. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.

No action was taken from the Executive Session.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented monthly Police Department totals.

Mayor Turner presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of the display of the flag of the United States of America, that was given to the Town from the Joseph Habersham Chapter.

It was decided to wait on planning the Christmas event depending on the COVID status.

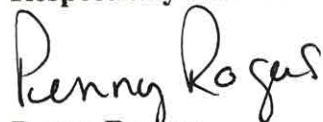
Radio status for the Officers were touched on briefly, but no updated information was available.

Public comments:

Resident Sheila Mathis voiced her concerns of the children riding bicycles without helmets on the streets. She asked if some type of safety awareness could be done for the community. Officials agreed to check on the options.

Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:



Penny Rogers
Town Clerk