

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2022
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

Audrey Turner, Mayor

P. J. Huggins, Mayor Pro-tem

James Turner, Council Post 2

Allen Fox, Council Post 3

Josh Ivey, Chief of Police

Lisa Turner, CFO

Absent: Turner Griffith, Council Post 1; Eddie Palmer, Council Post 4; Penny Rogers, Town Clerk

A work session was held at 6:30 concerning current issues and projects. There was discussion about the projects to be included in the intergovernmental agreement with Banks County for the Roads and Bridges TSPLOST. The next meeting with Banks County is on April 6, 2022, at 11am. The meeting was then called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Amos Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman James Turner.

The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor Pro-tem P. J. Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of dates listed on the minutes. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the minutes from February 8, 2022. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Amos Smith updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the Lupus Awareness Ride. He had been contacted by the Lupus event coordinator and she said that the ride could be made an official annual event (Lupus Foundation /Alto). He said that he was planning for 400 people including over 100 riders. Mayor Pro-tem P. J. Huggins made a motion to make the ride an official annual event and give a \$1000 sponsorship plus pay the cost of the T-shirts. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor Pro-tem P. J. Huggins made a motion to sign the Banks County Energy Excise Tax intergovernmental agreement. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The Mayor and Council discussed the projects for the Banks County Roads and Bridges TSPLOST that are to be included in the intergovernmental agreement. It was decided to designate funds to complete the Wynn Shoals Road project, repair and repave sections on Porter Street, Rice Street and Wheeler Street from the bridge to the 4-way intersection, if the funds were enough to cover it. CFO Lisa Turner said that the Town should have the IGA at the April meeting.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Police Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly Police Department totals.

Mayor Audrey Turner read Councilman Turner Griffith resignation effective March 18th, 2022.

Mayor Audrey Turner announced her retirement effective on March 31, 2022.

Public comments:

Margaret Beaupre requested a speed bump placed near her house due to the incline of the road and the children that play in the street. Police Chief Ivey will look at the incline to help determine the best placement of the speed bump. She asked if Joe Davidson was still the Building Official and Mayor Turner told her that he was and to bring any addresses to City Hall if there were issued that needed to be addressed. She thanked the officials for clearing the tree limbs out of Wade Street and Mayor Audrey Turner for her service to the community.

Mayor Audrey Turner said the Mayoral seat would be on the November ballot as well as Council Post 1. She said that Banks County was making election upgrades prior to the upcoming election which would be at BC Baptist Church again this year.

Debbie Turner thanked Mayor Audrey Turner for her service to the community.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-tem P. J. Huggins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa K. Turner
Deputy Town Clerk