

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2023
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

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

A work session preceded the meeting at 6:00pm to discuss current issues and the agenda items. Officials met at the Community Center to discuss and map out the plans for the festival and Clean-up Day. Back at City Hall, Tim Ratterree with Revival Fire Crusades came before the Officials with a request to have a tent revival on the empty lot at 236 S Grant Street. He'll have a 40x80 tent, port-a-potties, generator, fans, event insurance and will make sure all cleanup is complete. It'll run for a week from about 7pm-10pm daily except Wednesday. Dates will be set if approved, possibly the 3rd week of May. It was stated that he would have to fill out an application for the event with City Hall, then apply with the Police Department and follow all noise ordinances.

The meeting was then called to order by Mayor PJ Huggins. The invocation was delivered by Tim Ratterree. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor PJ Huggins stated that (c) Tent Request needed to be added under New Business. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve with the addition. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Officer Sean Rogers presented the first reading of the Annexation Ordinance for 555 Wynn Shoals Road.

Chief Josh Ivey presented the first reading of the Zoning Amendment Ordinance for 555 Wynn Shoals Road.

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Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve the tent request. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Mayor Huggins reconfirmed the date for the Clean-up Day will be May 6th from 9am-12noon. The festival will be held June 3rd from 10-3pm. Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals.

Public comments:

Donald Wade from 254 Porter Street, voiced his concerns and opposed the Charter change to prohibit immediate family members from serving on the Council at the same time. He said it is against the First Amendment rights approaching upon the freedom of speech and is discrimination against family members. He stated, "Officials can't make this decision, if ya'll do this there will be lawsuits." Mayor Huggins thanked him for his comments.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**