

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023
Minutes
(Work Session 6:00pm)**

Those in attendance:

**PJ Huggins, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
James Turner, Post 2
Allen Fox, Post 3
Debbie Turner, Post 5
Robert Gardner, Officer
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk
Absent: Carolyn Cabe, Josh Ivey, Lisa Turner**

The Alto Town Council held a work session before the regular meeting on September 12, 2023. Discussions: Millage rate rollback from 4.952 to 4.370 was agreed upon; UHC Insurance will no longer be in network as of the end October, Blue Cross Blue Shield with GMA will begin November 1st; Residents can go to Town website to fill out complaint forms for animal control issues; Officials suggested to list Cedar Creek property, not all were in agreement; purchasing truck for Water Department; Audit was handed out and questions should go to CFO Lisa Turner; SPLOST projects will be discussed at the October meeting; GMRC meeting 9-28 at 6pm, Unicoi State Park will be attended by Debbie Turner; Officials discussed possible purchase of the Dollar General building when they relocate to the corner of Alto Mud Creek Road and Gainesville Hwy.; annual GMRC Christmas conference in Dillard will be December 1st, Mayor needs to know who is going; annual Christmas tree lighting event in Town November 30th 6pm was discussed with more set details later; cash on hand financial sheets were distributed.

The meeting was then called to order by Mayor PJ Huggins. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer delivered the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor PJ Huggins stated that (b) GMA Health Insurance Ordinance needed to be added to the agenda. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

The minutes of the August 08, 2023, meeting was presented for approval. Councilman James Turner made a motion to accept the minutes. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

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New Business:

Officials discussed the Millage rate to rollback from 4.952 to 4.370 for 2023. It will be set on the October 12th meeting.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the GMA Health Insurance Ordinance that will switch Town coverage from UHC beginning November 1st. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Old Business: None

Recommendation from Officers, Departments and Attorneys:

Officer Robert Gardner presented the monthly PD totals.

Public Comments:

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**