

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
January 09, 2024
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
Lisa Turner, CFO
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk
Gail Armour, New Mayor**

A work session was held at 6:00pm. Items discussed: PD got awarded Car Seat Mini Grant working with Banks County; IGA with Animal Control; Tag Readers for PD; IWORQ software to link all departments together for clear communication, highly recommended by Chief Ivey; need to revisit permit and inspection fees; need to look at water rates; Spring Fling being worked on for date May 4th; idea tossed concerning a big outdoor movie screen for community to come together; water truck needing to be replaced- ARPA funds will cover purchase; in agreement to look at the extra truck not being driven and either use it or sell /trade it in; Gail Armour addressed the board that she is honored to get to work with Officials and employees; looking forward to a good 2024 with her first priority being to learn everything she needs to know; will be meeting with each employee and intends for the teamwork to continue to grow; she values each person as an individual with input; wants to find ways to keep everything running smoothly and safely for the best of the Town; her strong belief in God will guide the decisions she makes; believes that Officials are the gate keepers that should have wisdom, optimism, fairness and hope for the community to grow; She is looking forward to the days to come.

The regular meeting was then called to order at 7pm by Mayor PJ Huggins. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eddie Palmer.

**The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the Meeting on December 12, 2023, were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.**

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New Business:

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

Councilman James Turner made a motion to approve the IWORQ software. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor PJ Huggins swore in Gail Armour as the new mayor, she takes her place with the board.

Mayor Gail Armour swore in James Turner, Post 2 and Eddie Palmer, Post 4.

Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to nominate himself as Mayor Pro-tem for 2024. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to re-appoint David Syfan as the Town Attorney for 2024. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to re-appoint Robert Sneed as the Court Judge for 2024. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals. He stated that the Police Department was awarded the Car Seat Mini Grant and will be working with Banks County to keep the children safe in a vehicle. This program will promote education and give car seats and booster seats to those in need.

Public comments: None

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk