

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2024
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

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

The Town Officials had a work session beginning at 6:00pm in which items on the agenda and current projects were discussed: agreement to move Retreat for Officials to July 26th, aggravation with GMA was clearly stated; Banks Co Hazard Mitigation Plan; Mayor Armour went back over everything discussed at the last meeting concerning Banks Co and Habersham Co SPLOST, Apple Pie Ridge line with EPD holdup, Garland White Road line, test well at Caputi Drive; LMIG resurfacing parking lot at City Hall and several roads; all in favor of moving forward on Cedar Creek property sale; all in agreement to hold off on Community Center upgrades and focus on playground upgrades; Mayor Armour passed around several quotes for equipment including handicap swings, but stated she would be getting more quotes; suggestion to get a gazebo, seating areas with benches for the parents and equipment for older children; it was suggested to talk with Clarkesville about Pitts Park equipment; all in agreement to move the festival back to the original date of the first Saturday in June.

Officials went into the regular meeting at 7pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Greg Pruitt. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept the minutes. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

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New Business:

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the Banks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to enter into a closed Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) concerning personnel. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

Officials left the room to enter into the closed Executive Session at 7:10.
Officials came out of the Executive Session at 7:25.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to re-enter the regular meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

Old Business:

After Officials discussed the Cedar Creek property and suggested several local Real Estate Agents, Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to contact three Realtors to look at the property for a potential selling price and then they would choose which to go with. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to table the Community Center upgrades. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Following a discussion of the playground upgrades, it was agreed upon to reach out to the school system and other cities concerning their playground equipment. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to table the playground upgrades for two months until further information and quotes could be gathered. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly totals for the police department. He updated the Officials on the status of several code violations: Guston Street pool issue has 45 days to comply; 398 S Grant Street has person living in crawl space; question of someone living in building on Caputi Drive; stop order cited at 250 Rice Street for the pond being built until EPD gives the clearance and permits are obtained; the track hoe that went down the road to Rice Street only caused minor cosmetic damage.

Public comments: None

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**Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at
7:48pm. Approved by all.**

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**