

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2026
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

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

A work session preceded the meeting at 6pm. Items discussed: Mayor Gail Armour handed out the audit with an overview and summary, not much discussion; CFO Lisa Turner handed out 2025 year to date income statements compared to the budget, she stated that we have TSPLOST and SPLOST funds available for projects; Mayor informed all that Ken Bryant will be doing a cost analysis and coming to talk with officials; she then asked if officials wanted to have the Spring Fling this year, no one responded; councilmember asked why Municode is showing that Audrey Turner is Mayor and Carolyn Cabe is still on council? Reply was that it lists the officials that were here when the Charter was changed; citizen Audrey Turner asked if Ronnie Cantrell had been recognized as being on the council since he passed away? She was told that he had been presented with a plaque of recognition, but couldn't come to the festival to accept it due to being in treatment; Pro-tem Palmer stated that if we are going to proceed with the festival, we need to start working on it; Skylier Coalley was asked if he had an update? He replied that he had monthly mileage totals, they've worked on busted line all day at Garland White, they attended the Atlanta Chemical Spill class and they had three trees down over the weekend; he was asked the status of the meter replacement in which he replied that he has hired a PT employee and they would get back on replacement as soon as possible.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eddie Palmer.

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

Approved by all.

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The minutes of the called meeting on December 29, 2025, were presented for approval. Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Mayor Gail Armour asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman James Turner made a motion swear in Officials first. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Councilman Allen Fox replied he didn't care either way. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer and Councilwoman PJ Huggins opposed. Mayor stated that the agenda had already been approved so she wanted to follow the procedure. After a debate, Mayor Armour made the decision to change up the order and swear in Officials: John Smith was sworn in for Post 1, PJ Huggins left the panel and gave her seat to him, Allen Fox sworn in for Post 3 and Debbie Turner sworn in for Post 5.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to appoint Eddie Palmer as Mayor Pro-tem for 2026. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all. He was sworn in by the Mayor.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to appoint Attorney David Syfan for 2026. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to appoint Judge Robert Sneed for 2026 and 2027. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to exit the meeting and enter into Executive Session pertaining to personnel. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Officials left the room at 7:10pm.

Officials came back into the room at 8:32pm.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to re-enter the meeting. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Gail Armour stated that the position of Interim Supervisor had been offered to Skylier Coalley and he accepted.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey stated that he would email the monthly police totals.

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Public comments:

Margaret Beaupre asked for an update on the tree and road damage issue on Wade Street, Mayor Armour replied that we don't have any more information at this time.

Ramey Nubern, Wheeler Circle, asked if anyone had reached out to Alto concerning annexation.

Amos Smith inquired about the Spring Fling and stated that he would like to help build up the car and motorcycle shows. He also informed the Officials that his wife Stacy is good at getting money for sponsorships.

Margaret Beaupre, Wade St, stated that she walks and brings in work orders for places that are in violation of city code; she asked if the council could each watch over different areas because it shouldn't be up to the citizens to point out issues.

Mayor Armour asked PJ Huggins if she would continue to come to the meetings and be involved.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**