

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
December 09, 2025
Minutes
Work Session 6:00pm**

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, Police Chief
Sean Rogers, Assistant Chief
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session was held at 6pm to discuss current concerns and items on the agenda: Mayor Armour gave encouraging words concerning wisdom from James 3:13-18, envy and strife brings confusion, but truth is wisdom; 2026 Budget is on the agenda; concerning Audit, Mr. Burton stated that all rates need to be raised; meter project is at the half way point, guys have been working diligently on change outs; Mayor suggested to all to listen openly to what we're being told; FCS will increase rates beginning January 2026 from 11.72 to 14.42; Mayor discussed that in keeping a business going, you have to grow and ours is water. Organization brings growth therefore building and developing the water department brings growth; it was suggested to raise water rates to cover the garbage rate increase.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to enter into the Executive Session at this time. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. After a high pressured debate with the Mayor, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Officials left the room for an Executive Session at 6:17pm.

Officials came back into the room at 7:34.

Mayor Armour stated that during the Executive Session, they accepted the resignation from Chief Josh Ivey and appointed Sean Rogers as Interim Chief effective January 14th, 2026.

Mayor Armour proceeded to call the regular meeting to order at 7:36pm. Pro-Tem Eddie Palmer delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to remove item B, Chief Ivey Resignation, from the agenda. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

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Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to remove item C, Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6), from the agenda. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve the agenda with the removals. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes of November 11, 2025 meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to table the 2026 Budget until the Called Meeting to be determined next week. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey thanked the Officials for letting him serve the Town for the last 12 years. He informed them that the PD placed first place in GOHS in the State again.

Assistant Chief Sean Rogers presented the monthly police totals.

Mayor Armour presented a City of Civility plaque from GMA that was adopted by the Town on May 13th. She then expressed her gratitude to PJ Huggins and presented her with an appreciation plaque for her years of service to the Town.

Public Comments: None

Pro-tem Eddie Plamer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**