

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2025
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
Sean Rogers, Assistant Chief
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk
Absent: Chief Josh Ivey**

The Town Officials had a work session beginning at 6:00pm in which items on the agenda and current projects were discussed: Brandalin Carnes from Hab Co Commission's Office sent an email requesting the Officials to choose one of the candidates (William Spencer Carr or Lawrence Bridges) for the GMRC appointment for the private sector. All agreed for Lawrence Bridges; Mayor Armour proceeded with encouraging words concerning authority, pride, responsibility and trust; Habersham County has asked for a project list to be submitted by the end of June for the SPLOST VIII: Radio Maintenance, replace vehicles and upgrade system for GCIC was listed for Public Safety; Storage tank with monitor system and upgrade infrastructure was put under Water; under Capital Outlay was to sell shop at 301 McDaniel and build a public works/water building; Habersham County is planning on 22 acres on lower end for an Industrial Park that the Town needs to get ready to be able to supply water to; during the storms, four generators didn't kick on when the power went out, SCADA would've alerted this issue, therefore proving how beneficial it would be to install; GMA is recognizing Town for the City of Civility on June 23rd at the convention in Savannah, Mayor asked if anyone could go to accept it...no one agreed due to the distance and cost; County Judge will no longer hear any animal control cases leaving the issue to be resolved by the Town. IGA expires June 30th, at this time an alternative solution will have to be found; suggestions were to hire/swear in an officer to handle animal control and bring cases to Alto court; Mayor Armour thanked everyone that participated and helped with the festival; trees were down all over Town from the storms that are being cleaned up; a tractor trailer went down McDaniel Street and got stuck on Rice Street which resulted in the road being busted up. SCC has been contacted and is coming out to repair the damage; it was suggested to send someone in house to be certified as a Code Enforcer since the Town does not have one at this time.

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Officials went into the regular meeting at 7pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation was delivered by Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the May 13, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the minutes. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

New Business:

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to proceed with gathering more information on the discussed potential project list for the SPLOST VIII to be submitted. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Assistant Chief Sean Rogers stated that he would get the monthly totals to them at a later date. He suggested putting up “NO TRUCKS” sign at the beginning of McDaniel before they cross the tracks to avoid further issues with tractor trailers. Councilman Fox inquired on the status of the new software. CFO Lisa Turner stated that she is conversing with the technician concerning the format for the Chart of Accounts that is at a holdup right now.

Public comments: None

Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk