

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
December 08, 2020
Minutes
(Work Session 5:30pm)**

Those in attendance:

**Audrey Turner, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
Carolyn Cabe, Council Post 1
James Turner, Council Post 2
Allen Fox, Council Post 3
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Lisa Turner, CFO
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session preceded the meeting in which projects and the 2021 Budget was discussed. Some recommendations were: new upgraded software to improve functions of transactions and reports that work together for all departments, electronic water meter system to proceed to be integrated, cost of living raises for PD adding another FT officer, new water truck and efficient tools along with the basic purchases for daily operations in all departments. JOC contractor projects were discussed and questions were raised concerning the high cost compared to the actual amount approved by GEMA. Concerns were stated about the financial reports and it was suggested that help be brought in.

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on December 08, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered and lead by Eddie Palmer.

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Mayor Turner presented the first reading of the 2021 Elections Ordinance. Seats on the ballot will be Post 1 held by Carolyn Cabe, Post 3 held by Allen Fox and Post 5 held by PJ Huggins. Qualifying will be August 16-20, 2021. Election will be

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November 2, 2021. Each is for a 4 year term from January 2022 through December 2025.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to approve the End of the Year Bonus for Employees, the same as previous year: (40 hour-FT and average hours worked-PT). Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business:

Gordian projects were discussed during the work session. CFO Lisa Turner stated that they would be calling tomorrow at 2 and it was suggested to change that call to a Zoom conference call so Officials could be in on it and it would be recorded.

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly police totals.

Mayor Turner informed everyone that the Christmas dinner would probably be in January on Wednesday, court day so the Judge could attend. The Christmas event has been canceled due to COVID.

A public hearing will be held on December 29th for the budget and then it will be adopted in January.

Public comments: None

Councilwoman Carolyn Cabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk