

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
February 11, 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
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Sean Rogers, Officer
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session was held at 6:00 concerning current issues and projects: Mayor Armour opened with encouraging words from Proverbs and Psalms that give direction for going forward with strength and success. She stressed that we should build on what we already have for the community. Town should strive to continue to have clean water and a place for families to go to and enjoy; Apple Pie Ridge project is going into phase 2; Lamar Rogers with Turnipseed Engineers presented the Officials with suggestions to help improve and maintain the efficiency of the water system: SCADA was recommended to manage water levels/storage in which no one would have to be at work 24/7. Building a new tank will be very expensive, suggested water modeling, a hydraulic system with software that would be helpful. Master meters and Diamond Maps were also discussed; Mayor Armour informed Officials of the SS4A (Safe streets and Roads) meeting she attended with Habersham County and encouraged all to go to the next one if possible; Banks County is also hosting a meeting concerning safety and roads that they will be attending; Suggestions were made for a pedestrian crossing and sidewalks in front of Alto Grocery.

Mayor Gail Armour called the regular meeting to order. Eddie Palmer delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to accept the minutes from the County/Cities joint called meeting on January 22 and regular meeting on January 14, 2025. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

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New Business:

Mayor Armour presented the first reading of the required updated GMA ROW Ordinance and GMA Utility ROW Encroachment Permit. This is mandatory and will be adopted at the next meeting.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly Police totals and Probation reports.

Public comments: None

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**