

**Town of Alto  
Regular Meeting  
March 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  
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR  
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk  
Absent: Josh Ivey, Chief of Police**

**A work session was held at 6:00 concerning current issues and projects: Mayor Gail Armour opened the work session with encouraging words from Psalms 84:11 and several other scriptures stating that we are all servants and should be using what we have and being responsible; she then went over the GMA ROW Ordinance and the Safety Action Summit meeting with the County and Cities where they're pushing round abouts; the SCADA was discussed and recommended to improve the water system; Mayor wanted Officials to think about where the Town would be and what would be needed in 10 years for the growth that's coming; she has spoken with Mr. Whealler about the possibility of leasing some of his property for a potential tank site, he was in favor; meeting with Banks County was concerning the railroad and discussing other ways for Emergency vehicles and residents to get out if the train was stopped blocking the way; Mayor presented 3 quotes to the Officials for the fencing around the playground. She would like them to make a decision so this project can be completed for the safety and enjoyment of the children. There were more questions from each member and no decision was made. They wanted her to call contractors and ask more questions and to check on the State pricing for governments/schools therefore delaying any progress; Mayor Armour was asked why she had the 3 way stop signs put up at Cornwall/Guston without telling them? She stated that the Safety Coordinator recommended this for safety reasons therefore there was no reason to put a delay on it since there is a speeding issue in the area and the number of residents that walk need to feel safe; the new water truck is still in the shop waiting for parts to come in.**

**The meeting was then 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. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

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

**New Business:**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adopt the GMA ROW Ordinance / GMA Utility ROW Encroachment Permit. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to table the fence project pending more information. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

**Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:** None

**Public comments:**

Resident Margaret Beaupre inquired about the status of the turn-about previously discussed at the end of Wade St? Mayor Armour stated that the Council wasn't in favor of the idea and there was more involved than originally thought. Mrs. Beaupre is very concerned about the narrow road where 2 cars can't pass and the dead end where vehicles turn around in the driveways and yards. There is also a potential hazard with the tree that has grown into the roadway that needs to be addressed and blind spots that are dangerous. Mrs. Beaupre then addressed the Council with her concern of the hostility she was seeing and feeling in the work session. She was very disappointed that the Officials were disrespectful to the Mayor and anyone could tell they were not trying to work together for the good of the Town.

Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers  
Town Clerk