

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2026
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

**Gail Armour, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
John Smith, Post 1
James Turner, Post 2
Allen Fox, Post 3
Debbie Turner, Post 5
Sean Rogers, Chief of Police
Skylier Coalley, Supervisor
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session preceded the meeting at 6:00pm to discuss current issues: Mayor Armour informed the Council that Ken Bryant is working on a draft proposal, when it's complete he will set a meeting up; Alex Robinson with Partnership with Habersham, addressed the Council concerning sponsoring a Town Hall meeting that would promote ESPLOST to the public; agreement was for May 14th 5:30 – 7pm; CFO Lisa Turner handed out and explained balance sheets, income statements and 2025 budget amendment; Pro-tem Palmer relayed to the Officials that he has been asked if the Town would sell the strip of land next to his property for a small building to be put there. Council replied it would be considered; potential dangerous trees on BC Grant Road will be removed from the curve and the big tree on Wade St has been removed; Mayor stated that a dump truck with a removable back spreader and a front scrap has been looked at for possible purchase from the County; when asked, Supervisor Coalley said everything is going smooth at this time.

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. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to approve. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.
Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the March 10, 2026, 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.**

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New Business:

Mayor Gail Armour announced that Sean Rogers has assumed the role as Chief of Police effective immediately. She recognized him for his outstanding, dedicated service to the Town. He brings to the table experience with exceptional leadership, integrity and commitment to protect and serve our community with high priority for the public's safety.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adopt the 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to table the 2026 Budget Proposal Resolution due to a correction needed. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Concerning the 2026 Budget Amendment Resolution, Mayor Armour stated that this has been tabled twice and if an item is tabled three times in a quarter, it dies. Councilman James Turner made a motion to table this item; no second, so motion dies. CFO Lisa Turner stated that since the motion died, it has to be re-introduced, but the 2026 Budget Proposal should be adopted first and then the amendment. Councilman James Turner made a motion to table. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to exit the meeting and enter into an Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6) concerning personnel. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Officials left the room and went into the Executive Session at 7:14pm.
Officials came back into the room at 8:24pm.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to re-enter the meeting. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayor Armour stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Sean Rogers presented the monthly PD and Probation totals.

Public comments:

Margaret Beaupre, 426 Wade St, stated her appreciation for the big tree removal near her house. She stressed that it made such a huge difference in safety. Mrs. Beaupre then asked about the noise ordinance due to very loud music being played

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all the time. It is so loud that you can't enjoy sitting outside or even hear your tv inside. She asked if they could do something about this. Councilman Fox pulled up the ordinance and stated that the ordinance is clear with time limits and 100 feet boundaries; PD has the power with it. Chief Rogers told her to call dispatch when it's happening so they can send officers out to take care of it.

**Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Councilman John Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at
8:34pm. Approved by all.**

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**