

**Town of Alto  
Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2026  
Minutes  
Work Session 6:00pm**

**Those in attendance:**

**Gail Armour, Mayor  
Eddie Palmer, 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, Water/PW Supervisor  
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR  
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

**A work session was held at 6pm. Discussions were: Mayor announced that Ga EPD has issued a Level 1 Drought and wants everyone to be aware of their water usage so it does not continue to Level 2; pictures of work done in BC Grant well was presented showing improvements from wear and tear and chemical erosion; John Smith asked if anything has been done about the bad smell that has been lingering. Mayor stated that they're investigating it., clerk replied that a locate came through from the Mill for a repair on the sewer main , so they're working on it; CFO Lisa Turner handed out the 2026 budget proposal and went over it; Mayor Armour asked for input concerning the strip of land donated to the Town on Caputi Dr. Someone is interested in purchasing it. After a discussion, all were in agreement to advertise bids with a minimum of \$3500, buyer will consume all cost and it will be stated that the lot is undevelopable.; CFO was asked why payroll expenses in water increased, she stated that there are 3 FT employees in the office now instead of 2.**

**The regular 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. Councilman James Turner asked if they had an issue with an employee, could they go into Executive Session. Mayor Armour stated it has to be advertised so they could have one at the next meeting. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman John Smith seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

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**New Business:**

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the 2026 Budget Proposal Resolution. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Councilman John Smith approved, Councilman James Turner opposed, Councilwoman Debbie Turner opposed. Majority ruled, motion passed.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the 2026 Budget Amendment Resolution. No second, motion died.

Councilman James Turner made a motion to move forward with the sale of the strip of property on Caputi Drive with the stipulation that bids start at \$3500 and it doesn't cost the Town anything; the buyer will cover all costs. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

**Old Business: None**

**Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:**

Chief Sean Rogers presented the monthly police and probation totals.

**Public comments:**

Margaret Beaupre, Wade Street, voiced her concern about the loud music that continues past the allowed time according to the noise ordinance. She had to call dispatch again, Officers came out, but it started again 30 minutes after they left. This goes on until about 1:30 am. Ramey Nubern, Wheeler Circle, stated that it was in his area as well. Chief Sean Rogers replied that he went out as well and they are trying to resolve this issue. Code Enforcement has gone out and spoken to one of the individuals.

Mayor Armour announced a public awareness concerning the Level 1 Drought that Georgia EPD has issued. This is a request for all citizens to be watching their usage so perhaps it won't go to Level 2. She also talked about flyers for children to learn about water usage.

Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman John Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers  
Town Clerk