

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

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
Skylier Coalley, W-PW Supervisor
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on July 14, 2026 preceded by a work session at 6:00pm in which they discussed agenda items: Mayor Armour handed out copies of the 2025 Audit. She gave an overview of the Town's financial position and operations compared to 2024; Habersham Co IGA Amendment for Animal Control was modified so any citations/fines will come into the Town instead of the County; Habersham Co FLOST will be on the ballot and may or may not pass in the November elections; the resolution on Virtual Participation in Municipal Council Meetings was discussed; Banks Co just sent us the 2027 SPLOST Resolution that has to be adopted in order to get it on the ballot, this will need to be added to the agenda; Mayor Armour informed the Officials that she has been in contact with Anson Whealler, owner of the property on Cornelia/Gainesville Highway. She said he would possibly consider leasing some for a tank. He's coming in September and can meet to discuss this. She asked the Officials to consider this option. Owner will only sell all of the parcel, not a portion of it. There were concerns about leasing and putting a tank there; a handout sheet with incentives to annex into the city was discussed for future possible annexations; animal control and software was briefly commented on.

The meeting was then called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation was delivered by Pro-tem Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented for approval. Mayor Armour stated that 2027 Banks County SPLOST Resolution needed to be added to the agenda under Old Business. She asked for a motion to add it. Councilman James Turner made a motion to add it. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

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Mayor Armour then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman John Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of June 25, 2026, called meeting were presented for approval. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to approve. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the Habersham County Amendment to IGA for Animal Control Provision. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to adopt the Habersham County FLOST Resolution. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to adopt the Resolution on Virtual Participation in Municipal Council Meetings. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business:

Councilman James Turner made a motion to adopt the 2027 Banks County SPLOST Resolution. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Sean Rogers presented monthly Police Department and Probation totals. Skylier Coalley informed the Officials of the break at the prison facility on Wright Street that has to be repaired.

Robert Gutowski introduced himself to the Officials as the Building Official/Code Enforcer. He informed them of several violation letters being sent out. He then gave updates on several pending violations and answered questions from the Officials.

Public comments: None

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Councilman James Turner made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at
7:19 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk