

**Town of Alto  
Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2017  
Minutes  
(Work Session 6:30pm)**

**Those in attendance:**

**Audrey Turner, Mayor  
Mike Ivie, Council Post 3  
Eddie Palmer, Council Post 4  
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5  
Josh Ivey, Police Chief  
Lisa Turner, Finance Officer**

**Absent:**

**Carolyn Cabe, Mayor Pro-tem  
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk  
Joe Davidson, Building Inspector**

**A work session preceded the meeting to discuss all current projects. The Mayor and Council reviewed the previous Comprehensive Plan and discussed changes to the upcoming Habersham County Comprehensive Plan. Officials discussed upcoming events.**

**The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on November 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Eddie Palmer.**

**The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor Audrey Turner added “c. Modify Holiday Pay in Employee Handbook” under New Business. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Councilman Mike Ivie seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Mike Ivie seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

**New Business:**

**First on the agenda was the second reading of the Derelict and Blighted Property Ordinance. The Officials reviewed the changes made by Town Attorney David Syfan. Councilman Mike Ivie made the motion to adopt the ordinance with the changes made by David Syfan. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

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The next item was the investment in Habersham EDC Partnership for Growth. Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to send the EDC the \$750.00 investment. Councilman Mike Ivie seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

The Officials discussed the holiday pay for all employees. It was decided to replace the existing floating holiday with Martin Luther King Day and to add the Veterans Day holiday to the Employee Handbook. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to amend the Employee Handbook to reflect these changes. Councilman Mike Ivie seconded the motion. **Approved by all.**

Officials discussed the Christmas dinner for all officials, employees and their families. Dinner will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Lodge Montagna. All were encouraged to attend.

Mayor Audrey Turner thanked Thomason Construction and Mr. Al Thomason for their sponsorship at the annual GMRC meeting held on December 1, 2017. She also thanked Habersham County Chamber of Commerce for their support for the annual GMRC meeting and the Alto Community Tree Lighting held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. She and the Council appreciated the support from the Habersham County Commissioners and the attendance by Chairman Victor Anderson and his wife. Mayor Turner also thanked the Council and the employees for their hard work and support in making the Alto Community Tree Lighting such a successful event.

**Old Business:** None

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

Chief Josh Ivey reviewed the monthly Police Department totals with the Mayor and Council. He also requested permission to add another telephone line into the Police Department. Mayor Turner told him to check with Windstream and Ansley Communications for options. She also told him to check on surveillance equipment for the Police Department and City Hall since there had been an increase in activity.

**Public comments:** None

Councilman Mike Ivie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

**Approved by all.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa K. Turner  
Assistant Town Clerk