

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2018
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

**Audrey Turner, Mayor
Carolyn Cabe, Mayor Pro-tem
Mike Ivie, Council Post 3
Eddie Palmer, Council Post 4
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5
Joe Davidson, Building Inspector
Josh Ivey, Police Chief
Lisa Turner, Finance Officer
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

A work session was held at 6:30 concerning current projects of remodeling the two purchased buildings for City Hall and PD. A public hearing was open at 6:45pm in which Finance Officer Lisa Turner discussed the 2018 budget. The meeting was then called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Eddie Palmer.

**The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor Turner stated that request to add alcohol sales to ballot, needed to be added. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept. Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion.
Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Mike Ivie made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.
Approved by all.**

New Business:

Bicentennial Committee Representative Phil Sutton invited Officials to attend all events up to the 200th Anniversary celebration. He also asked for ideas and sponsorships. Trudy Wade informed everyone that she is working on the book committee of the area history. They intend to have it finished by July. She handed out the example for the Officials to read and make suggestions and to contact her within a week.

Attorney Wink Verdery, representative of Alto Grocery, requested the Council to consider putting retail alcohol sales on the ballot for citizens to vote on. Mayor Turner stated that information is being gathered and they will get back with them. Councilman Mike Ivie made a motion to table this matter. Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe

seconded the motion.
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Approved by all.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept the Banks County Roads and Bridges SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of GMA Legislative Policy regarding Opposing Deannexation Legislation to Create New Municipalities. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey presented the monthly Police totals. He stated that they signed with Cornelia for Probation making collections much better. The PD will be changing to a more sufficient software for department and the cars. He informed the Officials that a company going out of business has donated items to Town such as desks, tables, etc., they just have to go pick them up.

Building Official Joe Davidson informed the Officials that the intended stove for the new PD couldn't be used, but an oven and microwave is fine.

Mayor Turner stated that Thomason Construction had turned in the proposal for the new entrance of S Grant Street; Officials also considering continuing Armour Street down to new City Hall and possibly closing Wash Street.

It was declared that a Called Meeting would be February 27th at 4:30pm to adopt budget.

Public comments:

Resident Kenneth Caudell of Cook Street informed the Officials that he is an architect if they needed his assistance.

Resident Margaret Beaupre of Wade Street voiced her concerns for the continual loud music from her neighbors and the dog problem in her area. She was told to call 911 when the issue is occurring so they can come out and catch them.

Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers
Town Clerk