

**Town of Alto  
Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2016  
Minutes**

**Those in attendance:**

**Audrey Turner, Mayor  
Carolyn Cabe, Mayor Pro-tem  
John Closs, Council Post 2  
Eddie Palmer, Council Post 4  
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5  
Tim Vaughan, Police Chief  
Joe Davidson, Building Official  
Lisa Turner, Finance Officer  
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

**The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on July 12, 2016 preceded by a work session at 6:30pm to discuss current projects and a public hearing at 6:45pm. The public hearing was to present the zoning ordinance and map to the public for input. No public was present so Attorney David Syfan suggested to carry hearing into regular meeting for extra 10 minutes in case anyone comes in late. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Joe Davidson.**

**The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Mayor Turner stated that extending public hearing into the meeting for 10 minutes before doing zoning ordinance and (e) Revise Signature cards, needed to be added under New Business. Pro tem Carolyn Cabe made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

**The minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman John Closs seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

**New Business:**

**The first item under New Business was the Zoning Public Hearing. Attorney David Syfan opened the hearing for the proposal of the Zoning Ordinance and Map for those that want to speak in favor of or in opposition against. No one came forth to speak, but the hearing remained opened. During this extra 10 minute window, Police Chief Tim Vaughan addressed the officials with current monthly activities. They discussed vehicles, safety vests, fireworks and chicken issues. Attorney Syfan**

re-opened the floor for anyone to speak concerning the zoning, but no one  
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came forth. He then closed the hearing. Councilman John Closs made a motion to adopt the Zoning Ordinance and Map. Pro tem Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion.  
Approved by all.

Following this was the Habesham EDC. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to table until the August meeting . Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.  
Approved by all.

Next, Pro tem Carolyn Cabe made a motion to transfer funds from Water to General in the amount of \$30,000. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion.  
Approved by all.

The first presentation of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance was put before the officials. Attorney Syfan explained that the State of Georgia is seeking more control to reduce the sediment going into rivers, lakes and creeks caused by land disturbing projects during the water war currently going with surrounding areas/states. EPD mandated the ordinance and cities are expected to adopt it. It will be adopted at the August meeting.

With the resignation of previous Mayor Pro-tem Margaret Beaupre and the appointment of current Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe, signature cards have to be revised at UCB and SEFCU for each town account. Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to proceed with revision. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion.  
Approved by all.

**Old Business:** None

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

This was addressed during wait period for the public hearing as stated above.

**Public comments:** None

Pro Tem Carolyn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.  
Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Penny Rogers  
Town Clerk

