

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2017
Minutes**

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
Joe Davidson, Building Official
Lisa Turner, Finance Officer
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

Absent: Carolyn Cabe

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on August 8, 2017 preceded by the usual work session for current projects and items on the agenda. Councilman Eddie Palmer brought the officials up to speed on the meetings he has attended concerning the upcoming Habersham County 200th year anniversary. The invocation was delivered by Joe Davidson.

The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Mike Ivie made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

The first item under New Business was the Habersham County Comprehensive Plan/Bicentennial Committee. Commissioners Andrea Harper and Stacy Hall addressed and encouraged the officials to get involved in the Comprehensive Plan planning to be in effect in October 2018. Director of planning, Mike Beecham requested for the Town to send a couple of representatives to the meetings to serve on the board. Phil Sutton encouraged participation in the 200th Anniversary celebration for the County by promoting it in any events we may have before then. December 2018 is the actual celebration.

The demolition of the 236 South Grant Street property was discussed next. After examination of the proposals, Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the bid from S-D Solutions with the stipulation of putting removal of any asbestos in

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**writing in the contract and they send documents to the state. Bids are attached.
Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.**

Old Business: None

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys:

Chief Josh Ivey went over the monthly police totals.

Officials discussed the upcoming eclipse on August 21st and stated that City Hall will be closed. The schools are also closed due to a high volume of visitors to this area. Habersham and Rabun are two of the top spots in the country to view the event. Motels and campsites are already sold out according to County Commissioner Stacy Hall. Residents are even renting out their homes for a very favorable amount.

Public comments: None

**Councilman Mike Ivie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.
Approved by all.**

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**