

**Town of Alto
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2016
Minutes
(Work Session 6:30pm)**

Those in attendance:

**Audrey Turner, Mayor
Carolyn Cabe, Mayor Pro-tem
Eddie Palmer, Council Post 4
PJ Huggins, Council Post 5
Tim Vaughan, Police Chief
Joe Davidson, Building Inspector
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk
Those absent: John Closs, Lisa Turner, Gary Kimbral**

The Alto Town Council held the regular council meeting on September 13, 2016 following the work session in which current projects were discussed. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Audrey Turner. The invocation was delivered by Joe Davidson.

Due to the tardiness of an Official, which left no quorum to vote, Mayor Turner turned meeting over to Habersham County Chamber representatives to present the ESPLOST V. Judy Taylor, Wade Rhodes, and School Superintendent Cooper stated how critical this investment is for the Education of the kids. It is not a new tax, it's already in place and will be continued for the next five year period. They ask officials to get the word out to their citizens concerning this addition to the ballot in the upcoming election.

Public comments:

Resident Cheri Lee Simon at 439 Grant Street thanked the officials for what they are currently doing to improve the Town and raise property values. She inquired if they would consider classifying Alto as a silent Town during the evening and night hours from the trains blowing their horns waking her up. She already checked on it and stated that it only takes filling out a few forms. Officials were concerned about this for safety reasons, but Mayor Turner replied that it would be checked on. Ms. Simon then asked if they were planning on making the Town more walker friendly with sidewalks. The Mayor informed her that this had already been looked into and a grant is needed and property owners have to give right of way for sidewalks. This is a possibility in the future for some areas.

Recommendation from Officers, Departments and Attorneys:

Chief Tim Vaughan handed out monthly police totals; Crime cases down 5%,

**drug cases up 200%. Purchased vests and power light from grant, need radars.
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A quorum is now present with the arrival of Mayor Pro-tem Cabe , so officials can proceed to do business. The agenda was presented for approval. Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe seconded the motion. Approved by all.

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Eddie Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilwoman PJ Huggins seconded the motion. Approved by all.

New Business:

ESPLOST V was already discussed.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to adopt the FTA & Code 40 Ordinance. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Carolyn Cabe made a motion to accept the revised Special Elections Ordinance. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to adopt the Amended Budget. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: None

Councilwoman PJ Huggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**