

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
December 19th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on December 19th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included, Shannon Duck, Maggin Edwards, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Lindsay Mothershed, Jackie Stearns, Stephanie Stepney, Easterling Carpenter and Logan Geer
Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:03 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Mayor Davenport:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	absent

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:
Financial reports for November 2023
Overtime Reports
Minutes of the November 20th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor announced that Avenu Insights will not be attending this meeting, however rescheduled for the February 20th meeting to present a proposal for collecting our sales tax revenue rather than the Department of Revenue.

Mayor read in full Resolution 2023-12-001 regarding the use fo ARPA funds to pay for our sidewalk project in the near future.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12-001 on December 19th was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Mayor read the Water Management Service Incorporation agreement and gave Council the option to accept for 1 year or 3.

A motion to go into contract for 3 years with Alabama Rural Water was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (3 yea, Goodwin absent, Stepney nay). Motion passes.

Mayor read the Water Management Inc. Services agreement for 2024 which increases the Water Works budget expense for that line item by \$10,000.

A motion to adjust the Water Works budget by \$10,000 yea, Goodwin absent, Stepney nay). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Mayor announced the 2024 lease agreement with the youth ball league has been signed.

Mayor also reminded the Council that the HVAC unit in the concession stand has been replaced and the board room HVAC has been repaired for a total of \$5,585.

Mayor invited the Council and local businesses or citizens to attend a webinar with Main Street Alabama on January 10th @ 3 pm.

Mayors Comments: Mayor announced the League webinar on Tuesday January 9th at 10 am. Shannon Duck offered to register any Council member interested in attending to learn what the auditor expects from local government.

Internet /Public Comments:

Council Comments:

A motion to increase the Fire Department budget from \$1500 to \$2000 for the purchase of a fridge and stove was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Councilor Stepney asked that we look into the audio on our facebook lives because she has been told the sound is spotty.

Councilor Stepney also announced that the PD is doing a Santa "laws" event for children in need of toys for the holiday. She asked the community let us know if you have anyone who is in need.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members

