

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; PJ Duke with Patterson and Duke Accountants, Valarie Ward, Daniel with Tallapoosa Publishers, Jennifer Lyle-Mattox, Carolyn Jones, Floyd Macom, Brittney Evans, Lindsey Mothershed, Verdie Nummy, Brenda Thomas, Wade Jones, Chris George, Debbie Davenport, Minnie Johnson, Sonia Taylor, Chief Head, Officers Thornton, Brooks and Lindsey and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Council member Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by the Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	David Goodwin	absent (1)
	Carmen Winslett	present
There was a quorum.	Stephanie Stepney	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for January, 2020

Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting

Resolution 2020-02-001 for the Renewal of the Town Line of Credit for 2019 was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-02-001 as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-02-002 for the Renewal of the Town Line of Credit for 2020 was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-02-002 as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-02-003 to Oppose Senate Bill 57 was introduced by Mayor Davenport. A motion to dispense with the reading and call for a vote to approve as written was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next a motion to approve the Audit of physical year 2019 as presented by PJ Duke with the auditing firm Patterson and Duke P.C. was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the purchase of a sewer pump at a cost of \$28,000 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

The 2020 Census begins March 3, 2020. Representatives will be at the March 14, 2020 Trade Days to answer questions and help the public. The Library will be the contact point for the Town for assistance.

A motion to allow CARPDC to pursue grant applications for the 2020 year was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next Mayor Davenport informed Council he had received a purchase price for the Johnson pecan orchid of \$50,000. A motion to approve the purchase of the pecan orchid at a cost of \$50,000 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport brought forth the proposed Departmental Advisory Board. A motion to approve the creation of a Departmental Advisory Board to aid in supervision and advise Town Council as previously set forth was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0). Appointed members of this board were Lindsey Mothershed, Floyd Macom, Brittney Evans, Valarie Ward and Chris George.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head- Chief Head introduced the Town's newest officer Elizabeth Lizenby who will be bringing her police dog as well as training a new police dog with Officer Thornton.

Next, Chief Head introduced a proposal and quote for the lease of 3 new Tahoe. Mayor Davenport explained funds for this purchase had been included in the 2020 budget. A motion to enter into a 5 year lease to own agreement for 3 new Tahoe at a cost of \$27,438 per year was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the purchase of a kennel roof and cover for Officer Thornton's dog was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey – no report

EMS- Director Taylor- no report

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – meals are getting better

Library- Librarian Coker – Betty is doing better but is still out. Terry and April Aldridge presented the Library with a picture painted by Mrs. Aldridge.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Events – Council member Winslett –

- The EYFCL – Spring Fun Run Fundraiser has been set for May 16, 2020.
- The next 2020 ACF meeting will be Tuesday February 25 at 6:00.
- Trade Days March 14 will feature the 2020 Census with officials on site that day.
- EYBO Opening Day – March 21, 2020 – Parade begins at 8:00 am – Park dedication and opening ceremonies begin around 8:45/9:00.
- Trade Days and a Community Yard Sale are set for April 4 – 8:00 'til 1:00
- Community Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4 - 2:00 pm. at Aaron Park

Public Works/Parks and Recs. –

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – Next meeting February 20 at 6:00.

Industrial Development Board – Chairman Pack – waiting for sale of property.

Business Relations Committee – on hold

Old Business:

Mayor Davenport reported that:

- Panther Palace bumpers have not been delivered by the county.
- Speed signs and posts have not come in yet.

Mayor Comments:

- The Town surplus property auction went well making approximately \$4700.
- The Town has entered into an contract with Greg Fender to negotiate the Town's franchise agreements.
- Employee reviews have been completed and went well. A call for a Special Called Council Meeting on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom for the purpose of reviewing matters from the Employee reviews was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. All agreed.
- It is time for Council to file their Statement of Economic Interest reports.
- A motion to enter into a 3 year contract with Patterson and Duke P.C. to conduct the annual Town audit was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Public Comments: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion passed (5-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

