

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MAY 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Minnie Johnson, Jane Golden, Alan Nummy, Annie Marshall - Tristatz, James Taylor, Carmen Winslett, Lee Tucker, Ricky Marshall, Chief Head, Shannon Duck – assistant clerk, and other employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:04 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

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
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
All were present.	David Goodwin	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for April 2022

Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to be careful with the new Coronavirus variants.

The second reading of Ordinance 2022-001 regarding Sewer Installation, Connection and Use was conducted by Mayor Davenport. Council member Mothershed asked for clarification regarding the wording within the policy which was answered and explained by Sewer Operator Steve McDonald.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-001 regarding Sewer Installation, Connection and Use policy was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0-1 abstention).

The first reading of the revised Police Department Policy #17 regarding Extra-Duty, Off-Duty or Secondary Employment was read by Mayor Davenport. Second reading and vote will be held at next month's Council meeting

Resolution 2022-05-001 to Convert Two Trucks into a Fire Department Brush Truck was read by Council member Stepney. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-001 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-05-002 for the use and expenditure of the ARPA Fire Department grant was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-002 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-05-003 for the "Sales Tax Holiday" was introduced by Mayor Davenport. Motion to forgo with reading Resolution 2022-05-003 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0). Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-003 as presented was

made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport stated that the Town had put together a plan for the pecan orchard project in order to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Mayor Davenport went over the recommendations received and the proposed cost estimates. The design was on display.

Resolution 2022-05-004 for the Pecan Orchard Park ADECA/Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-004 as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-05-005 for "Phase 1" Extension of the Sewer Line was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-005 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-05-006 for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program was introduced by Mayor Davenport. Motion to forgo with reading Resolution 2022-05-006 due to the annual renewing of this resolution was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-05-006 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next item of business was the introduction and approval of the proposed budget for the 2nd tranche of ARPA Funds. Funds are due in the month of June. Motion to approve the proposed budget for the ARPA Funds was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

At the April regular meeting of the Planning Commission there was a request to build a 12,000 square foot retail business in the Downtown Historical area. After having heard from the public at 2 meetings and given the cost to the Town it is the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission that this proposal NOT be allowed at this location.

A motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and so move that the proposed development at the corner of Kowaliga Road and East Collins NOT be allowed at this location was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport then asked Council to entertain the idea that the Town spearhead the purchase of this property allowing it to regulate the development so that this location might remain true to its historic nature. He went on to state that several individuals are interested in portions of the property but the family would like to sale it as a whole. Council asked for a meeting to be set with the interested parties and letters of intent be signed. The issue was tabled until such time more details could be worked out.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head –

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy

EMS- Sonia Taylor – given by Alan Nummy

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – Has had a busy month

Library- Betty Coker – read by Mayor – Starting Summer Program

Water Works- Betty Stroud –report given by James Taylor

Sewer- George – Steve McDonald had given a detailed report at the Work session

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – read by Mayor

Events – Carmen Winslett – Has filed for a Grant with the State for the ACF – ACF plans are going well, just need volunteers

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Ricky Marshall has agreed to take the supervisor position – He will operate on a 6-month probation period and then review the position – looking to get inmate help again for the summer.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – There will not be a meeting for May.

Old Business:

- In regard to the tree at 140 First Avenue, a motion to remove the tree was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion failed (2-3).
A motion to trim the tree was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (4-1).

Mayors Comments:

- Mayor Davenport stated that due to a holiday in June the regular Council meeting would need to be rescheduled for Tuesday June 21.
- A Time Capsule Reveal had to be postponed due to the fact that it has not been located at this time. The Town is asking anyone with knowledge of the Time Capsule at Panther Palace Park to please let Town Hall know.
- Eclectic Cleanup Day/ Elmore County's Spring Cleanup went well and had 3 groups working around Town.
- Eclectic the Beautiful May Market was very well attended and a big success.
- Mayor Davenport asked Council to allow all surplus vehicles to be sold by sealed bid and all miscellaneous items be sold at auction. A motion to approve such sale was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Internet /Public Comments: NONE

Council Comments: NONE

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

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (8:40).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

