

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
DECEMBER 20, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on December 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included William Scott–Tristatz, Chris Savage-Kinetic, Gardner Cameron-Boy Scouts, Tony Thomas, Betty Stroud, James Taylor, Sonia Taylor, Jimmy Nolen, Alan Nummy, Brenda Thomas, Minnie Johnson, Betty Coker, Officers Thornton and Lyles, Chief Head, Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:22 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
There was a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for November 2021
Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Town’s Coronavirus Pandemic situation stating that the number of cases remains high and encouraging everyone to be careful and prayerful. In addition, Mayor Davenport introduced William Scott with Tristatz. A motion to approve the hiring of Tristatz to aid the Town with Federal relief funds as stated in the purposed contract was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Gardner Cameron was present to present his purposed Eagle Scout project at Panther Palace. A motion to approve the project as purposed was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Council member Reed called for an adjustment to the agenda. Mayor Davenport introduced Chris Savage with Kinetic who explained the company’s proposal for fiber optic internet service for the Town departments. Council member Stepney asked why the new Sewer facility was not included. Mayor Davenport stated it was not needed at that facility. Assistant Clerk Shannon Duck stated that no changes were made at this time, but could be added as needed. Council member Goodwin inquired as to WIFI service in the Town and was told it would not change. Mayor Davenport told Council this would be a revenue neutral change.

A motion to table the approval of the 2022 Budget until Council can hold a Special Called meeting was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to suspend the rules of consideration was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. Roll Call vote was unanimous. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the purchase of new Police radios (XG75) in conjunction with Elmore County at a cost of \$28,000.00 to be paid from the Town General fund 2021 retained earnings was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to suspend the rules of consideration was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Mothershed. Roll Call vote was unanimous. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the purchase of 10 sets of Fire Department turnout gear from the State approved supplier, H-GAC, at a cost of \$31,200.00 to be paid from the Town General fund 2021 retained earnings was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to proceed with joining the Elmore County Commission to negotiate for county wide garbage service was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Before voting Council member Goodwin inquired as to;

who would be negotiating? Members of the Elmore County Commission.

Will the Eclectic Town Council have the right to review and/or reject the final contract if they so see fit. Yes

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – given by Officer Thornton

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy

EMS- Sonia Taylor – not present

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson –

Library- Betty Coker –

Water Works- James Taylor –

Sewer- George – not present –

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – not present

Events – Mayor – Holiday Fest was rained out

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Busy working on curbs, sidewalks and drainage issues. Council member Mothershed inquired as to bids for sidewalk repairs. Council member Goodwin asked if there was a closing date. Mayor Davenport stated that the bids received were varied due to lack of job specifications. He will work on that after the first of the year. Public will also be working on drain lines on Nichols Avenue and Sunset. There was a brief discussion about in regard to leadman and pay scale for public works.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – There will be no meeting this month.

Old Business:

- Bids for the Town gas and fuel have been sent out. Deadline is after the first of the year. Results to be reported at the January council meeting.

Mayors Comments:

- Mayor Davenport reported a change in the dates to the third Tuesday for the January (18) and February (22) Town Council meetings due to those Council meeting Monday's being holidays.
- Mayor Davenport stated that the newly hired replacement for the Water Works and Sewer office manager, Betty Stroud, would be starting the first of February.
- There has been no word from the Ball League and the Aaron Park Lease and Agreement has still not been finalized.

Council Comments:

Council member Stepney commended the Police department and Fire department on a job well done with the Blue Santa and the distribution of toys.

Internet /Public Comments:

There were no questions.

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

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (8:38).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

