

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Cory - Eclectic Observer, McKinley Price, Janice Taylor, Verdie Nummy, Betty Coker, Suzette Tatum, Scott Falk, Jim Black, Minnie Johnson, Chris Landry, James Taylor, Officer Brown, two (2) new officers, Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

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

Invocation was given by Council member Gates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	Charles Powell	present
	Inez Gates	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 (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for August, 2017

Minutes of the August 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 21, 2017 Public Hearing

Minutes of the August 21, 2017 Emergency Called Council Meeting

A motion to continue under the 2017 Budget until such time 2017 figures could be calculated and a 2018 balanced budget set was made by Council member Gates and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

After a brief review regarding the collection of sales tax funds no action was taken in regard to RDS collecting sales tax so the matter dies on the table.

Resolution 2017-09-001 regarding the "Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday" was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve this resolution as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to allow Mike Squires, owner of Bezlo's, to conduct a Street Festival 3 or 4 times a year with the first event to be held October 28, 2017 was made by Council member Gates and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

"Family Day" Proclamation was read by Linda Reed. A motion to approve as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (6-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head - Chief Head introduced to Council the two (2) new officers Ronnie Brown and Billy Stewart

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - not present

EMS- Director Taylor - (not present)

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - the matching monies raffle with Modern Woodmen raised \$1200.00. the Van now belongs to the Town.

Library- Librarian Coker -

Water Works- Mayor Davenport -

Municipal Court - Court Clerk Thomas - not present

Public Works - McKinley Price - very busy - working to bring bleachers at Aaron Park into compliance, working to clean sidewalks along Jean St & Claude Rd,

Events - Mayor - Alabama Cotton Festival plans & meets each - Halloween/Trunk or Treat Tuesday Oct. 31

PARKS & REC. - Jim Black - meeting Thur 6 - working on Operational Procedures - in need of sand (alot)

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- No meeting for September

Industrial Development Board -

Old Business: Updates

Sewer Project - still on schedule & nearing completion

Madix Road Project - still in the running for the grant

Mayor Comments:

The 1996 Bond has been paid-off

Health Insurance to increase 1.5 % for 2018

Mayor Davenport called on Council to set a date for the Christmas Parade.

A motion to set December 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion carries (6-0).

Public Comments: Mayor Davenport and Council Member Reed invited everyone to the Friendship Club luncheon Tuesday at 11:00 at First Baptist Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (6-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members







