

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JULY 18, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Steve McDonald – McDonald Wastewater Services, Dusty Duck, Betty Coker, Alan Nummy, Carmen Winslett, Brenda Thomas, Jimmy Nolen, Leslie York, Jack Chambliss, Jeremy Zellers, Tim Thornton, Betty Stroud and daughter, Dawn Hamilton, Jason Stepney, Jane Golden, Donna Parr, Paul Sexton, Lauren B. Benson, CARPDC and Marshall Anderson, CARPDC. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 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 Assistant Town Clerk Shannon Geer:

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 Mayor Pro-tem Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for June 2022
- Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the Special Called Meeting June 30, 2022
- Minutes of the Special Called Meeting July 12, 2022

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to be careful with the new Coronavirus variants. We have employees out sick with the virus and the Mayor is considering requiring masks again to enter Town hall.

Resolution 2022-07-003 regarding the appointment of the replacement Town clerk was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve Shannon Geer as the Town Clerk beginning on July 28, 2022 until the remainder of set term was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Stepney. The motion carries (5-0)

The second reading of the Town procurement Policy #19 was recited by Mayor Davenport. A motion to dispense the reading of the policy at length was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Stepney. Motion carries (5-0). A motion was made to approve the Town Procurement Policy #19 as written by Councilmember Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-07-001 regarding entering into contract with CARPDC for the Panther Palace grant was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-07-001 was made by Councilmember Reed and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-07-002 regarding awarding the engineering contract to Larry E. Speaks for the Panther Palace grant project was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-07-002 as read was made by

Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

The First reading of Ordinance 2022-07-001 regarding the Water and Sewer rates was read by Mayor Davenport. It is also posted on the town webpage for transparency.

Mayor Davenport stated that Panther palace is making progress and asked Citizens to vote in the poll on Facebook as to which park equipment they prefer. Council will vote on the park equipment once the voting closes July 20th.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department – Cpl. Tim Thornton – Cpl. Thornton requested to use between \$300-\$350 of his K9 budget to build a box for Officer Ivo's equipment for the back of his unit. A motion was made by Councilmember Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Fire Department – Alan Nummy – Alan briefed council on the new nozzles and brought one to show the public. He also updated the progress on the brush truck that the Town donated. Most of the work has been completed with in kind services and volunteer hours to save money. Alan also reported that the recovered revenue the new billing company has sent so far is a little over \$5,000.

EMS- Sonia Taylor – given by Alan Nummy – The ambulance is down and needs a transmission and is currently in the shop. Haynes was kind enough to donate a unit to borrow at no cost. The need for a backup unit is important and they have already applied for a grant to purchase a used unit for approximately \$25-\$35,000. Alan announced we hired a new medic, John Hicks, formerly of Haynes.

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – Mayor read.

Library- Betty Coker – announced the ribbon cutting for the Museum will be before the Alabama Cotton Festival this year. She requested that someone look at the AC at the library because the power bill is so high.

Water Works- Betty Stroud –report given by Mayor. Camp was responding to a downed pump station. Mayor printed a text thread for every after hours call Camp made. Bids are currently being taken for painting the three water tanks. Betty gave council a printout of this year's costs towards repairing the backhoe and requested a replacement be purchased. Council reminded her the cost of a new one is much greater than the repairs.

Sewer- McDonald Wastewater – Steve McDonald gave a detailed report. He discussed at length the need to pressure wash and paint the 5 pump station houses when the temperature gets below 80 degrees and will purchase the paint and welcomes the idea of having Lee Tucker paint them. He said he is still awaiting the permit from ADEM.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – read.

Events – Carmen Winslett – Events has been awarded \$6500 in grants funds from the State for the ACF/ ACF plans are going well. The summer market was a success considering the threat of rain all day.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Ricky Marshall -Mayor read report

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

Old Business:

Mayor Davenport discussed that council has visited the ECEDA building for a potential new public safety location. Discussion that purchasing the building at such a low amount is beneficial to the Town and the individual departments are responsible for raising funds/grants to equip the building to suit the needs.

A motion was made to make an offer on the ECEDA building to the current bank owner for the set price council decides at the next Special Called meeting by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by councilmember Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayors Comments: None

Internet /Public Comments: NONE

Council Comments: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. (8:31) The motion carries (5-0)

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Geer, Town Clerk

Council Members
