

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
November 18th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on November 18th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included: Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, Lindsay Mothershed, Stephanie Stepney, David Goodwin, Zac Lyles, Chris George-PC, Antonio Brown, Maggin Edwards, Robert Head, and Broxton Sanders.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

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

The invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Shannon Duck:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

Mayor Davenport opened the meeting going over financials and minutes from last month.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

Financial reports for October 2024

Overtime Reports

Minutes of the October 21st, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

A motion to amend the minutes on page 2 to include that Mothershed abstained from the approval of Tina Bush as the cleaning contract was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Chairman of the Planning commission came to recommend to the Council we consider annexation of properties that are partially within the town limits. This includes 130 +/- parcels and would be wise to do by legislative process due to the vast number of properties. The goal is to square off the Town limits and we should offer a tax abatement until change of ownership and if they are not willing to annex, they have the right to say no. George also recommends that we hire the Drinkard Group to help us with the passing of this local bill.

A motion to table the hiring of the Drinkard Group until we hold a public Hearing was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to schedule a Public Hearing on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m to get public input was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed (5 yea). Motion passes.

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Mayor began reading Resolution 2024-11-001-regarding the FD incentive program.

A motion to dispense the reading in full was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to pass Resolution 2024-11-001 as read was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor began reading Resolution 2024-11-002 regarding the EMS pay structure already in place.

A motion to dispense the reading in full was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to pass Resolution 2024-11-002 as read was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor began reading Resolution 2024-11-003 regarding the re-lease of all PD vehicles. Mayor read in full. Councilor Stepney wants to see the new lease package and wishes to have a list of mileage for each vehicle.

A motion to table the Resolution was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns. (3 yea, Mothershed opposed, Reed abstains). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport announced that we received the sewer expansion grant as well as the Pecan Orchard grant application. The towns portion of match is:

1. \$40k for the Sewer
2. \$318K for the Pecan Orchard

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: January 1st, 2025, the Recycle Center will be closing down

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor stated that December 4th ESPN will be at the high school from 11-2, the next Main street meeting is Monday November 25th @ 8 am at Town Hall and the Public Hearing for the partial annexation proposal will be at 6:30 December 2nd at Town Hall.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.



Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members










