

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
NOVEMBER 19, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Jim Black, Minnie Johnson, Mark Winslett, Tom Gates, Faye Harrell, Venessa Bowe, Andrew Wood, Sonia Taylor, James Taylor, Officer Fred Griffin and wife, Chief Head, and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:08 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mr. Jim Black.

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	absent
There was a quorum.	David Goodwin	present
	Carmen Winslett	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 October, 2018
- Minutes of the October 15, 2018 Regular Council meeting

Resolution 2018-11-001 To surplus property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve this resolution as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport presented 2019 Budget information requested by Council. A motion to approve the 2019 Budget presented including an across the board 2% pay raise for all employees was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion the pay raise go into effect the next pay period, 11-22-18, was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Next on the agenda was the Holiday Hope for Donalsonville. Mayor Davenport explained this is a community wide fundraiser program for Donalsonville, Georgia which was hard hit by hurricane Michael.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head - Mayor Davenport informed council that it was time for Officer Griffin's review and evaluation. He also reported that Sergeant Wilhoit had retired leaving the department without a sergeant.

A motion to hold a Special Called Council meeting, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Municipal Court Room, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey(not present) - Andrew Woods proposed the Town's adoption of a Fire/Life Safety Ordinance. A motion to pursue the matter and hold a Public Hearing, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eclectic Senior Center was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

EMS- Director Taylor -

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson -

Library- Librarian Coker – out sick

Water Works- Mayor Davenport -

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Public Works –

Events – Mayor – The Mayor reported that the previously selected Grand Marshall had declined and recommended honoring all persons attending from Donalsonville, GA. A motion to make all persons attending from Donalsonville, GA. Grand Marshall(s) of the Christmas Parade was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

PARKS & REC. - Jim Black –

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission - expansion of Hercules Poly is slated to begin soon. A possible new business requiring a liquor license has requested the Town proceed as necessary with a Public Hearing for the license.

A motion to pursue this matter and hold a Public Hearing, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eclectic Senior Center in conjunction with the proposed Fire/Life Ordinance was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Industrial Development Board –

Old Business:

- The Madix/Middle Road Project is on hold due to matters with ADECA.
- Work on the Aaron Park light project continues with some weather delays.
- Several alternatives for the sewer expansion project are now on the table for discussion.
- The Town has received the materials for the automatic flush systems. Installation will begin after the holidays.

Mayor Comments:

- A reminder the Town's Christmas Parade and Holiday Fest. will be December 8, 2018. Parade is at 2:00 p.m. and the Holiday Fest is from 8:00 'til 4:00.
- A reminder the Town's Employee Christmas party is December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion passed (6-0).
- The Fall Street Festival was a big success.

Public Comments:

Tom Gates asked how far the police jurisdiction extends past the Town limits, does it include Luke Paschal Road?

Mayor Davenport stated that it extends one and a half miles past the Town limits.

Tom Gates asked why Town police officers would be on Luke Paschall?

Mayor Davenport said he would check into the matter.

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

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

