

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
September 16th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 16th, 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, Zac Lyles, Robert Head, Maggin Edwards, Samuel Duck, and Zachary Davidson.

Proceedings were not aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:15 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	absent

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 Stepney. (4 yea). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

- Financial reports for August 2024
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the August 19th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the September 4th, 2024, Special Called Meeting

Mayor Davenport began reading Resolution 2024-09-001 for the Severe Weather Tax holiday.

A motion to suspend the reading at length and approve Resolution 2024-09-001 was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport expressed the need to get a new A/C mini split for the board room at Aaron Park. The lowest quote came in at \$2950 from Charles Fix it all.

A motion to approve the expenditure for the A/C unit at Aaron Park from the Parks and Rec budget was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (4 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport invited citizens and The Council to attend Thursday the 19th at 11:00 a.m. the Elmore County Press Day hosted by Mid-South RC&D. It is an opportunity to meet with Mid-South and Legislature that was responsible for granting us with grant funds for Panther Palace cameras and the Middle School. He encourages all to attend.

A motion to approve Policy 20, 21 and 22 with regards to work from home, code of conduct and data protection was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to create the position for EMS of:

- 1. EMS operational Director as a salary of \$1300 biweekly.**
- 2. Clinical Director with a stipend of \$60 per day.**

Was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney (4 yea). Motion passes.

Chief Robert Head gave The Council his employee proposal requesting at least one more officer.

A motion to table the PD request was made by Councilor Stearns and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: the next meeting scheduled for the budget will be October 2nd, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Mayor's Comments:

A motion to continue under FY2024's budget was made Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (3 yea, Stepney nay). Motion passes.

A motion to approve Resolution 224-10-001 to allow Legislature to handle all partial property annexation was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor stated that Britt Green from First Baptist will take back over the Trick or Trunk festivities on October 31, 2024. The council allowed the road to be closed from Main Street to First Avenue.

Mayor also told The Council that the water works were non-compliant with reporting a quarterly DBP report to ADEM. The consequence will be a fine and informing all citizens to the tune of between \$3-\$5,000. Mayor Davenport is meeting with rural water this week to learn more.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed at 7:38 p.m. (4 yea). Motion passes.