

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Lindsey Mothershed, Justin Pack, Wade Jones, Clint Belden, Pastor Britt Green-1st Baptist Church, Josh Dorminey, Sonia Taylor, Officers Thornton and Brooks, Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:03 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Pastor Britt Green – 1st Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by the Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	David Goodwin	present
All were present.	Carmen Winslett	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for August, 2019
Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Regular Council meeting

The Fall Street Festival was moved up on the agenda.

Mayor Davenport recognized Pastor Britt Green who explained the Fall Street Festival had been scheduled for Thursday October 31, 2019. They would again be having activities inside the warehouse and cars along Main Street. They requested they be allowed to block off Main Street, from traffic light to First Avenue, from 5:15 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. A motion to grant the closing of Main Street for the fall activities was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

Ordinance 2019-09-001 establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy for all Town employees was read by Mayor Davenport. Corrections were made to wording in section E-1 to replace the word per-diem. This was the first reading of the new ordinance with the second reading and vote to be held at the October council meeting.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the Family Day/Family Week Proclamation was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to approve the Proclamation as presented was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

Mr. Justin Pack presented a detailed proposal for the new Business Relations Committee. While Council was impressed by the idea, thought and detail to the development of a Business Relations Committee a motion to table the vote until the October meeting to allow Council more time to review the proposal was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head-

- Chief Head requested the 2019 budget be amended to allow for the purchase of a new computer system to replace the current Global system, expected cost of \$2800.00. A motion to approve the purchase and amendment to the budget was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6/0).
- In addition, Chief requested the purchase of 4 Jet Packs to allow the police officers better communication services at a cost of \$40 each (\$160 total) per month. A motion to approve the purchase and amendment to the budget was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6/0).

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - Chief Dorminey was presented with a donation check from Council member Reed in honor and memory of Council member Charlie Powell who passed away August 28, 2019.

EMS- Director Taylor

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson

Library- Librarian Coker

Water Works- Mayor Davenport

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Events – Council member Winslett –

- Trade Days was much improved.
- The Alabama Cotton Festival plans are going well. 26+ vendor spaces have been added. Some 60+ cars are expected as well as some antique tractors. Volunteers are still needed for Kids Zone.
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Public Works/Parks and Recs. –

The grant for Panther Palace Park improvements has been submitted. Notification of final cut should come around the end of November with the final decision coming in December.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport reported the next meeting will be held September 24, 2019 to discuss possible rezoning for new developments.

Industrial Development Board – Scheduled October 8, 2019 to elect new officers.

Old Business:

- A motion to approve level funding of \$400 quarterly for the Elmore County Health Department for the fiscal year 2020 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-1).

Mayor Comments:

- The 2018 audit is scheduled to be completed by the first of October.
- Homecoming 2019 events are scheduled for October 17 and 18.
- Eclectic's 2019 Christmas Events are scheduled for December 14, 2019. This year's theme is "Candyland." More details to follow.

Public Comments: NONE

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

