

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
DECEMBER 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; P.J. Duke - Patterson & Duke auditors, Jim Black, Minnie Johnson, Carolyn Winslett, Wade Jones, Chris George, William Allen, Faye Harrell, Vanessa Bowe, Charles Owenby - building inspector, Shannon Geer, Brenda Thomas, Andrew Wood, Sonia Taylor, Officers Stewart, Brown and Duck, Chief Head, and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:01 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Davenport.

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 Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for November, 2018
- Minutes of the November 19, 2018 Regular Council meeting
- Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Special Called Council meeting
- Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Public Hearing

Resolution 2018-12-001 2019 Sales Tax Holiday 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).

Next Mayor Davenport introduced Ordinance 2018-002 which was read and explained by Andrew Woods with the Fire Department. Lt. Woods read thru with power point explanation the Ordinance. After which a general discussion followed covering but not limited to the following points;

- Does the inspector have to be APOST certified?
- Will it include personal dwellings. Barns, garages and out buildings.
- Will it be fair across the board? Is the Town afraid of making people mad?
- Will it be enforced or a useless Ordinance?
- This Ordinance will allow the Town to focus on Life/Safety training, education and issues.
- This Ordinance will not change or replace the Fire Safety codes adopted by the Town.
- Changes can be implemented through education and time.

Mayor Davenport closed the discussion by stating that this action was strongly recommended by the State Fire Marshall following recent reports. This was the first reading of the Ordinance with a second time to come. A motion to set the next Public Hearing for January 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Discussion of the new software for the police department is on hold until such time the Town receives a contract from the County.

A motion to allow on duty Police Officers to carry their police car home during their work time within a 30 mile radius with the Councils' ability to revoke such privilege at anytime was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head -**

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey(not present) - Andrew Woods**

**EMS- Director Taylor -**

**Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - fundraiser raised \$1000**

**Library- Librarian Coker— out sick, better**

**Water Works- Mayor Davenport -**

**Municipal Court— Court Clerk Thomas**

**Public Works –**

**Events – Mayor —The Mayor reported the Christmas Parade was canceled due to weather but the vendor Holiday Fest had about 27 vendors and was a big success.**

**PARKS & REC. - Jim Black— Panther Palace is very wet due to the weather. An Eclectic Christmas went well and brought in about 4,000 people.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission -** There will be no Planning Commission this month.

A motion to allow William Allen owner of "Wish You Were Here" at 85 Main Street to apply and serve liquor was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

**Industrial Development Board –** Looking for new board members

**Old Business:**

- The Madix/Middle Road Project has been approved and should start after the first of the year. They will be paving the entire road.
- Work on the Aaron Park light project continues despite weather and equipment delays.
- The sewer expansion is still being negotiated.
- The automatic flush system has been installed and seems to be working well.

**Mayor Comments:**

- There will be a "Holiday Hope for Donalsonville" meeting Tuesday December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the courtroom.
- A representative from Sate Retirement will be coming to meet with Town employees to help them with the RSA-1 program. This is at no cost to the Town.
- The upcoming 2020 Census has gotten started and is very important to the Town and the State. There are part-time jobs available with the State Census Bureau.

**Public Comments:**

Vanessa Bowe inquired about placing a mobile home on land within the Town limits.

Mayor Davenport stated that mobile homes were allowed but did have restrictions. If she would meet with him they could work out the details

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.

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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