

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
July 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Shelby Jones, Minnie Johnson, Angela Stephens, Jason Stepney and children, Chief Head, Cpl. Stewart, Officer Duck, Carolyn Jones, Vanessa Bowe, Josh Dorminey, Brenda Thomas, Camp Taylor, Shelly Robbins and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:04 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Linda Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by the Assistant Town Clerk Shannon Geer:

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 Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for June, 2019

Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Council meeting

A motion to approve council member Stephanie Stepney into council place #2 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5/0). Following the motion was the swearing in of Council member Stepney by Mayor Davenport, witnessed by husband Jason Stepney.

A motion to approve a request from Butterfly Bridges for an annual appropriation of \$500 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4/1). Council member Stepney abstains.

A motion to Table a request from the Elmore County Resource Center for an annual appropriation off \$1,000.00 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5/0).

A motion to Table a request from the Elmore County Health Department for a quarterly appropriation of \$400 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5/0).

A motion was made to allow Food Vendors to participate in Trade Days, (with the exception of allowing only 3 per event and only 1 cuisine limit allowed per event) by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5/0).

Next, a brief discussion ensued in regards to no longer being able to contract with the city of Tallassee for Waste/Sludge disposal. The Sewer department is pursuing the possibilities of contracting with Chris George for disposal on his property on Old Salem and Pleasant Hill Road. Mayor Davenport requested Councils permission to spend up to \$3,000 for testing of the land to be used. Council member Winslett expressed concerns about the possibility of toxic chemicals and odors. A motion was made to Table this decision until a Special

Called meeting was given by Council member Winslett and seconded by Reed. The motion carries (5/0). A special called meeting was set for July 30, 2019 at 6 p.m to once again address this matter.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head-

A Motion was given to raise Sgt. Griffin and Cpl. Stewart their final \$.50 to complete their promotion starting July 4, 2019, by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5/0) (Cpl. Stewart raise was providing that his schedule reflects as night shift supervisor only- questioned by Council Member Winslett, clarified by Chief Head)

Additionally, Chief Head reported that officer Duck was promoted to night shift supervisor. A motion to increase his salary by \$.15 was given by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion Carries (5/0).

Lastly, Cpl. Stewart introduced an ADECA grant campaign and explained that it would require the officers to work overtime, however the town would be reimbursed for the overtime wages. A motion to use town vehicles during this Grant project was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5/0).

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey

EMS

Senior Center-

Library- report read by council member Jackie Stearns

Water Works- Mayor Davenport -

Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas -

Events - Council member Winslett -

- Trade Days was a success. Next event August 10th.
- The Alabama Cotton Festival meeting is set for August 27 at 6:00. Still looking for Sponsors!!!
- Eclectic the Beautiful's Taste of Eclectic is scheduled for September 9, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 at The Warehouse.

Public Works/Parks and Recs.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission -

Industrial Development Board -

Old Business: NONE

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Davenport explained how we have about 15 grant income surveys left to complete for the Panther Palace revitalization grant process.
- We are also looking for citizens to write letters of support for the new playground equipment to help in the application of the grant process. The letters must be in the office no later than Friday July 19th, 2019.

Public Comments:

- Jason Stepney said that the Family Fun Day Saturday June 22, 2019 at Sunset Park was a huge success. He looks forward to next year and thanks all that attended.

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:

Shannon Geer, Assistant Town Clerk

Council Members

