

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JUNE 21, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Chris George, Sonia Taylor, Tony Thomas, Brenda Thomas, Carmen Winslett, Officers Thornton and Williams, Chief Head and Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:11 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

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
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
All were present.	Stephanie Stepney	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for May 2021
- Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the June 7, 2021 Public Hearing

Mayor Davenport gave a brief update on the Coronavirus Pandemic in regard to the Town. All Town offices are open to the public. The Senior Center will be fully reopening on Tuesday after the July 4th holiday.

Mayor Davenport read Ordinance 2021-06-001 Permitting the Sales of Draft Beer in the Town limits.

A motion to suspend procedure by unanimous consent an allow for a vote on Ordinance 2021-06-001 after the first reading given the previous passage of this matter by both the State of Alabama and Elmore County Commission was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. A roll call vote was conducted by the Town Clerk;

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	yes
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	yes
Council members	Jackie Stearns	yes
	David Goodwin	yes
	Lindsay Mothershed	yes
	Stephanie Stepney	yes

The motion carries unanimously (6-0).

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06-001 as read permitting the sales of draft beer in the Town limits was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. A roll call vote was conducted by the Town Clerk;

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	yes
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	yes
Council members	Jackie Stearns	yes
	David Goodwin	yes
	Lindsay Mothershed	yes
	Stephanie Stepney	yes

The motion carries unanimously (6-0).

Resolution 2021-06-001 to establish a separate checking account for the American Rescue Plan funds was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the Family Dollar application for a liquor license was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport reminded all present about the ceremony to name Burt's Way Saturday July 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at 335 Harden Street. Invitation has been extended. The Town is expecting a number of visitors for the event.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – PD conducted a license check point. Chief introduced new Police Officer Jacob Williams. Thornton & K9 did presentation during Library program. Council member Mothershed inquired as to the large percentage of verbal warnings,

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Sonia Taylor – Fundraiser was very successful – final totals are not in yet.

EMS- Sonia Taylor – Sonia inquired about the use of a gas key. The matter died at last Council meeting due to lack of vote. Mayor Davenport reminded Council of the “needs list” and that the quotes for the generator are in but it might be 4 to 6 weeks before delivery. **A motion to purchase the new generator quoted at \$9,800 from Warrant funds was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).**

Senior Center- Mayor Davenport – May Day and Bingo with the Mayor was great. The Center will reopen in full capacity beginning July 7.

Library- Mayor Davenport - Summer reading program each Tuesday has gone well and has been well attended. They are ready to start the museum.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport – There was a request from Council to expand the monthly report to include work done and a daily log.

Sewer- George – George reported he had gotten the generator and trailer as well as the OSHA disconnects. He also asked for protocol be put in place to allow the sewer operator to stop illegal sewer work. A new Sewer ordinance is in the works and will regulate authority and fines. The current Ordinance was adopted in 1987 and currently sets for these guidelines.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Events –Winslett –The next ACF meetings is Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. There is an interest in adding an event to raise money for the Girls Ranch at the Cotton Festival this year.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Busy time – Have started getting quotes to repair/replace sidewalks on highway 63. Thomas asked the Council to consider hiring a cleaning service to clean Town Hall and the Senior Center once a week. Council agreed to get quotes. Council member Stepney expressed concern about snakes in the Panther Palace Park area.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – The Commission is looking for someone who would like to serve as Chairman and can take on the job of revising the Town's manual. The State of Alabama has passed a bill allowing municipalities a one-time chance to extend their police jurisdiction to 3 miles. There was a brief discussion as to pros and cons. The Town has 6 months to act.

Old Business:

- Mayor Davenport is waiting to hear from the Eclectic Youth Ball Organization as to when they can meet. Council asks to check on activities at the park.
- Sewer extension south is waiting on the results of the MRS LLC cultural dig.
- The land purchase is waiting on the heir's notification to close.

Mayor Comments:

- The Central Road subdivision is proceeding. The developer has expressed an interest in putting in a cement plant on the portion of land originally set aside for an apartment area. There are no details at this time.

Council & Public Comments:

- Council member Stepney ask for the drainage problem on Fleahop Road be addressed again.
- Council member Stepney inquired as to the procedure to get on Council meeting agenda. You need to contact the Town Clerk's office.
- A motion to adopt Juneteenth as an official 8 hour paid Town holiday with all current requirements was made by Council Member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (3-0, 2 abstained).

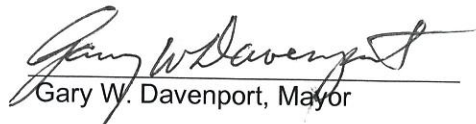
Internet Public Comments:

There were no questions tonight.

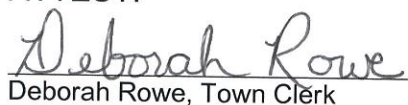
A Special Called Work Sessions for the purpose of discussing Fire Department, EMS, overtime, sewer and any other projects were set for June 28 and July 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Court room.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. 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

