

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court room, the following were present; David Grainger– Eclectic Observer, Judge Guy Holton, Rebecca Griffith Verdie Nummy, Betty Coker, Minnie Johnson, Brenda Thomas, Sonia Taylor, David Ingram and other town employees, and citizens. (See sign-in sheet)

Mayor Gary W. Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:13 p.m.

Council member Inez Gates gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Davenport	present
Mayor pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Council members:	Jackie Stearns	present
	Charles Powell	present
	Inez Gates	present
All were present.	David Goodwin	present

The first item of business was the appointment of Town Administrative Officials. Mayor Davenport read the following resolutions:

Resolution 2016-011-03 To Appoint the Town Clerk

Resolution 2016-011-04 To Appoint the Police Chief

Resolution 2016-011-05 To Appoint the Fire Chief

Resolution 2016-011-06 To Appoint the Municipal Judge

Resolution 2016-011-07 To Appoint the Town Attorney

Resolution 2016-011-08 To Appoint the Mayor as Utility Superintendent

There was no further discussion.

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-03 appointing Deborah Rowe as Town Clerk was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-04 appointing Robert Head as Police Chief was made by Council member Powell and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-05 appointing Josh Dorminey as Fire Chief was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-06 appointing Guy Holton as Municipal Judge was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-07 appointing Joseph Fuller as Town Attorney was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to accept Resolution 2016-011-08 appointing Mayor Davenport as Utility superintendent was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

The next item on the agenda was the Town finances and 2016-2017 Budget. Mayor Davenport presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 which included pay raises.

A motion to amend the 2017 proposed pay raises to adjust two part time positions raised from \$8.00 per hour to \$8.75 to \$9.00 per hour was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carried (6-0).

A motion to approve the amended 2017 proposed pay raises was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carried (6-0).

A motion to make the newly approved pay raises effective the first full pay period in December (beginning Dec 8) was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as proposed was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carried (6-0).

A motion to approve the Library Board's recommendation to appoint Donna Parr to the Library Board was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Davenport reminded the new council and all departments' heads that they must bring any grant or outside funding opportunity to the councils' attention for approval before making allocation. Please reference Ordinance 2012-11 Section 22.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Police Chief Head

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey – given by Sonia Taylor – Making energy conservative station improvements

EMS- Director Sonia Taylor –

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – Center very busy with AL Cotton Festival and fundraiser selling raffle tickets –drawing Nov. 23

Library- Director Betty Coker – questioned the electrical bill and front porch light

Water Works- Mayor Davenport –

Municipal Court- Brenda Thomas –

Events –Mayor – The 2016 Alabama Cotton Festival was a big success with 75 + vendors and approximately 4,000 in attendance.

The Town Harvest Street Festival Monday October 31, 2016 was also a big success this year.

A Veterans Day Event is scheduled for Friday November 11, 2016 at the veterans Park sponsored by Eclectic the Beautiful.

Mayor Davenport introduced Rebecca Griffith of Original Grace who is working with the Merchants' Open house during the Christmas events.

The Eclectic Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting are December 3 at 4:00 pm and Betty Stricker and Mary Machek are co-coordinators for this year's event.

Eclectic Christmas begins December 1 and runs through December 10 – reservations for filling up.

EYBO – Patrick Burkett – not present

Committee Reports:

**Planning Commission-
Industrial Development Board**

Old business reported on by the Mayor included;

- Aaron Park Lease will be discussed at a later time during a Called Work Session. The Grant application for the Park lights is due in January/February. Alabama Power is to help with fixing the light poles.
- Dispatch 911 services will be moving to County November 17, 2016.
- The Wastewater Grant Project is at a stand still waiting on ADEM.
- The Counties report is in on Middle Road and the are three areas of shifting ground. The first bids came back at around \$100,000. Hopefully work can begin before Christmas.

Mayor's Comments:

A motion to schedule a Town Auction for surplus property on Saturday December 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carried (6-0).

Next was a motion to set the 2016 Town Employee Christmas Party for Tuesday December 13 at 6:00 p.m. was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Davenport presented Michael Blevins with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Eclectic for his years of assistance Town with events.

Public Comments:

Rebecca Griffith inquired as to getting information on the Town's webpage.

Chief Head reported that State DOT had made changes in the roadway on highway 63 North at the new Dollar General. Be careful!

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion passed (6-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned this meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members
