

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MARCH 18, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Bobby Greenwalt - B & B Bartending, Gabrielle Jansen - The Observer, Vanessa Bowe, Lindsay Mothershed, Wade Jones, Mark Winslett, Carolyn Jones, Minnie Johnson, Betty Coker, Cindy Myrick, Steve Powell, Jim and Kim Thornton, Shannon Geer, Josh Dorminey, Andrew Wood, Sonia Taylor, Chief Head, Officer Duck, Officers Thornton, Brooks and Salum, and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

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

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

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

Resolution 2019-03-001 to participate in the "Back-to-School" 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 Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

Next Mayor Davenport brought the County Board of Equalization nomination before Council. This appointment would begin in October of 2019. Mayor Davenport opened the time for submission of nominations until the April council meeting.

Mayor Davenport read a Proclamation for "Bubbles for Love" April 25 at noon and Parental Alienation Prevention Week April 21 thru April 27, 2019. Council member Reed agreed with Mayor Davenport and the action was seconded by Council member Goodwin. All Council agreed with this action. There will be a bubble blowing event open to the public at Town Hall April 25 at noon.

A motion to allow B & B Bartending to renew their business license to sell alcohol at special events in the Town of Eclectic was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (6-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head - Chief Head swore in the new Officers Justin Salum, Tim Thornton and William Brooks

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - brought several matters to Council

- The Fire Department has had to address a code violation at the Middle School.
- The Fire Department request permission to set up the Senior Center safe room as a safe space for it's employees. **The motion was tabled until such time more information and discussion as to how the space could be shared was gained. A motion to provide the Fire Department a key to the Senior Center safe room with the understanding only restricted personal would have access to the key was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).**
- After some discussion, a motion to allow the fire department to pursue obtaining an open container license for the Crawfish Boil Fundraiser with the understanding the Fire Department must obtain an event insurance policy naming the Town as the secondary insure and approval from the State ABC Board was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (3-2) with a show of hands vote.

EMS- Director Taylor - report given with Fire Department report

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson -

Library- Librarian Coker- Annual Giving Fundraiser as well as the Shoe Drive Fundraiser are under way.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport -

Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas -

Public Works -

Events - Council member Winslett -

- Trade Days & Town wide Yard Sale are scheduled for Saturday April 13 from 8 am to 1 pm.
- Town wide Easter Egg Hunt April 13 at 2:00 pm at Aaron Park.
- A motion to close Main Street from the traffic light to Nichols Avenue on the second Saturday of October for the annual Alabama Cotton Festival was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

PARKS & REC. -

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission - no meeting for March

Industrial Development Board - Looking for new board members

Old Business:

The proposal from Utility Management to review power bills has been handled directly with the Power Company by Mayor Davenport.

Upon further review all services offered by Avenu Insights & Analytics are already handled by the State Revenue Department.

Upon investigation by the Stepneys residents of the Woodlawn Subdivision were not in favor of speed bumps. The Town now has plans to paint crosswalks and put up "Children Playing" signs.

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Davenport announced the kick off for the 2020 Census is scheduled state wide for April 1. This year registration can be done online. Encourage everyone to register, because it could mean the difference in funds available to the State and the Town.

Public Comments:

- Wade Jones wanted Council to know that he supported them and the Mayor and that any and all actions on his part were for the betterment of the Town.
- Vanessa Bowe wanted to spread the word that the staff of the Kountry Kitchen would be holding a fundraiser for Cedar Grove Church at The Warehouse on May 31 from 11:00 am 'til 3:00 pm. Plates lunches will be \$12 each.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. 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

