

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
OCTOBER 16, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Harold and Margaret Jarman - Modern Woodmen, Cory - Eclectic Observer, Bobby - B&B Bartending, McKinley Price, Verdie Nummy, Betty Coker, Sonia Taylor, Suzette Tatum, Scott Falk, Minnie Johnson, Margie DiGiovanne, Vanessa Bowe, James Taylor, Brenda Thomas, Officer A. Brown, and other town employees and citizens.

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

Invocation was given by Council member Gates.

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	present
	Inez Gates	present
All were present.	David Goodwin	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 September, 2017

Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

A motion to approve the 2018 apportionment of \$500 for CARPDC to be paid in two (2) installments of \$250 each was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

Next, Mr. Harold Jarman presented Ms. Minnie Johnson, manager of the Senior Center, with a check for \$1200.00 from the Modern Woodmen as their portion to match the Senior Center's fundraising campaign for a total of \$2400.00. These monies were to go toward the purchase of new chairs.

A motion to include in the 2018 budget an amount of up to \$4500.00, as priced by Bobby Bowden, for the upgrade and improvement of five (5) sets of bleachers at Aaron Park to meet safety requirements was made by Council member Gates and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

Margie DiGiovanne came before council to request permission to pursue project information on the expansion of the Town's murals. A motion to allow the investigation into this project with the understanding any and all projects must come before council for final approval was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

Mayor Davenport informed Council that B & B Bartending had renewed their business license for 2017. Bobby Greenawalt with B & B Bartending was on hand to report that they would be doing an event at the Warehouse for the Auburn University Sorority group on November 3, 2017. There would be approximately 500 people and that monitoring for a safe and secure event would be in place and followed. The event will run from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. with extra police on duty paid by the event.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Officer A. Brown - Chief Head has been appointed to the 911 board.
Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - not present - no report
EMS- Director Taylor - meet with County 911 board in regard to call
Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - have started a new raffle for a 40" tv to be given away November 22.
Library- Librarian Coker-
Water Works- Mayor Davenport -
Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas
Public Works - McKinley Price -
Events - Mayor - Alabama Cotton Festival plans & meets each - Halloween/Trunk or Treat Tuesday Oct. 31
PARKS & REC. - Jim Black (not present) - Mayor - Panther Palace work is progressing along-in need of sand (alot) - Aaron Park' - working on Operational Procedures and new contract.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- Next meeting is Tuesday October 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Industrial Development Board -

Old Business: Updates

Sewer Project - should close by the middle of November - about 1% over budget
Madix Road Project - was turned down for grant project - pursuing other avenues

Mayor Comments:

- The 2017 Alabama Cotton Festival by all accounts was a big success and plans for 2018 have already started.
- The Mayor and Council have received a Thank You note from the VA and the Coram family for their contribution on behalf of Thomas Coram
- Mayor Davenport called on Council to set a date for the Town's Employees Christmas Party. A motion to set December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with location to be determined was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Gates. The motion carries (6-0).
- A motion to have the meal catered was made by council Reed and seconded by council member Gates. The motion carries (6-0).

Public Comments: NONE

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

