

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
FEBRUARY 22, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Carmen Winslett, Tony Thomas, Dawn Hamilton, Betty Stroud, Alan Nummy, Officers Zellers and Lyles, Chief Head, Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00p.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
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	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 Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for January 2022
- Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the January 25, 2022 Special Called Worksession
- Minutes of the January 31, 2022 Special Called Worksession

Mayor Davenport committed on the current standing of the Town in regards to the Coronavirus Pandemic stating that while numbers seem to be declining cases are still being reported daily. If you know of anyone needing help let Town Hall know. He also reported that Mr. Marshall Wilson, a long-time resident and business man in Eclectic, passed this past weekend.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2022-002-002 to come before council was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. A roll call vote was taken as follows;

Linda Reed	yea
Jackie Stearns	yea
Stephanie Stepney	yea
Lindsay Mothershed	yea
David Goodwin	yea

The motion passes unanimous.

Resolution 2022-002-002 Premium Pay for Employees was read by Mayor Davenport. The motion to approve Resolution 2022-002-002 as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to amend the agenda to allow consideration of Resolution 2022-002-002 before Resolution 2022-002-001 was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-002-001 Panther Palace Grant Bank Account was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-002-001 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

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A motion to approve a 5% pay raise for all Town employees beginning pay period February 24, 2022 was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 General Fund Budget as purposed was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. Mayor Davenport asked for a roll call vote. Results as follows;

Linda Reed	yea
Jackie Stearns	nah
Stephanie Stepney	yea
Lindsay Mothershed	nah
David Goodwin	yea

The motion passes on a 3-2 vote. Council member Mothershed stated he wanted it on record he was opposed to any budget that did not include all departments.

Eclectic the Beautiful had submitted a proposal for a Spring Event and was requesting use of the Town parking lot. In addition, they would like to work with the Town on other projects. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – Chief Head was asked about 911 hang up calls and the accident involving a police officer and vehicle.

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy.

EMS- Sonia Taylor – given by Alan Nummy – praised EMS personnel Hall and Nolen for their response to the incident involving the wounded deputy.

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – none

Library- Betty Coker – read by Mayor

Water Works- Betty Stroud – After the department report;

Council member Mothershed asked how many scrap meters were there and if they were bid out sale. Yes, they brought \$9000.

Why there were so many work orders for First Avenue. That is the project to replace the waterline.

Asked for a more detailed explanation of the chlorine test done daily.

Council member Stepney stated that the over-time breakdown was still not what Council was looking for.

Council member Goodwin asked if she had plans to do any advanced job testing.

A motion to remove former employee Jennifer Lyle-Mattox as a signer on all Town of Eclectic bank accounts was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to add Betty Stroud as a signer on all Water Works accounts was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Sewer- George – not present – Mayor Davenport reported that the last sewer pump had gone out and has been ordered as well as electric panels. The only thing sewer was requesting at this time was internet at the new sewer office. Arrangements have been made for this which will cost \$40.01per month.

Council member Stepney asked if council could get a report like other departments do monthly.

She also asked for a copy of the contract with McDonald Waste Services. The Mayor gave all of Council a copy.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – read by Mayor

Events – none at this time

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Reported on ditches, sidewalks, Woodlawn project, easements, Aaron Park growth/potential, and the need around Town for parking in the future.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – The new subdivisions South of town are progressing slowly.

Old Business:

- There will be a Special Called Council meeting Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 6:30 to iron out details regarding an Events Coordinator.

Mayors Comments:

- Mayor Davenport begin by thanking Mr. and Mrs. Gant with the Elmore County TV for their donation and help setting up a new camera and mic system to better provide quality transmissions of Town meetings. Everyone extends their deepest gratitude, Thank you!
- Elmore County Commission has received bids for the garbage service and will be voting to accept a bid at the Commission meeting Monday February 28, 2022.
- Elmore County Commission is holding a county wide clean up April 22-24. The Town will be participating so contact Town Hall if you or your organization will be willing to help.
- The Aaron Park Lease and Agreement has been signed. Practice and activities have begun.
- The Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention is May 11-14, 2022 in Tuscaloosa. The Town needs to decide if anyone is going to be the Town voting delegate by next Council meeting.
- The new phones are installed. A motion to pay Ashton Geer a \$200 stipend for services rendered was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Internet /Public Comments:

Penelope Pike (facebook) asked when construction on Panther Palace is scheduled to begin.

Mayor Davenport stated that the process has begun and as soon as all paperwork is complete, we should be ready to go. Earthwork should begin in approximately 60 days.

Council member Stepney if CARPDC and Hercules could be at the next council meeting to report.

Council Comments:

Council member Stearns complimented all of the Town businesses for a job well done on their very successful Galentines Day event. She encouraged more events such as this and looks forward to their next special event April 9, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion passed (5-0).

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (8:43).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

