

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JANUARY 18, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included PJ Duke-Town Auditor, Wayne Glenn and son, Tony Thomas, James Taylor, Sonia Taylor, Alan Nummy, Jimmy Whitehead, Brenda Thomas, Heather Martin, Officers Thornton, Alexander 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: 7:11p.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 Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for December 2021
Minutes of the January 11, 2022 Special Called Worksession

Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Town's Coronavirus Pandemic stating numbers are rampant at this time and encouraged everyone to be careful and prayerful. In addition, Mayor Davenport read a memo to employees stating that the Town of Eclectic would be following the State of Alabama mandate and CDC guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine practices. Resolution 2021-08-002 remains in place regarding leave time.

A motion to approve and accept the 2020 audit as presented by Auditor PJ Duke was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the 2022 General Fund Budget was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. Mayor Davenport called for a roll call vote.

Linda Reed	yah
Jackie Stearns	nay
Stephanie Stepney	yah
Lindsay Mothershed	nay
David Goodwin	nay

The motion fails to pass on a 2 – 3 vote.

Mayor Davenport stated that he had received a petition to vacate Mill Avenue designed in the 50's but never developed. Resolution 2022-01-001 to vacate Mill Avenue was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – Chief Head recognized Officer Thornton and K9 Officer Ivo who recently finished 2nd in a training class of over 30 units.

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy who presented a year end report for the Fire Department, reporting call volume is up. In conjunction with the EMS, he stated the biggest problem at this time is the delay they are experiencing at hospitals.

EMS- Sonia Taylor – Taylor reiterated Nummy's report of "hold the wall" times.

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – read by Mayor

Library- Betty Coker – read by Mayor

Water Works- James Taylor – After department report, there was a discussion between Taylor and Council in regard to reporting of afterhours calls.

Sewer- George – not present – no report

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas –

Events – Brief discussion on possible position.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Crews are busy working on curbs, sidewalks and drainage issues as much as possible during this wintry weather time.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – There will be no meeting this month.

Old Business:

- There were NO bids returned for the Town gas and fuel. We will continue as is until further options are investigated.

Mayors Comments:

- Mayor Davenport reported the Town had been awarded the grant for Panther Palace. He has been invited and will be attending a presentation ceremony by the Governor Thursday January 20, 2022 at the Capitol.
- The Town has received ½ of the bill due from the Ball League. At this time the Aaron Park Lease and Agreement has still not been signed. Council agreed to allow the Lease and Agreement to stand with the dates changed as needed.
- The new phones are in but still have not been installed due to delays from Windstream.

Internet /Public Comments:

Brenda Thomas asked Council to consider raises for the Town employees citing the rising cost of living and small raises in the past.

Heather Martin agreed with Thomas and ask Council not put the employees on the back burner any more.

Office Lyle also spoke on the matter from law enforcement side.

CouncilComments:

Council member Stepney called for a Special Called Work Session for budget discussion to be set. Special Called Work Sessions were set for Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday January 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (8:34).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

