

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
January 16th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on January 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included, Maggin Edwards, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, Stephanie Stepney, Easterling Carpenter, Dianna Bethea, Chase Hornsby and Tiffany Evans, Paul McDonald, Chad Rankin, Paxton Reiss-Civil Southeast and PJ from Patterson and Duke.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:04 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Mayor Davenport:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	absent
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (3 yea, Goodwin abstain, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:
Financial reports for December 2023
Overtime Reports
Minutes of the December 19th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor opened the floor for PJ to go over FY22 audit. PJ announced a clean, unmodified audit.

A motion to accept the FY22 Audit was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

Mayor read in full the Transportation Plan Use of Funds report.

A motion to accept as read, was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

Mayor read in full the Bid Invitation Announcement for sidewalk repairs. Mayor recommends it be out for bid for 40-45 days.

A motion to accept the Invitation to bid for Sidewalk repairs was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

Mayor read the estimate from New Look Remodel for the repairs of Town Hall. Mayor entertains a motion we go ahead with this company to begin renovations on Town Hall.

A motion to contract with New Look Remodel for between \$10-\$20,000 from the General Fund was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

Mayor read in full Resolution 2024-01-001 to authorize grant application for the RAA Roadway project.

A motion was made to accept Resolution 2024-01-001 by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

A motion to enter the \$600 Network contract with Main Street Alabama was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

A motion to use Acquisition funds of between \$10-\$20,000 to move and extend the water line near Jacks restaurant was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Mothershed absent).

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Fire Department purchased a new Fridge and Stove for \$195.20 over budget.

A motion to increase the Fire Department budget to \$2195.20 was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (4 yea, 1 absent). Motion passes.

Mayors Comments: Mayor mentions that the EYBO Ball league is requesting funding to regrade all the ball fields.

A motion to appropriate \$10,000 using Acquisition funds towards re-grading 4 fields at Aaron Park was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

Mayor also announced Maggin Edwards to take back the Events work.

Internet /Public Comments:

Council Comments:

A motion to go into executive session at 7:30 pm. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Reed to discuss employee matters. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

A motion to end executive session was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed at 7:39 p.m. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.

A motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Mothershed absent). Motion passes.




Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

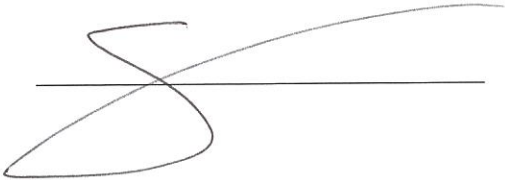


Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members







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