

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
February 21st, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on February 21st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present include, Maggin Edwards-Assistant Clerk, Tim Hatch and James Hardin from the Alabama Department of Health, Josh Dorminey, Chief Robert Head, Tonika Heard from Alabama Power community relations, Steve McDonald, Betty Stroud, James Taylor and a representative from Tristatz.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:10 p.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 Shannon Geer:

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilmember Mothershed. Motion carries (5) yea.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

- Financial reports for January 2023
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the January 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the Public Hearing January 17th, 2023
- Minutes of the Public Hearing February 13th, 2023

Mayor Davenport read Resolution 2022-02-21- the Amendment to the Council meeting minutes on February 22, 2022, that recognized the Eclectic The Beautiful Mayfest as an annual recurring event. **A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02-21 as written was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. Motion passes 5 yea.**

Mayor Davenport read the First reading of Ordinance 2023-02-001. This policy outlines a specific addition of a landlord clause. Councilmember Stepney asked that a specific date be listed as the effective date added to the policy.

A motion to allow Mayor Davenport to reinvest the Bond funds into a Money Market sweep account at round +/- 3.8% was made by Councilmember Stearns and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. Motion passes (4 yea, 1 abstain (Stepney)).

A motion to suspend the rules to allow for a vote on a uniform and janitorial contract to save money was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. Motion passes (5 yea).

A motion to go into contract with Unifirst once Cintas contract is up in August was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. Motion passes (5 yea).

A motion to convert the first parking space in front of Fannies flowers as a "no parking" zone was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. Motion passes (5 yea).

A motion to change Town Hall hours to be 8 am to 4 pm to be aligned with other departments within the Town administration was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Mothershed. Motion passes (5 yea).

A motion to nominate Maggin Edwards as the Eclectic Youth Ball Leagues non-voting member was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Council member Mothershed. Motion passes (5 yea).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department – Chief Head – Chief Head read.

Fire Department – Chief Dorminey- Chief Dorminey read. **A motion was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin to allow for a maximum expenditure of \$1,000 for rain jackets for his volunteers. Motion passes (5 yea).** Further discussion took place about updating the Fire and building code to the 2015. Mayor explained that must be done by Ordinance and in cooperation with the building inspector. Chief Dorminey also explained that businesses are welcome to invest in a Knox lock system for their business at the expense of the business owner. The purpose was to allow easy access to businesses without the destruction of their property by lockbox.

EMS- David Ingram –Pro-Tem Reed read.

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson – No report.

Library- Betty Coker – Mayor read.

Water Works- Betty Stroud- Mayor read. Discussion ensued regarding still looking for a water works person.

Sewer- McDonald Wastewater – Steve McDonald read. Discussion regarding an inspection of a sewer tap being hindered took place. ADEM requires all sewer taps to be performed by a licensed sewer personnel and the ground should not be covered before this is inspected.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – no report

Events – Carmen Winslett – Mayor read. Council member Stepney requested the Mayor look into what is legal to share with the public regarding our vendor list for events.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Ricky Marshall –

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport –


Old Business: Panther palace is moving along. The drainage work is ½ complete. Once it dries out from the rain, they will pour concrete for drainage ditch. Fence is almost complete and minor drainage design changes are taking place to ensure the water is removed from the park. Jacks is still approximately 60-90 days out from DOT approval.

Mayors Comments: Several roads have been paved (Nichols Ave., Riverstone Way and Town Hall parking lot). **A motion was made to allow Councilmember Stepney be the delegate at the annual Alabama League of Municipalities Conference by Councilmember Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Stearns. Motion passes (5 yea).**

Internet /Public Comments: NONE

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries, (5) yea.



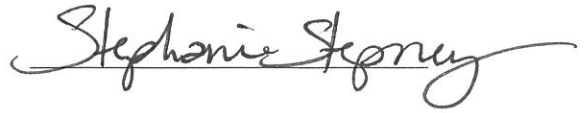
Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

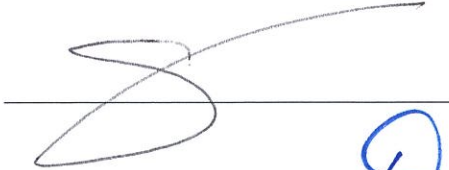
ATTEST:


Shannon Geer, Town Clerk

Council Members









**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
March 15, 2023 6:30 P.M.**

At the Special Called Council Meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included; Mayor Gary Davenport, Linda Reed, Stephanie Stepney, Griffin, Carmen Winslett, Shannon Duck-Town Clerk, Maggin Edwards- assistant clerk, Jimmy Whitehead, Tiffany Evans, Jason Taunton, Dianna Bethea, Charlotte Pike, Nikki Pike, Jasmine Williams, Chad Rankin, Carrie Lucas, Chase Hornsby, Jonathon Lucas, John Leonard Jr.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Gary Davenport begin the meeting with discussion regarding EYBO's lease agreement with the Town for the ball season 2023.

Discussion on the matter included but was not limited to:

1. What was discovered during the walk-through, including providing a list that the liaison, Maggin Edwards, put together in order of priority.
2. An update on the work already started on the list.
3. A brief history of the property and former lease agreements was given by Mayor Davenport with the discussion that the league still owes the second payment of \$3,814.02.
4. EYBO board members gave ideas for what could be upgraded to improve the park aesthetically to draw people to the Town. (Ex: pole barn built over batting cage, Public Works department chalking the fields daily, etc.)
5. Discussion ensued about ear marking funds to specifically Aaron Park Capital Improvement projects, fundraising and hosting tournaments to raise funds that the Town can potentially match for Capital Improvements, etc.)
6. Mayor Davenport stated that last years Lease Agreement is what we must operate under since we are already 2 months behind signing the 2023 ball season Lease Agreement until the new Lease Agreement is agreed upon.
7. EYBO requests that terms for financial expectations for both parties be set in this new lease agreement.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion passes.

There being no further business at this time the Mayor Davenport adjourned the meeting (7:45 p.m.).



Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:



~~Deborah Rowe~~, Town Clerk

Council Members

