

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Alan Nummy, Chris George, Tony Thomas, Jennifer Lyle-Mattox, James Taylor, Johnny Wingard, Chief Head and Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:15 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 Deborah Rowe:

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for August 2021
- Minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Coronavirus Pandemic in regard to the Town stating that the number of cases in Town continues to be very high. Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to use extreme caution.

A motion to continue under the use of the 2021 budget for fiscal year 2022 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0).

Mayor Davenport stated that it had come to his attention that Personnel policy #16 for "On Call Time and Pay," passed at the August council meeting has created several issues that need to be addressed during budget discussions. A motion to resend Policy #16 as previously approved was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0).

Resolution 2021-09-001 for the 2022 Gas Tax Plan was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Mothershed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (4-0).

Resolution 2021-09-002 to surplus property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0).

Next item of business was the offer to purchase property owned by the Town for, never developed road, Pine Drive. A motion to table this matter was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0).

George Family Farms has submitted a “per load” increase of \$20.70 for their BioSolid Procurement Agreement effective 9-2-21. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Council member Goodwin and was seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0).

A motion to accept the increase was made by Council member Goodwin and was seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries, unanimous (4-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – Council member Stepney questioned the amount of overtime.

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy – During the recent rains the drainage issue repair worked very well. Council member Goodwin asked if the Town had any areas prone to flash floods. Nummy stated that he was not aware of any major areas, just 2 areas where there might be ponding on the street.

EMS- Sonia Taylor –

Senior Center- Mayor Davenport –

Library- Mayor Davenport – Slow month. Excited to get started on the museum. Had formed a museum committee. Council member Goodwin questioned the formation of such a committee which could be involved with the expenditure of public funds.

Water Works- Jennifer Lyles-Mattox – Council asked several questions in regard to Water Works operation.

Council member Stepney inquired as to why Taylor was involved with recycling. Taylor, because Public Works does not have the equipment to load and haul recycled products.

Council member Stepney and Mothershed inquired as to what “pit checks” involved.

Council member Mothershed asked why these has to be done in person. Lyles-Mattox stated that these meters do not belong to the Town and that the monitoring is required by ADEM.

Council member Mothershed asked Taylor to explain in regard to leak detections. Taylor explained in detail.

Sewer- George – George reported work on the new building was nearing completion, levels at the lagoons are running high due to excessive rain and that he will be submitting requests for consideration during upcoming budget work.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas – not present - no reported at Court Conference.

Events –Winslett – not present - working on fall events.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Busy time – Asked for clarification on Aaron Park maintenance. He also revisited the Assistant Public Works supervisor promotion. This process will be discussed as soon as possible.

Council member Stepney inquired if the issues at Woodlawn Subdivision had been addressed. Thomas stated that work had been done.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – There will be a meeting tomorrow night, September 21, at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

- The Mayor is still waiting on the engineering firms figures for what will be known as the first phase on the sewer extension south. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has been presented with and approved the first phase of the development of the Hicks property. Plans for this are now awaiting County approval.
- The Aaron Park Lease and Agreement has still not been finalized. The League has not arranged a meeting with the Mayor. Mayor Davenport will notify Council when this meeting has been scheduled.

Mayors Comments:

- Living Word Church honored the Town and its first responders for their service during a special 9/11 service. He was proud to receive plaques on behalf of the Town’s employees and thanked the church for their kind recognition.

- Worthy Promotions recently received a prestigious award from **Ink Magazine** as the 86th fastest growing privately owned business in the United States. In addition, they were the 2nd fastest growing privately owned business in the state of Alabama.
- Several of the downtown businesses are wanting to have a sidewalk sale on Saturday October 9. A motion to allow a "business downtown sidewalk sale," by any business wishing to participate, on Saturday October 9 along Main Street, but not on highway 63, so long as they do not impede traffic was made by Council member Goodwin and was seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0).
- Dates for Special Called Council meetings to discuss the 2022 budget and new expenditures were set beginning Monday October 4 and Tuesday October 12 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Court Room. More dates to follow if needed.
- Mayor asked about advertising for open and new Town job openings. Council unanimously recommended to wait until after budget discussions.
- A motion to observe Halloween on Saturday October 30 and Town Christmas Holidays on December 23 and 24 was made by Council member Goodwin and was seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0).
- Eclectic will be participating in the Elmore County Clean-up Weekend set for Saturday and Sunday October 23 and 24 and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Council & Public Comments:

- Johnny Wingard suggested the Mayor contact Luke with the County Commission to help arrange a dumpster for the Eclectic during the County Clean-up Day.

Internet Public Comments:

There were no questions.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (4-0).

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

