

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
AUGUST 21, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Cory - Eclectic Observer, Pastor Merkle - Central Baptist Church, George McCain, Fred Lovvorn, Spence Singleton, Guy Sanders, Wade Jones, McKinley Price, Janice Taylor, Verdie Nummy, Peter Patel, Betty Coker, Venessa Bowe, Kenny Hill - Pastor Goodhope Baptist Church, Debbie Davenport, Patrice Collins, Gloria Rowe, Diana Hart, Mike Squires, Patrick Leonard, Vicki Oliver, Pastor Joe Creamer, Suzette Tatum, John Harmon, Perry Braswell - RDS, Howard Johnson - CARPDC, Brenda Thomas, Elizabeth Geer, Sonia Taylor, Officer Brown and Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:12 p.m.

Invocation was given by Council member Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	Charles Powell	present
	Inez Gates	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 Gates. The motion carries (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for July, 2017
Minutes of the July 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of the July 17, 2017 Public Hearing

The second reading of Ordinance 2017-08-001 regarding Sunday Liquor Sales in the Town of Eclectic was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Ordinance 2017-08-001 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. Mayor Davenport called for a show of hands vote. The motion carries (4-1) with Council member Gates voting against and Mayor Davenport not voting.

The second reading of Ordinance 2017-08-002 regarding Draft Beer Sales in the Town of Eclectic was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Ordinance 2017-08-002 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (5-0)

After a brief explanation regarding the need for a new chlorination pump at highway 63 and 14 from Mayor Davenport the matter was tabled until quotes could be obtained.

Resolution 2017-08-001 regarding the Recycle Center was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve this resolution as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (6-0).

Pastor Merkel from Central Baptist Church requested, on behalf of the area churches, that they be allowed to hold the Fall Festival on Main Street in front of the Warehouse on Tuesday October 31, 2017 from 5:30 until 8:30. A motion to approve the closing of Main Street for the Fall Festival October 31 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (6-0).

Next Perry Braswell with RDS presented a proposal for the collection of sales tax for the Town of Eclectic. No action was taken until such time Mayor and Council could review the proposal.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head - Chief Head was recognized by Mayor Davenport for completion of training in the certified law enforcement executive program.

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey -

EMS- Director Taylor (not present) - given by Chief Dorminey

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - conducting matching monies raffle with Modern Woodmen to fund purchase of new chairs.

Library- Librarian Coker - Starting Spanish Classes on Sat. going well

Water Works- Mayor Davenport - Sewer Project is right on schedule

Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas

Public Works - McKinley Price - very busy - projects completed include but are not limited to;
fixed erosion problem on Fleahop Road
installed handrails along sidewalk on Kowaliga Rd
repaired road on Harden Court
cleared BOE fence at Elementary School

Events - Mayor - Alabama Cotton Festival plans are under way with meeting on Tues. Aug 22 @ 6:00

PARKS & REC. - Jim Black (not present) - report given by Mayor - work has begun on Panther Palace with 2 work days scheduled every other month. Panther Palace is in need of several loads of sand
There has been no notice on the Aaron Park light grant.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- Next meeting September 19, 2017 - Mayor Davenport introduced Howard Johnson with CARPDC who spoke on the 2020 Census. The two (2) main reasons for the Census are to determine Congressional seats and aid in the awarding of grant monies.

Next Commission Chairman brought to Council the Planning Commission's recommendation to annex the new Aaron Park parking lot into the Town limits.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to annex the Aaron Park parking lot into the Town limits was made by Council member Gates and seconded by Council member Reed. Motion passes (6-0).

Industrial Development Board - NO meeting for August

Fire Chief Dorminey requested that the Fire Department be allowed to purchase four (4) much needed air packs (Scott Air Pack x3) with additional canisters at a quoted price of \$6500 each and two (2) radios at a cost of \$550 each. A motion to approve the Fire Department purchase of equipment as presented by Chief Dorminey of a total up to \$27,600 was made by Council member Gates and seconded by Council member Reed. Peter Patel from the Quick Shop pledged \$500 to the purchase of this equipment.

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to return to the regular session of the Town Council was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Gates. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the Police Department Evaluation Manual as presented by Chief Head to go into effect September 1, 2017 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Gates. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business: No report given

Mayor Comments: None

Public Comments: None

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (6-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members
