

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
NOVEMBER 15, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Tony Thomas, James Taylor, Jasmine Williams, Adam Hall, Josh Dorminey, Jimmy Nolen, Chief Head, Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 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	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 Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for October 2021
- Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Special Called Work Session
- Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Special Called Work Session
- Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Special Called Work Session

Mayor Davenport stated in his Covid update that he was not aware of as many cases right now. He still encouraged everyone to be careful and prayerful.

First item of business was to amend the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Upon recommendation of the auditor and after review of the recording of the meeting the approval of purchasing a new mower for public works needed to be added. A motion to amend the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to state that proceeds from the sale of Town public works property is to be used toward the purchase of a new mower was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0). Council member Mothershed abstained.

A motion to table a new Noise Ordinance for further discussion was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next on the agenda was Gardner Cameron, Eagle scout. Mr. Cameron was not present. A motion to give Mayor Davenport the authority to approve an acceptable proposal from Mr. Cameron for his project was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – Council member Goodwin inquired about the drug arrest. Council member Stepney recommended Chief get an overtime report and address it at the meeting. There was a discussion about the upcoming Blue Santa toy give away the police department is planning in conjunction with Dollar General.

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey –

EMS- Sonia Taylor – given by Adam Hall

Senior Center- Mayor Davenport –

Library- Mayor Davenport – will be holding a Yard Sale December 4. They are in need of help moving a donated cabinet.

Water Works- Jennifer Lyles-Mattox – given by James Taylor – The 1st Avenue project is now complete. There was a leak at the High School. Council member Stepney requested he get an overtime report and address it at the meeting. Mayor Davenport stated that Jennifer was on vacation. Advertisement for the job opening is out now and that when she returns, they will be reviewing applicants and setting interviews.

Sewer- Mayor Davenport –Mayor Davenport stated that the sewer job had been advertised and a contract had been signed with McDonald Wastewater. Everything is working well. Council member Stepney asked if Council would continue to get a sewer report monthly.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas –

Events – Jasmine Williams –

- Holiday Fest is coming along well. Vendor spaces are full. Activities will include pictures with Santa and the Grinch, carriage rides, a kids activity area and a photo booth.
- A motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 from the Events account for the photo booth to allow all to get free photos was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin.
- Events should work with the police department on Blue Santa.
- Council member Stepney asked if Aubrey Hornsby/The Warehouse had been contacted and included in the events. She also inquired about incorporating events such as a bonfire, marshmallow roast and decorating contest.
- A Grand Marshall for the Parade was briefly discussed. Mayor Davenport asked recommendations be turned in to him as soon as possible.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – reminded Council that Public Works is in much need of a utility truck with a lift bed and a small backhoe. Their next projects will include sidewalk work and ditches.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – Update and year end meeting is tomorrow night November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- We are still working on the Gas and Diesel bid.
- Mayor Davenport meet with the League which were not all present. He gave them the Aaron Park Lease and Agreement paper work. They will notify Mayor and Council once another meeting can be scheduled.
- The final paper work and sale of the Pine Drive property is waiting for the survey from Burke's Land Surveying.

Mayors Comments:

- Mayor Davenport reported that the Town's advertising for a wastewater treatment plant operator has concluded and a contract has been signed with McDonald Wastewater.
- The Town is working with Elmore County to secure bids for the garbage service. Waste Management service will end in February 2022.
- The Town's holiday events are set for the second Saturday in December. Activities begin at 8:00 a.m. and go through the day concluding with the parade at 6:00 p.m.

Council Comments: NONE

Internet /Public Comments:

There were no questions.

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

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (7:50).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

