

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
OCTOBER 21, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Angela Stephens, Lindsey Mothershed, Justin Pack, Marie Rippy, Lacy Swaney , Verdie Nummy, Jennifer Lyle-Mattox, Brenda Thomas, Johnny and Sandy Wingard, Jason Stepney, Carolyn Jones, Nathan Collins, Vanessa Bowe, Minnie Johnson, Betty Coker, Josh Dorminey, Sonia Taylor, Officer Brooks and, Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:07 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor 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
	David Goodwin	present
All were present.	Carmen Winslett	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for September, 2019

Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular Council meeting

Ordinance 2019-09-001 establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy for all Town employees first reading with noted changes was to be read by Mayor Davenport, but motion to forgo the entire reading was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6-0). A motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09-001 with the changes was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).

The proposal for the new Business Relations Committee scheduled to meet the first Tuesday of each month was reintroduced. A motion to approve the establishment of the Business Relations Committee was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to appoint Justin Pack as chairman of the Business Relations Committee was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to table appointing board members until next council meeting was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-1).

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head-**

- Chief Head entered a list of firearms to be surplus by the town. After review, a motion to obtain an additional 5 bids minimum was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6/0).
- In addition, Chief Head introduced the idea of adding a K-9 officer. After a brief discussion Council indicated they would be interested in getting more information on the idea.

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey** - Chief Dorminey requested that the 2020 Fire Department budget include the purchase of 6-7 new sets of structural PPE at a total cost of \$14,700 to \$16,000.

**EMS-** Director Taylor

**Senior Center-** Minnie Johnson

**Library-** Librarian Coker

**Water Works-** Mayor Davenport

**Municipal Court** – Court Clerk Thomas

**Events** – Council member Winslett –

- Christmas Fest has been set for December 14, 2019 plans are underway. Open to suggestions for Grand Marshall. Mayor Davenport stated Minnie Johnson had been nominated as Grand Marshall. All Council was in agreement. Vendors are signing up as well.
- The Alabama Cotton Festival was a great success. The ACF recap meeting is Tuesday October 29.
- Trunk or Treat Street Festival is October 31, 2019.
- Saturday November 9, 2019 is the last Trade Days for the year.

**Public Works/Parks and Recs.** –

- Have not heard from the Panther Palace Park improvements grant.
- Council member Stepney recommended the Town place bumpers along the walkway at Panther Palace to prevent people from parking on the sidewalk.
- Dedication for Aaron Park will be in conjunction with Opening Ceremony in the Spring.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission** – Chairman Davenport – Commission meets on third Tuesday of each month. Presently new developers are interested in projects in Town.

**Industrial Development Board** – Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Old Business: NONE**

### **Mayor Comments:**

- A motion to approve Cash-Handling Policy #12 with the change from petty cash to cash fund was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).
- A motion to set the Town's surplus auction November 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).
- The Town's Employee Christmas Party was set for December 10, 2019 at 6:00 at the Senior Center.
- Mayor Davenport called for a budget meeting Monday October 28, 2019 in the Conference Room at 6:00.
- A motion to continue operation under the Town's 2019 budget until such time as a 2020 budget can be passed was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

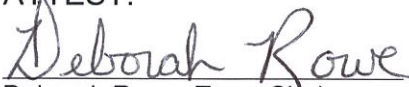
**Public Comments: NONE**

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

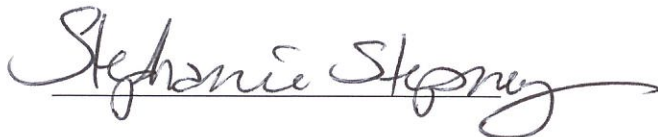
There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

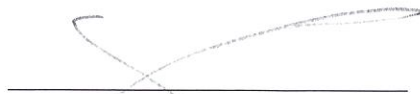
  
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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

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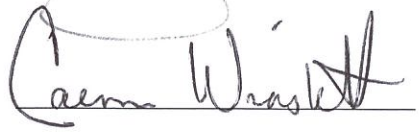
  
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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

  
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