

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Jimmy Whitehead, Sonia Taylor, Ryan Brown, Chris George, Joseph Fuller – Town Attorney, Nathan Collins, Aubrey Hornsby, Wanda Nelson, William Scott - Tristatz, Josh Dorminey, Abby Traylor, Carmen Winslett, Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, Officers Williams and Thornton, Chief Head and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:02 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
	David Goodwin	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
All were present.	Stephanie Stepney	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for October 2020
- Minutes of the November 2, 2020 Organizational Council Meeting
- Minutes of the October 29, 2020 Public Hearing
- Minutes of the October 29, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting
- Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Public Hearing
- Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting

Next, Mayor Davenport gave a monthly update on the Town's standing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. He reported there were still employees that have tested positive for the virus as well as other citizens.

Resolution 2020-11-004 for the appointment of the Town Clerk was read by the Mayor. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to forego the reading of each Resolution was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-005 for the appointment of the Police Chief was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-006 for the appointment of the Fire Chief was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-007 for the appointment of the Municipal Judge was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-008 for the appointment of the Town Attorney was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-11-00 for the appointment of the Town Prosecutor was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to enter into contract with Tristatz was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve the 2021 budget as purposed and presented by Mayor Davenport was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin with 1 abstention. The motion carries (4-0-1).

A motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation of Abby Traylor to replace member Wade Jones was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

#### **Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head** – Chief Head and Officer Williams gave a detailed case report. Officer Griffin will be leaving 11-27-2020 for Montgomery County.

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey** –The Fire Dept.has received a \$24,000 grant to aid in the purchase of radios. The Dept. is still looking for a truck.

**EMS- Director Taylor** – given by Dorminey

**Senior Center- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Library- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Water Works- read by Mayor Davenport** –

**Sewer- George** – A motion to allow Chris George to take the Town truck home for Town use only was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

**Municipal Court read by Mayor Davenport** –

**Events –Winslett** –

- Winslett reported that the past Saturday was the last Trade Day. The Town would be ending this event.
- Holiday Fest is December 12, 2020. Holiday Vendor Market has had such a response there is a need to close First Avenue. Holiday Market is from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm; Parade is at 6:00. Theme is "A Who'veille Christmas." Looking for a Grand Marshall, Holiday Cheer Master.

**A motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase Town decorations was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).**

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Mayor** – Ball league brought some paper work.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission** – Chairman Davenport – next meeting is November 17

#### **Old Business:**

- Mayor Davenport will be meeting with ADECA Director Boswell on November 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. He invited any interested persons to join them.
- There are presently 3 financial institutions interested in the Bond Issue.
- Still working on the sewer extension.
- Expecting the sale of the Town property to be finalized any time.

**Mayor Comments:**

- November is open enrollment for LGHIB. If Council is interested they need to complete their forms tonight.
- Due to holiday conflicts both the January and February Council meeting will be changed to Tuesday January 19, 2021 and Tuesday February 16, 2021.
- There is a "New Officials Training" webinar for any officials interested. Let the Clerk's office know if you are interested.

**Public Comments: NONE**

A motion to adjourn (7:51) 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.

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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