

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
JULY 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Nathan Collins, Lindsey Mothershed, Chris George, Chief Head, Officers Thornton and Williwms and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on the Town's facebook page.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 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
	Carmen Winslett	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 June, 2020

Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Council meeting

A motion to amend the minutes of the April 6, 2020 regular council meeting as follows;

I move to amend the 2020 budget and increase payroll by \$62,883.00 to reflect the agreed upon pay raises and the hiring of a Public Works supervisor at an annual cost of \$23,400.00. This amount will be reduced by the deletion of the additional police officer position, currently budgeted and the Municipal Court will be contributing \$400.00 per month for overhead. This will result in a net cost of \$48,483.00 to the Town General Fund, which will be transferred to the payroll account.

was made to clarify the approval of "previously discussed pay raises" as stated in the recorded minutes of the meeting.

Next Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Town's standing and compliance to the latest State order for the Coronavirus Pandemic. The latest order includes a State wide mask order. Town Hall remains open on a restricted basis and requires mask for service. The Police are not actively enforcing the mask order at this time.

Resolution 2020-07-001 appointing the 2020 Election Officials was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-07-001 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-07-002 Appointing the Town Clerk as Election Manager was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-07-002 as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-07-003 Appointing the Assistant Town Clerk as Election Manager was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-07-003 as read was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to approve Town Policy Statement #13, Acceptable Driving Record, as read by Mayor Davenport was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Next item of business was the request from property owner Guy Sanders to vacate a portion of Mill Street. Motion was made to proceed with the request and call for a Public Hearing. Mayor Davenport set the Public Hearing for August 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room. A second Public Hearing and vote was set for August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room.

Motion to approve the Town entering into contract with Alabama Power Company to convert the Town street lights to LED lights was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

### Departmental Reports:

**Police Department- Chief Head** – Introduced new Officer Joshua Williams

**Fire Department- read by Mayor Davenport**

**EMS- read by Mayor Davenport** – are interviewing for an EMS Driver – full time

**Senior Center- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Library- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Water Works- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Municipal Court read by Mayor Davenport** – closed again due to Covid -19 until August

**Events – Council member Winslett –**

- The next 2020 ACF meeting will be Tuesday July 28 at 6:00.
- Trade Days went very well. Great vendor turn out.
- A request to purchase new items to be used for Kids Zone was made by Winslett.  
**A motion to approve the purchase of the requested items from the Events account was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).**

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – George –**

**Public Works –**

- very busy, back at full staff.  
Request to sell the JD tractor (green), the finish mower and a small trailer and use the proceeds to purchase an additional new mower. **A motion to approve the sale of the JD tractor 5203 #14, the King Kutter finish mower #15 and the small 4x5 trailer U003955M was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).**

**Sewer –**

- The trees at the Sewer lagoon have been removed.
- The pumps at Nichols pumping station have been replaced.

### Committee Reports:

**Planning Commission** – Chairman Davenport – next meeting July 21, 2020 at 6:00p.m.

**Old Business: NONE**

### Mayor Comments:

- The 2020 Census has been extended until October 31, 2020. Home visits will begin August 11. The Town's participation remains above the State average. Tell everyone to participate.
- Important election dates include:
  1. July 21, 2020 last day to qualify for candidacy
  2. July 26, 2020 last day to establish residency in Eclectic to vote for the municipal
    - a. general election
  3. August 10, 2020 last day to register to vote for the municipal general election
  4. August 20, 2020 last day to apply for a regular absentee ballot
  5. August 25, 2020 **ELECTION DAY** – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
At the Eclectic United Methodist Church

Mayor Davenport reported that long time Council member Thomas Caldwell passed away this past weekend. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time. Motion to approve the lowering of Town flags to half mask for the funeral of Mr. Caldwell was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

**Public Comments: NONE**

A motion to suspend regular session at 8:08 p.m. and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. A show of hands was called for by Mayor Davenport and the motion passed (5-0).

A motion to close executive session at 8:50 p.m. and return to regular session was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion passed (5-0).

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion passed (5-0). (8:51)

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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