

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JANUARY 25, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Chris Williams – Rice Advisory LLC, Chris George, Carmen Winslett, Joseph Fuller – Town Attorney, Dusty Duck, EYBO representatives, Lacy , Alan Nummy, Josh Dorminey, Sonia Taylor, Officers Lisenby and Thornton and Chief Head Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:08 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
	Stephanie Stepney	present
All were 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 December 2020
Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport gave a monthly update on the Town's standing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. He reported that the virus is rampant within the Town. He also thanked everyone for all the support and kind words during the loss of his wife Debbie.

First, Ordinance 2021-01-001 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Warrant, Series 2021 was introduced by the Mayor. Waiver to allow immediate consideration of this Ordinance was introduced and voted on by roll call vote as follows;

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	yes
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	yes
Council members	Jackie Stearns	yes
	David Goodwin	yes
	Lindsay Mothershed	yes
	Stephanie Stepney	yes

Vote was unanimous.

A motion to forego the reading of the Ordinance was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (6-0). Council was given all information regarding Rice Advisory LLC, BBVA bank and the warrant procedure the week before the meeting. A brief summation of the Warrant and procedure was given by the Mayor.

A motion to approve the Ordinance as presented was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. Roll Call vote was conducted;

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	yes
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	yes
Council members	Jackie Stearns	yes
	David Goodwin	yes
	Lindsay Mothershed	yes
	Stephanie Stepney	yes

Matter passed by unanimous vote.

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Resolution 2021-01-001 Extending Emergency Paid Sick Leave until March 2021 was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to table the proposed AMIC Municipal Debris Removal Fund proposal until further study can be done was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head –

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey –

EMS- Director Taylor – EMS Director Taylor stated that ambulance services have not been changed nor increased in approximately 10 years. She introduced an updated fee scale based on the recommendations of Multi Med (Town's billing service). **A motion to approve the fee increase as purposed by Multi Med was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).**

Senior Center- read by Mayor Davenport

Library- - read by Mayor Davenport

Water Works- read by Mayor Davenport – Council gave permission for the Mayor to proceed with the hiring of a Public Works Supervisor.

Sewer- George –

Municipal Court – read by Mayor Davenport

Events –Winslett –

- Winslett requested a Town provided phone as a contact point for the ACF.
A motion to allow the Mayor to acquire a phone for said purpose was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).
- There has been some talk about a possible business block party in the spring but nothing has been set.
- The 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale has been set for Saturday April 10, 2021.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Mayor – Meetings with the Ball league will start again soon.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport –

Facebook question: Can something be done in regard to the speed limits along highway 63 north on Kowaliga Road from Town to the Russell Do-It Center? Mayor Davenport responded that highway 63 is a State highway and they alone are the only ones who can set the speed limit. The Town had requested changes for some time with no results. He will ask the Police Department to patrol the area closer.

Old Business:

- The Town did not get the ADECA Grant for Panther Palace. We will apply again.
- Public hearing to address the sewer extension for new subdivisions should begin in the next month to 6 weeks.

Mayor Comments:

- There has been considerable storm damage and vandalism at Aaron Park. Registration is underway and a contract agreement needs to be worked out as soon as possible.
- Please fill out and return the enclosed W-9
- It is time for the public official to file SEI for 2020.
- Be sure to see the "Thank You" from the Humane Society.

Public Comments:

- Council Member Mothershed stated that he had received citizen comments to improve the live feed of the meetings. It was stated that new equipment had been used tonight and further improvements are coming.

There is an Emergency Meeting of Council tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

