

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MAY 21, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; - The Observer, Pastor Greg - Central Baptist Church, Verdie Nummy, Betty Coker, Carmen Winslett and family, Elizabeth Geer, and Officers Griffin Stewart and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:01 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Pastor Greg - Central Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	absent
	Charles Powell	present
There was a quorum.	David Goodwin	present
	Joe Creamer	present

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for April, 2018
- Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Regular Council meeting
- Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Public Hearing

A motion to approve the purchase and installation of security cameras for Town Hall, Panther Palace and Aaron Park not to exceed \$3000.00 was made by Council member Creamer and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport reported that Fred's has planned their Vendor Fair for June 23 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in their store parking lot. Vendor spaces are still available, contact Carmen Winslett.

On a different note, Mayor Davenport reported that rumors were circulating that Fred's was closing, but after doing some investigating he was pleased to report that the rumors are not true.

Next Mayor Davenport turned the meeting over to Council Member Joe Creamer. Mr. Creamer resigned his Council position as of May 22, 2018 due to the fact he and his family had sold their home in Town and were not living within the Town limits at this time.

Mayor Davenport declared the Council vacancy as of May 22, 2018. Application for consideration for the position can be submitted to the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall until June 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Interviews and a decision will be made at the June 18 Council Meeting.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head - given by Officer Griffin

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - Not present - Crawfish Boil was a big success raising approx. \$2000. - 1 major fire with injuries.

EMS- Director Taylor - not present @ training - Has received Award of Excellence

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - not present - Report given by Clerk Deborah Rowe

Library- Librarian Coker— starting the Summer Program - received \$1000 grant from the Poarch Creek Indians for a new PA system. They are still in need of a CD player. Mayor Davenport stated there were some concerns as to the public use of WIFI and internet at the Library. Librarian Coker agreed to placing signs near the computers at this time.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport - the Wastewater Treatment Project has closed and waiting final payout.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas - not present

Public Works – McKinley Price- still out due to illness

Events – Mayor – Cotton Festival meeting Tues. June 12 @ 6p.m. Plans are moving forward well. Volunteers are needed.

PARKS & REC. - Jim Black— not present - Panther Palace is looking good with work - sand needed. Opening Day of ball league was Saturday April 14. Everyone was informed of Grant that day.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- Next meeting June 19.

Industrial Development Board – Still looking to sell property

Old Business:

The Middle and Madix road projects all paperwork has been submitted and is moving along.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Davenport reported that the 2016 Audit should be complete by the June council meeting after which the Auditors will begin on 2017.

Mayor Davenport reminded all employees on the Town insurance of the annual Employee Wellness Screening June 5 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Public Comments: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Creamer. 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

