

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
AUGUST 15, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Connie Baker, Minnie Johnson, David and Stephanie Ingram, Steve McDonald, Jason Stepney, Jamie Buckhanon, Sonya Buckhanon, Alexis Taner-Rife, Greg Ames, Beverly Ames, Jonathon, Carrie and Trace Lucas, Anna Margaret Lucas, Amber and Carter Thornton, Calvin and Mary Brown, Tammy Brown, Alan Nummy, Daniel Edwards, Mary Lauren Hall, Tim Thornton, Samuel Duck, Carmen Winslett and Jimmy Nolen. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 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 Shannon Geer:		
Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	absent
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

A motion to adjust the agenda to move #11 Eclectic 8U boys' baseball team up in the agenda was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Mothershed. Motion passes. Pictures were taken with the Mayor and each player, and the respective Coaches were recognized.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries (4-1).

The consent agenda consist of the following:  
Financial reports for July 2022  
Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes of the Special Called Meeting July 25, 2022

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to be careful with the new Coronavirus variants. We have employees out sick with the virus including one of our own Councilmembers.

A motion was made to suspend the entire reading of Ordinance 2022-07-001 was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries (4-1).

A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-07-001 to establish water & sewer department rates, fees and policies was made by Councilmember Lindsay and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries (4-1).

Mayor Davenport completed the first reading of the Amendment 2022-08-001 to Ordinance 2007-386. Councilmember Goodwin requested a definition portion to be added to the Ordinance. Mayor stated he will complete.

Mayor Davenport introduced Resolution 2022-08-002 to appoint David Ingram as the EMS Director. A motion was made to appoint David Ingram as the new EMS Director to take the place of retired Sonia Taylor and finish her term was made by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries (4-1)

Regarding Resolution 20022-08-003, to Surplus the Fire Departments Ladder Truck, a motion was made in support of dispensing the rules for reading at length by Councilmember Goodwin and seconded by Councilmember Stepney. Motion carries (4-1).

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2022-08-003 by Councilmember Stepney and seconded by Councilmember Goodwin. Motion carries (4-1).

A representative from Tristatz provided Council with a grant resource toolkit and announced that her company is in the process of providing the Town with a 4-foot map that includes the 2021 Census information for us to use.

Mayor Davenport updated Council on the status of the Panther Palace grant. Mayor is gathering quotes for chain-link fences and will open bids for fencing once we compare a wood fence versus a chain-link one. Mayor Davenport also mentioned the need to schedule an event around the time capsule reveal since the location was found where it was buried.

### **Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department – Chief Head** – Councilmember Stepney questioned why the school threat was not on the report. Brief discussion regarding the protocol to inform Council when events as serious as such ensued. Mayor is to report to Council the situation since the officer's primary job is to keep the public safe. Chief Head also welcomed Officer Duck back to shift.

**Fire Department – Alan Nummy** – Alan briefed Council on how incredible the response time was for the PD during the school threat. Officer Thornton was on scene first within a couple of minutes. **A motion was made by Councilmember Goodwin to move the crawfish boil to May 13<sup>th</sup> during the May festival and use Town property as needed. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Stepney. Motion carries (4-1).**

**EMS- David Ingram** – Unit 835 has been fixed and a new transmission has been installed. It is important to consider in the new budget a 2<sup>nd</sup> use ambulance.

**Senior Center- Minnie Johnson** –

**Library- Betty Coker** – Mayor read. A motion was made by Councilmember Goodwin for the town to pay the Museum and Annex power bills. It was seconded by Councilmember Stepney. Motion carries (4-1). Councilmember asked Mayor to get quotes on spray insulation for the library to minimize utility bills.

**Water Works- Betty Stroud** –Report given by Mayor. Councilmember Stepney questioned why department heads are no longer showing up to meetings. She also discussed she was cancelled for her ride along.

**Sewer- McDonald Wastewater** – Steve McDonald gave a detailed report. He discussed the need for a transformer for pump station, a freestanding digester to keep up while school is in session, and a need to consider a price increase on his contract because at any moment ADEM may require him to visit 3 days a week.

**Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas** – Mayor read. Councilmember questioned why department heads are not present to read reports.

**Events – Carmen Winslett** – The next ACF meeting is Tuesday 8/23 at 6:30. We also welcomed a clogging group as entertainment and cancelled the Art/Photo Contest due to lack of participation for volunteer chairs.

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Ricky Marshall** -Mayor read report. Councilmember has heard excellent feedback since our new supervisor has taken over.

**Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport** – There will be a meeting 8/16/22 at 6:30.

### **Old Business:**

Mayor Davenport stated that Broadway group is interested in the property across from Bowles Grocery, but nothing is set in stone yet.

**Mayors Comments:** October 14-16 is a community cleanup day. We need participation from the public to assist.

**Internet /Public Comments: NONE**

**Council Comments:** Councilmember Stepney asked the status on Employee Reviews and suggested a employee recognition gathering.

Councilmember Mothershed requested council have access to login information for the GPS monitoring program. Mayor Davenport refused and stated that it is not something he is comfortable handing over without council approval. It was discussed that the Town Clerk investigate what Council has the rights to and not.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. (8:31) The motion carries (4-1)

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shannon Geer, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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