

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
April 15th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on April 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included, Maggin Edwards, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, David Goodwin, Shannon Duck, Lindsay Mothershed, Chris George, Samuel Duck, Robert Head, Kyle Wall, Tim Thornton, Kelly Bailey, Antonio Brown, and Zac Lyles.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:48 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Shannon Duck:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	absent
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

- Financial reports for March 2024
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the March 18th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the March 25th, 2024, Special Called Meeting

Mayor allowed Shannon to present a software alert system for water works and town wide communication. Text My Gov costs \$1800 yearly compared to Mayor Command at roughly \$6,000 yearly, with additional capabilities. Shannon proposed this software after extensive research with similar products. She stated that this software will assist our offices to communicate with citizens in emergencies such as the water outage on Hwy 63 for several days.

A motion to contract with Text-My-Gov was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Mayor allowed Kelly Bailey to express her interest in donating the rent, equipment, and utilities for the building at 21 Kowaliga Road in honor of her late husband Desmond Bailey, to use for investigative purposes for the police department/state task force. Her goal was never to step on the Councils toes when she did this.

Councilors Stearns and Mothershed and Pro-Tem Reed expressed deep concern that this was not brought to them beforehand and was rushed. They felt the Council was unable to be given proper time to decide.

Mayor Davenport explained that the Town insurance will not insure the building since the lease is not in the Town's name, therefore the Mayor extends interest in the Council to transfer the lease into the Town's name for one year.

A motion to transfer the lease for 21 Kowaliga Road from Kelly Bailey's name to the Town of Eclectic for a maximum of one year was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to nominate David Goodwin for the voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities conference in Huntsville, Al. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to dispense reading at length for Resolution 2024-04-001 was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-001 regarding the Back-to-school sales holiday was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to amend the budget for \$35,000 to cover an increase in our insurance and Workman's Comp coverage was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to make the Christmas theme A White Christmas was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business

Mayor's Comments: Mayor stated we needed new Cotton Festival banners that will cost approximately \$1500.

A motion to table the expense for the banners was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

The Mayor announced the lowest bidder for the sidewalk project was unable to meet the insurance and bond requirements therefore the winning bid is Tim Harris with A+ contracting. He will be starting work within the next couple of weeks.

Phase two of the Quality-of-Life project has a meeting scheduled April 16th at 10 am.

Network Eclectic has another scheduled meeting June 3rd at 8:15 a.m. at Annie Rae's. Shannon and Maggin are both attending the National conference in Birmingham on May 5-8th to represent our Town.

May 11th is the May Market hosted by Eclectic the Beautiful.

Mom Prom is April 21st from 4-7 pm.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments: Councilor Stearns wants us to rent the Warehouse next year for the Cotton Festival.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members
