

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
JUNE 21, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Steve McDonald – McDonald Wastewater Services, Dusty Duck, Minnie Johnson, Betty Coker, Alan Nummy, James Taylor, Carmen Winslett, Brenda Thomas, Ricky Marshall, Charles Owenby, Josh Dorminey, Chief Head, Shannon Duck – assistant clerk, and other employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:13 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
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
All were present.	David Goodwin	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4-1).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for May 2022  
Minutes of the May 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

In addition to the regular financial reports, Council was given a breakdown of the mid-year budget breakdown to review.

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to be careful with the new Coronavirus variants.

The first reading of the revised Police Department Policy #17(Town Policy #18) regarding Extra-Duty, Off-Duty or Secondary Employment was introduced by Mayor Davenport. Motion to table this policy until such time additional council review can be provided was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (5-0).

The first reading of the Town Policy #19 regarding the Town of Eclectic Procurement Policy was introduced and partially read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to forgo the reading of the policy at length at this time was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0). Motion to amend said policy, page 1 section I. POLICY to read, **expenditures of federal or state funds**, was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-06-001 regarding ARPA Employee Retention Bonus was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06-001 as read, provided ARPA funds are received by the Town prior to the pay date, was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2022-06-002 for Premium Pay Bonus for EMS Incentive Personnel was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06-002 as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).

ARSEA/APEAL's retiree longevity legislation (Act #2022-229) was introduced by Mayor Davenport. The estimated cost to fund the bonus for the Town of Eclectic current retirees will be a total of \$2,398. Approval requires the passage of a Resolution to the effect.

Motion to dispense with reading at length Resolution 2022-06-003 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06-003 Town of Eclectic One-time Lump Sum Payment for Retirees and Beneficiaries of Deceased Retirees as presented was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Mayor Davenport stated that the latest proposals for Panther Palace Playground are now available. A decision is needed very soon.

A motion to set a Special Called Council Meeting June 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of making decisions in regard to Panther Palace Park was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to continue 2023 appropriations for the Elmore County Health Department at the current rate of \$400 per quarter for a yearly total of \$1,600 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4-1).

Motion to continue a 2023 appropriation for Butterfly Bridges of \$500 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-1).

#### **Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department - Chief Head** – Officer Bailey will be returning full-time. Officer Lyles has put in for a position transfer. Mayor Davenport stated this would be discussed later. Council member Goodwin asked Chief Head if his department had done any specific training for possible school shooting and suggested meeting with the school principals. Chief Head stated they had trained and have a game plan.

**Fire Department - Chief Dorminey** – Fire Recovery USA has collected \$2917 so far.

A report on the Crab Boil Fundraiser will be available next month.

Chief Dorminey showed off the new fire gear and thanked Council for the purchase. Council Stepney inquired about washer and dryer needs for the new gear. Chief Dorminey stated the fire department has applied for a grant for such equipment.

**EMS- Sonia Taylor** – given by Alan Nummy – Busy month

**Senior Center- Minnie Johnson** –

**Library- Betty Coker** – Summer Program going well

**Water Works- Betty Stroud** –report given by James Taylor

**Sewer- George** – Steve McDonald gave a detailed report. There was an installation violation that McDonald Wastewater self-reported to ADEM. Just a warning at this time from ADEM. The roadway into the new spray field property needs clearing. McDonald will give a quote on clearing the property.

All of the fiberglass pump houses are in need of cleaning and painting.

The Varner Street Pump Station has a bad pump which keeps tripping the alarm. Cost of a new pump will run around \$11,405. To repair the existing pump for use as a spare will be \$2,843. It will take 3 to 4 months to order the new pump.

**A motion to authorize Mayor Davenport to spend up to \$14,500 to order a new pump and have the existing pump repaired with funds to be paid from the Acquisition account – warrant funds was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).**

**Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas** –

**Events – Carmen Winslett** – Events has been awarded \$6500 in grants funds from the State for the ACF/ ACF plans are going well.

Next event will be the July Market to be held in conjunction with the downtown businesses. Vendor spaces are coming in well with spots still available.

The idea of a “Haunted Town” for Halloween to expand current, long-standing events has been circulated. Council member Stepney expressed concern over this idea due to the fact that the current event is actually handled by the local churches and recommended any efforts to expand be worked out with them.

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Ricky Marshall** -Work on cardboard recycle and grass cutting every day – are getting inmates every day but Friday – working with the school on recycle this summer – keeping plenty of water and Gatorade for everyone.

**Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport** – There will not be a meeting for June.

**Old Business: none**

**Mayors Comments:**

- The LWCF/Pecan Orchid Grant has been successfully submitted. Will not hear the outcome until late in the year.
- A meeting for Panther Palace Park has been scheduled for June 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall Courtroom.
- Summer Market plans are coming along well for July 9, 2022.
- Mayor Davenport explained he had included in their packets local water rates and fees for Council to consider and discuss at a later time.

**Internet /Public Comments: NONE**

**Council Comments: NONE**

A motion to adjourn to executive session for the matter of discussion of private personnel matters was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. (8:51) The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to reconvene the council meeting from executive session was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (5-0).

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

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (9:38).

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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