

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Daniel Coley, Alex Newcomb, Shelly Purter, Chris George, Josh Dorminey, Officers Thornton and Brown, Chief Head and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on the Town's facebook page.

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

Invocation was then given by Council member Reed.

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
	Carmen Winslett	present
All were present.	Stephanie Stepney	present

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for August, 2020
- Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Council meeting
- Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Election Canvass meeting
- Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Hearings

Next Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Town's standing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. Stating that Police Chief Head was out of the hospital and doing better. We have heard of reports of others from around town being diagnosed but at this time all seem to be recovering.

Resolution 2020-09-001 vacating Gerald Avenue was not read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to forego the reading of Resolution 2020-09-001 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney.

A motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-001 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next, a motion to approve a liquor license for Main Street Sports Bar, formally Bezlo's, was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

A Proclamation for Family Day/Week was introduced by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to allow Mayor Davenport to pursue a Bond Issue contingent on the sale of the former industrial park land was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve Hazzard Duty Pay at \$100 for all full time employees and \$50 for part-time employees per month for the next three (3) months, until the end of the year, with funds to be reimbursed through the CARES initiative was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head – A motion to approve the previously tabled request from PD to fence behind Town Hall for a dog run at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2000 was made by council member Stepney and seconded by council member Goodwin.**

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey –**

**EMS- given by Chief Dorminey – EMS is looking for a medic and driver**

**Senior Center- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Library- read by Mayor Davenport**

**Water Works- read by Mayor Davenport –**

**Municipal Court read by Mayor Davenport –**

**Events – Council member Winslett –**

- The next 2020 ACF meeting will be tomorrow night, Tuesday September 21 at 6:00. The 2020 ACF is Oct.10, from 8 until 2. Plans are going well, but can ~~allow~~ use more volunteers.
- Halloween Plans are still in the works and will be posted online closer to time.

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – George –**

**Public Works** – Currently short on help, have 1 man out indefinitely. George requested hiring some additional help. **A motion to hire a temporary, part-time (not to exceed 29 hours per week) public works employee at a rate of \$10 to \$11 per hour with payroll budget to come from the Town general fund was made by council member Winslett and seconded by council member Stepney.**

Public Works has taken over all maintenance of Aaron Park which is in need of considerable work. There is a scheduled meeting with the Eclectic Youth Ball League Thursday September 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eclectic Senior Center.

George also expressed a need for new public works vehicles.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission** – Chairman Davenport – next meeting is October 20

**Old Business:**

The State director of ADECA will be in Town on October 15 at 10:00 to take a look at Panther Palace and other projects the Town has for grant consideration.

**Mayor Comments:**

- The 2020 Census “Drop Everything and Get Counted” closing date September 30, 2020.
- There will be a New Officials Training meeting in Montgomery October 27. Please sign up tonight.
- Resolution 2020-09-002 authorizing Mayor Davenport to act on behalf of the Town in the sale of Town property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-002 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

**Public Comments: NONE**

A motion to adjourn regular Council session and convene in Executive Session to address personnel matters was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	yea
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	yea
Council members	Jackie Stearns	yea
	David Goodwin	yea
	Carmen Winslett	yea
	Stephanie Stepney	yea

Executive Session convened at 8:02 p.m.

A motion to adjourn Executive session and convene in Regular Session (8:40) was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (5-0).

A motion to adjourn (8:40) was made by council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (5-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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