

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
AUGUST 17, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Guy Sanders, Nathan Collins, Lindsey Mothershed, Chris George, Josh Dorminey, Brittany George, Officer Brown and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on the Town's facebook page.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:05 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor 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
	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 Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

- Financial reports for July, 2020
- Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Regular Council meeting
- Minutes of the August 6, 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 2020-07-001A revising the 2020 Election Officials appointed at last meeting due to covid-19 concerns was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-07-001A as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Next Mayor Davenport gave notice to council that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for two places on council; Council Place #4 and Council Place #5 for the 2016 Municipal Election.

Declaration stating Linda Reed is hereby elected Council member Place #4 without opposition, was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve the declaration as read was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Declaration stating David Goodwin is hereby elected Council member Place #5 without opposition, was read by Mayor Davenport. Motion to approve the declaration as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-08-001 Adopting the 2020 Gas Tax Plan was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to set the first Public Hearing for Gerald Avenue on September 1, 2020 and the second Public Hearing before the council meeting work session on September 21, 2020 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to close Mill Street was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion failed with 2 yay, 2 nay, 1obstained and Mayor Davenport voted nay due to the tie.

Motion to rework Mill Street and drainage in the area was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-0).

Resolution 2020-08-002 closing the Madix/Middle Road Grant bank account was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Motion to approve entering into contract with Larry E. Speaks & Associates, Inc. for pre-engineering work, not covered by the grant proposal, for the extension of the sewer line south of town to the highway 63 area to the amount of \$10,000.00 with funds to come from the Water Works and Sewer was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0-1) with 1 abstaining.

Next was the apportionment request for the fiscal year 2021.

A motion to approve a yearly apportionment for CARPDC of \$500 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve a yearly apportionment for the Elmore County Health Department of \$500 was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve a yearly apportionment for the Elmore County Extension Office of \$500 was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

A motion to approve a yearly apportionment for Butterfly Bridges of \$500 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head – Given by Mayor in Chief's absence - PD requested the area behind the Town Hall be fenced in for a dog run. Estimated cost would be approximately \$1800 to \$2000.

A motion to table the request at the Mayor's suggestion was made by council member Stepney and seconded by council member Winslett.

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey – Council member Goodwin asked how the Fire Dept. stood on equipment needs. Chief Dorminey reported that given the recent grants received they should be good until the next round of grants.

EMS-

Senior Center- read by Mayor Davenport

Library- read by Mayor Davenport

Water Works- read by Mayor Davenport – one of the lagoon aerators has gone out and needs to be replaced. In addition, Varner Street pump station valves need replacing. **A motion to approve the purchase of the needed equipment was made by council member Winslett and seconded by council member Stepney.**

Municipal Court read by Mayor Davenport – remains closed again due to Covid -19

Events – Council member Winslett –

- The next 2020 ACF meeting will be Tuesday August 27 at 6:00. There is still a need for help with Kids Zone. There are already 75 to 80 vendors signed up as well as a large Car Show participation expected.
- Trade Days went very well. Great vendor turn out. Low community participation.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – George –

Public Works – very busy, servicing equip. caught up.

Sewer – had several major projects, has an ADEM inspection last week.

Roads – Mayor Davenport reported that there had been problems on the streets in the Elementary School area with the start of school last week primarily due to the large amount of drop off students. He stated the problem is being addressed and referred to Resolution 2014-03-002. New and additional signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they come in.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – next meeting August 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m.

Old Business:

- Panther Palace grant has been submitted. Security lights have been fixed. Mayor to check on placing parking stops.
- Street light conversion contract has been signed and is under way.
- New street light placement and installation for Riverstone is under way.
- Town parking lot power installation has begun.

Mayor Comments:

- The 2020 Census “Drop Everything and Get Counted” closing date September 30, 2020.
- Important election dates include:
 1. August 20, 2020 last day to apply for a regular absentee ballot
 2. August 21, 2020 testing of voter election machines
 3. August 25, 2020 **ELECTION DAY** – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
At the Eclectic United Methodist Church
- **Public Hearing** for Bezlo’s II liquor license September 1, 2020 now to include Gerald Avenue.

Public Comments: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. 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

