

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
OCTOBER 15, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Jim Black, Verdie Nummy, Minnie Johnson, Mark Winslett and Caroline, Britt Green - Pastor First Baptist Church, Betty Coker, Mr. Roberson and friend, Freddie Luvvorn, Brenda Thomas, Tom Gates - Claud Independent Methodist Church, Fay Darnell, Mike Squires, Officer Thornton and Officer Brooks, Chief Head, and other town employees and citizens.

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

Invocation was then given by Mr. Jim Black.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	Charles Powell	present
All were present.	David Goodwin	present
	Carmen Winslett	present

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (6-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for September, 2018  
Minutes of the September 17, 2018 Regular Council meeting

Resolution 2018-10-001 To surplus property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve this resolution as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (6-0).

Resolution 2018-10-002 To surplus property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve this resolution as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to table a proposal to enter into an agreement with Russell Petroleum to use a gas card system for purchase of gas & diesel was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

Next on the agenda was the Fall Street Festival to be held Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 p.m. A motion to block off Main Street from highway 63 to First Avenue beginning at 5:15 p.m was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (6-0).

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head** - Chief introduced two new officers, W Brooks and T Thornton.

A motion to allow **Sergeant Wilhoit to retire with his weapon was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (6-0).**

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey** -

**EMS- Director Taylor** -

**Senior Center- Minnie Johnson** -

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**Library- Librarian Coker-**

**Water Works- Mayor Davenport -**

**Municipal Court - Court Clerk Thomas**

**Public Works -**

**Events - Mayor - AL Cotton Festival 2018 was very successful. The Mayor thanked everyone who helped make it a big success.**

**PARKS & REC. - Jim Black- The Panther Paws have been painted - Looking GOOD.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission-** the next meeting is Tuesday October 16 at 6:00 p.m. Business to be discussed includes the expansion of Hercules Poly.

**Industrial Development Board -**

**Old Business:**

- The Town received approval from the State of Alabama on the Madix/Middle Road Project today. The next meeting is Tuesday October 24, 2018.
- Work on the Aaron Park light project has already begun. Alabama Power has agreed to bury the main service line at their cost. This amount was not included in the grant. A motion to approve the Alabama Power's cost to bury the service line with that expense to be paid from the General Fund account was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion passed (6-0).
- The nine (9) refurbished Christmas pole decorations have been purchased and paid for and are ready for pick up plus an additional 4 pole decorations purchased by Eclectic the Beautiful.
- Work is under way to explore good alternatives for the sewer expansion. Additional Public Hearing are to come.
- There was again a discussion regarding the water line on highway 63. The Town has meet with the Rural Water Authority and as per their recommendations will be installing two(2) automatic flush systems at the end of the line as soon as possible. The Town is continually working to resolve the problem.

**Mayor Comments:**

- There will be a mandatory Town training meeting on Sexual Harrassment in the Work Place to be held Tuesday November 13 10:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. This training is in direction from the Town's insurance company with materials being provided by Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation
- A motion to move the Town's Christmas parade and Holiday Fest. from December 1, 2018 to December 8, 2018 was made by council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion passed (6-0).
- A motion to set the Town's Employee Christmas party December 11, 2018 was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion passed (6-0).
- Due to the fact that both January 21, 2019 and February 18, 2019 are Town holidays a motion to move the Town Council meetings to Tuesday January 22, 2019 and February 19, 2019 was made by council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion passed (6-0).
- There will be a retirement party for Sergeant Ronald Wilhoit on Saturday October 27, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the old Harden building on Kowaliga Road. Everyone is invited.

**Public Comments:**

Council member Winslett stated that a business in Town's was desperately looking for a new location and wanted to know if council might be able to help keep them in Town. Condemning property was discussed. Mayor Davenport stated that since the Town does not presently have a condemnation ordinance the process would be involved and take a considerable amount of time.

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (6-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

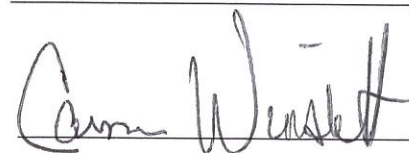
  
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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

  
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