

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
May 20th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on May 20th, 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, Stephanie Stepney, Robert Head, Kyle Wall, Zach Davidson, Zac Lyles and Peter Golden.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:08 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	present
	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 Mothershed. (4 yea, Stepney abstains). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

Financial reports for April 2024

Overtime Reports

Minutes of the April 15th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

A motion to pass the Municipal Pollution Prevention Resolution Form was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to allow for spending of \$4,000 from the Recycle fund to purchase Cotton Festival Banners and/or Christmas pole decorations was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to remove the tree at 170 First Avenue and the Fire station was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Councilor Stearns (5 yea). Motion passes.

Councilor Mothershed explained the need for an updated outside employment policy. He wrote a draft as a starting point and wishes going forward, to improve the policy to prevent the use of jobs for personal gain with regards to employees.

A motion to not appropriate funds to the Elmore County Resource Center was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed (4 yea, Goodwin abstains). Motion passes.

The Mayor presented the Elected Official Training bill that passed through legislation. It is supposed to require training of all elected officials beginning January 1st, 2025. Councilor Goodwin stated that the bill had no repercussions and is still being looked at.

Officer Kyle Wall presented to the Council a request for funds for 9 mm Glocks and tasers to update the aging fleet of weapons the Police department currently has.

A motion to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$8,000 from the police department fund to purchase 9 mm guns and tasers was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Shannon Duck thanked the Council for their approval of her and Maggin to attend the Main Street conference in Birmingham. The trip certainly will benefit the Town with the knowledge we received.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor stated that Representative Stubbs will be attending our June Council meeting to brief us on the happenings in the area as well as ask the community what needs should be addressed in the near future.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments: Councilor Stearns requests the Water Works Office manager be present at the next meeting and to bring the budget numbers as of now.

Councilor Stears also requested that Public Works look at the few leaks that the library has and also wishes to address the fact that someone is using the Museum bathroom when they are closed.

A motion to go into executive session at 7:36 to discuss personnel matters was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney (5 yea). Motion passes

A motion to return to the Regular Council meeting was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to allow Mayor Davenport to adjust the pay for employees discussed during executive session was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed.

A motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members

