

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
October 21st, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 21st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included: Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, Lindsay Mothershed, Stephanie Stepney, David Goodwin, Joel Johnson, Kaylan Greene, Zac Lyles, Antonio Brown, Charles Thornton, Maggin Edwards, Chief Leon Smith-Coosada, Robert Head, and Josh Dorminey.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:47 p.m.

The invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk 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

Mayor Davenport opened the meeting going over financials and minutes from last month.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea, Goodwin abstains). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

Financial reports for September 2024
Overtime Reports
Minutes of the September 16th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of the October 2nd, 2024, Special Called Meeting

Mayor Davenport began reading Ordinance 2024-10-001 for the adoption of Electronic voting machines for the upcoming municipal election.

A motion to suspend the reading at length Ordinance 2024-10-001 was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to approve by Roll Call vote Ordinance 2024-10-001 at first reading was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. A roll call vote was taken: Reed-yea

Goodwin-yea

Mothershed- yea

Stepney- yea

Stearns- yea

Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport read Ordinance 2024-10-002 regarding Mayor and Council salary changes for the incoming administration.

A motion to table the discussion was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (5 yea). Motion passes.

Councilor Mothershed mentioned that the Superintendent of water and any appointed officials are separate from the Mayor/Council salary, and will be discussed and passed at the Organizational meeting in November 2025.

A motion to approve Tina Bush's bid for cleaning because she is local was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea).
Motion passes.

A motion to purchase an HVAC unit, up to the amount of \$8,000 for the library under the Mayors discretion was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns. (5 yea). Motion passes.

*4 yea
Mothershed
abstain*

A motion to table the sewer billing proposal was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to approve the FY 2025 budget (with the expectation that it can be amended later on) eliminating the Recycle Center in the budget was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed.

Roll Call vote: Stearns-Nay
Stepney-Nay
Goodwin-yea
Mothershed- yea
Reed-yea
Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Cotton Festival was a success. Maggin stated we were down a few vendors to allow for a larger kid zone. Next year she wants to hire help and make parking a priority.

A motion to allow the street closing on December 14th for the Holiday Festival was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

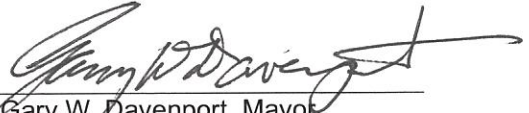
Mayor's Comments:

Mayor stated that Britt Green from First Baptist will take back over the Trick or Trunk festivities on October 31, 2024 from 6-8 pm. The council allowed the road to be closed from Main Street to First Avenue.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed at 8:38 p.m. (5 yea). Motion passes.



Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members

