

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JUNE 18, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on June 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Cliff Williams - The Observer, Jim Black, Verdie Nummy, Janice Taylor, Carmen, Mark and Carolyn Winslett, Stephanie and Jason Stepney, Nathan Collins, Brenda Thomas, Andrew Woods, Josh Dorminey, Sonia Taylor, Elizabeth Geer, and Officer Antonio Brown, Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:02 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (4-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for May, 2018

Minutes of the May 21, 2018 Regular Council meeting

A motion to approve and include, in the 2019 Budget, a quarterly appropriation of \$400 for the Elmore County Health Department was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0).

Due to management changes, request was made to move the Fred's Vendor Fair from the store parking lot to the Town parking lot next to Town Hall. The event is set for June 23 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and will benefit the Eclectic Library. A motion to approve this move was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4-0).

On a different note, Mrs. Winslett also requested that she be allowed to pursue bringing back Trade Days on the second Saturday of each month at the same location. The event would run from 8:00a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and benefit different Town groups and organizations. A motion to approve the revitalization of Trade Days as proposed was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (4-0).

Next, a motion to pursue initial ground work, before any funds are expended, for a possible sewer expansion to aid in the development of new subdivisions within the Town limits was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (4-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head -

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey - has appointed a new Assistant Chief David Ingram and promoted Andrew Woods.

EMS- Director Taylor -

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson - not present

Library- Librarian Coker— not present - given by Council Member Stearns - Summer Program is in full swing and going.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport - There will be a ribbon cutting for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Wednesday June 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Public Works – McKinley Price- still out due to illness - Mayor reported it was a very busy time of year - Jason Stepney reported a snake problem at Panther Palace.

Events – Mayor – Cotton Festival meeting Tues. July 2 @ 6p.m. Plans are moving forward well. Volunteers still needed.

PARKS & REC. - Jim Black— Painting is underway at Panther Palace as well as clean up from vandalism Mayor Davenport reported he had meet and plans are in the works for security cameras around town.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission- the June meeting has been rescheduled for July 2, 2018.

Industrial Development Board –

Old Business:

The Middle and Madix road projects all paperwork has been submitted. Still waiting for news from CARPDC.

Upon motion to adjourn to Executive Session for consideration for the vacant Council position Eclectic Observer reporter Cliff Williams challenged the action stating the State Open Meeting Act. As a result interviews were conducted in open meeting and included Nathan Collins, Robert Newman - not present, Josh Pack - not present, Stephanie Stepney, and Carmen Winslet.

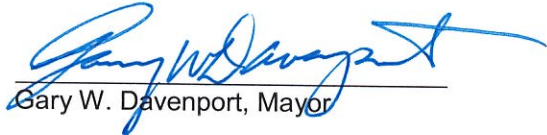
Motion to postpone further action was made by Council member Stearns but not seconded. Mayor Davenport called for a brief recess to confer with legal council. Upon return Mayor Davenport opened the floor for nominations from Council. There was no nominations. Instead, A motion to table the matter until all candidates were present was made by Council member Powell and seconded by Council member Goodwin with Council member Stearns objecting. Again Mayor Davenport opened the floor for nominations. Council member Reed nominated Carmen Winslett with Council member Powell seconding. Stearns and Goodwin voted yea as well.

Mayor Comments: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion passed (4-0).

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

