

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
October 16th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on October 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included, Maggin Edwards, Shannon Duck, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, David Goodwin, Lindsay Mothershed, Jackie Stearns, Stephanie Stepney, Clayton Boshell and Easterling Carpenter.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

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

Invocation was then given by Mayor Gary Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by the 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

**A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (3 yea, Stepney and Stearns abstain). Motion passes.**

The consent agenda consist of the following:  
Financial reports for September 2023  
Overtime Reports  
Minutes of the September 18th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor read in full Resolution 2023-10-001 amending the Eclectic personnel manual to include sections regarding holiday pay and separation.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10-001 was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor read in full Resolution 2023-10-002 authorizing the one-time purchase of equipment for all six new police vehicles.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10-002 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor read in full Resolution 2023-10-003 the 2024 Severe Weather Tax free holiday.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10-003 was made by Pro Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor read in full Resolution 2023-10-004 authorizing the lease of 6 police vehicles.

**A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10-004 was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to dispense the second reading in full of Ordinance 2023-08-001 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-08-001 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor read letter to Council regarding the Police Department rank structure request from Chief Head that included 3 promotions and raises. Councilor Goodwin stated this was a matter the Mayor did not have to bring before Council.

**A motion was made to accept the promotion and raise increase of the Police Department by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to approve Policy 14 as presented was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Stearns opposed). Motion passes.**

**Departmental Reports:**  
Reports in packet. No questions.

**Old Business:** Mayor announced the Quality-of-Life meeting presented by ECEDA on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am at the Elmore County courthouse.

Mayor also reminded the public about the Maroon Machine Dance Line fun run and vendor market November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Blount Street, Howle Street, West Main Street, Varner Street, Mockingbird Lane and First Avenue have been paved with the Rebuild Alabama funds.

**Mayors Comments:** Mayor updated the Council about the progress that is going on in the subdivisions.

Bellwood sold two homes and 4 homes are being constructed.  
Central Park/Deer Creek has two homes in the process of construction and are for sale.  
Oaks Subdivision is 90% complete with the sewer installation.

Mayor also announced that Jacks is finished with the sewer installation and ready to start the water and utility installation. Also, DOT declined the stop light but requires the turn lane.

November 5<sup>th</sup> is the day to turn our clocks back an hour.

**Internet /Public Comments:**

**Council Comments:**

**A motion to approve the fee of \$25 for use of the lights at Aaron Park for 4 weeks was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to go into executive session at 8:05 pm. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to discuss employee matters. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

A motion to end executive session was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed at 8:09 p.m. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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