

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MARCH 16, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Leslie York with CARPDC, Chris George, Lindsey Mothershed, Alan Nummy, Chief Head, Officers Brown, Bailey and wife and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:10 p.m.

Invocation was then given by Council member Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by the Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

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

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for February, 2020

Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Council meeting

Next Mayor Davenport explained that the county leaders had met earlier that day to discuss an emergency plan of operation for the county in light of the CoVID19 pandemic. The Mayor read and presented to Council the Declaration of Emergency Conditions and response for Elmore County. In addition, he also presented and read his Proclamation regarding the Town's response plan. At present all Town events and activities, not mandated by law, are cancelled until April 5, 2020 or further notice.

Mayor Davenport recognized Alan Nummy who explained to Council the need for an offsite backup plan and his choice of Cloudberry and Wasabi. A motion to approve the use and purchase of purposed systems was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-1).

A motion to allow Ordinance 105 setting election qualification fees at \$10 for Councilmember candidates and \$30.00 for Mayoral candidates to stand as written was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

A motion to allow Mayor Davenport to set Public Hearing dates for the rezoning of the Industrial Park as current emergency conditions will allow was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6-0).

Next the Fair Housing Month Proclamation was read and signed by Mayor Davenport.

Departmental Reports:

Police Department- Chief Head- Chief Head recommended to Town Council that Officer Bailey be promoted to the rank of Corporal. The department currently has no one at that rank. A motion to approve the promotion of Officer Bailey was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (6-0).

Fire Department- Chief Dorminey –

EMS- Director Taylor-

Senior Center- Minnie Johnson –

Library- Librarian Coker –

Water Works- Mayor Davenport -

Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas

Events – Council member Winslett –

- Trade Days March 14 went very well.
- All Town events and activities are on hold until further notice.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – All Town parks are currently closed until further notice. The Town is pursuing grant opportunities for Park renovations.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – Meeting has been canceled until further notice.

Industrial Development Board – waiting for sale of property.

Business Relations Committee – on hold

Advisory Board – Spokesman Chris George reported to Council activities and recommendations to date. A motion to approve to purchase a new chainsaw and blower as recommended by the Advisory Board was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (6-0).

Old Business:

Mayor Davenport reported that:

- Panther Palace bumpers are currently on hold from the county.
- Speed signs and posts have come in and are ready to install.

Public Comments: NONE

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Davenport stated that he and Council member Stepney had put together a much needed Town Social Media Policy to be added to the Town's Policies and Procedures/Handbook. A motion to approve the policy as presented was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. The motion carries (5-1).
- Reminded Council to file their Statement of Economic Interest reports.
- The 2020 Census has begun.
- Mayor Davenport explained that Town meeting must be conducted and open to the public in accordance to State law and the Open Meeting Act.
- Employee reviews have been completed. Council requested additional time to discuss results of the reviews. A motion to recess regular Council meeting and convene in Executive Session for purpose of discussing personnel matters was made by Council member Winslett and seconded by Council member Stepney. Show of hands was unanimous.

A motion to reconvene in regular session at 10:05 p.m. was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Winslett. Motion passed unanimous by show of hands.

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

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members

