

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
JUNE 17th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on June 17th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included: Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, David Goodwin, Shannon Duck, Lindsay Mothershed, Chris George, Samuel Duck, Robert Head, Zac Lyles and Troy Stubbs.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 6:59 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	absent
	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 Goodwin. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consist of the following:

- Financial reports for May 2024
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the May 20th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the June 5th, 2024, Special Called Meeting

Mayor Davenport introduced and welcomed Representative Troy Stubbs from the Alabama State House of Representatives. Mr. Stubbs stated that after attending his second session, he discovered a need to update Municipalities as to what passed in the Legislature and how it pertains to the local government.

Some of the highlights of this session included the passing of both the General Fund (3.4 Billion) and Education (9.35 Billion) budget. The School Choice Act passed and will be taking place in August of 2025.

Mr. Stubbs also explained that if we wish to pass local legislation it is helpful to have a unanimous vote, we must advertise, have a sponsor from the House and Senate and hold a Public Hearing. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Stubbs for attending and all the great information.

Mayor Davenport announced that any changes in Mayor and Council salaries must be done by written Ordinance on or before January 25th Council meeting. He further explained that municipal candidates are not required to file a weekly or monthly campaign disclosure report until they have reached the \$1,000 threshold. And all candidates must report to the Secretary of State. Paperwork still needs to be filed with the Town Clerk as well as the Statement of Economic interest with the Alabama Ethics Commission.

Chief Head went over a new time clock software that integrates with our payroll software. This software is able to control geofencing and administrator approval for payroll.

A motion to approve the contract for Time Clock Plus with a 3-year term and a Net 90 payment schedule was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Shannon Duck went over the PD Task Force Financial statement she provided Council. She made the Council aware that we are still awaiting the June rent donation payment. The Town paid the bill already so as not to be late.

A motion to dispense the reading at length for Resolution 2024-06-001 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-06-001 to Surplus guns was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-06-002 to collect Delinquent Business License Revenue was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Mayor asked the Council to consider dates for Special called budget meetings for July 22, July 29, August 5th and August 12th. The goal is to have the budget finalized and approved no later than September 30, 2024.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor stated we need to update the Town policy manual and Employee handbook, rather than to keep amending policies we already have in place. He suggests once we pass the budget that we consider contracting out with a company that specializes in that to keep us up to date.

Shannon will provide the Council with a hard copy or PDF digital copy of both.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Stepney absent). Motion passes.

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members

