

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
AUGUST 16, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on August 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Alan Nummy, Ryan Brown – EYBO, Chris George, Tony Thomas, Carmen Winslett, Officers Thornton and Alexander, Chief Head and Shannon Duck – Assistant Clerk, and other citizens and employees. Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:31 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 Deborah Rowe:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem:	Linda Reed	present
Council members	Jackie Stearns	present
	David Goodwin	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	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 (5-0).

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for July 2021  
Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport gave an update on the Coronavirus Pandemic in regard to the Town stating that the number of cases in Town is currently very high. Mayor Davenport introduced and read Resolution 2021-08-002 establishing leave for Covid positive employees. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (5-0).

Personnel policy #16 defining "On Call Time and Pay" for waterworks and sewer was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Policy #16 as read was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (3-2).

Personnel policy #17 defining the Town's Public Records Access Policy was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve Policy #17 as read was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (3-2).

Resolution 2021-08-001 to surplus property was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Next item of business was the Aaron Park Agreement and Lease. A motion to make adjustments to sections;

A. A 1. This fee is to be waived for the 2021-2022 ball season.

B. and to add section;

F. The Town of Eclectic and the EYBO agree to provide keys to both entities to all facilities at Aaron Park including bathrooms, gates, the boardroom and the concession stand.

was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

Council member Goodwin moved to accept the Lease and the Agreement as amended pending acceptance by the EYBO and was seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

Next Mayor Davenport introduced a quote from Unifirst, uniform rental company, showing a savings to the Town of approximately half the current cost. A motion to table this measure, stating not approved to spend money upon the first proposal, was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).

A number of the Town's Christmas decorations are old and in need of replacing. Mayor Davenport purposed the replacement of the nativity scene stating now is the time these items need to be purchased. A motion to approve the purchase of the nativity scene from Dixie decorations at a cost of \$490 plus shipping to be paid from the Recycle Center funds was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (3-1-1).

A motion **not** to fund the Elmore County Family Resource Center for the 2022 fiscal year was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

#### **Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department - Chief Head – A motion to table the proposal of uniform rental by the police department, stating it could be considered during the 2022 budget, was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (5-0).**

**Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy - A motion to approve the fire departments purchase of new tires for 2 fire trucks from the lowest bidder was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).**

**EMS- Sonia Taylor – given by Alan Nummy- very busy – covid cases way up**

**Senior Center- Mayor Davenport –The Center is open.**

**Library- Mayor Davenport – Slow month. Slow getting quotes on the museum.**

**Water Works- Mayor Davenport – The First Ave project has been completed. Council member Stepney requested a more detailed monthly report stating work done and a daily log. Council member Stearns requested that discussion on a Water Works Field supervisor be held until 2021-2022 budget discussions**

**Sewer- George – George reported work on the new building was progressing. He also stated he would have print outs for the Council packets.**

#### **Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas**

**Events –Winslett –The 2021 ACF has been canceled. July 27 at 6:00 p.m. Holiday Fest is still on at his time, "Welcome to Whoville" and will include vendors. Will work on plans for a Spring event with the ball league.**

**Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Tony Thomas – Busy time – Public Works is in need of 2 new weed eaters at a cost of \$350 to \$400 each and a replacement blower also at a cost of \$350 to \$400. A motion to authorize the Mayor to handle what Public Works needs with funds to come from the general fund was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).**

Council member Stepney requested that the maintenance of the right of way in Woodlawn Subdivision be addressed. Mayor Davenport and Supervisor Thomas stated they were aware of the situation and had already been on site and accessed the trouble spots in the area. Much of the problem areas are going to require time to address.

Council member Stearns requested that every effort be made to address the downtown area making it look its best for weekends with so many people coming through and to Town for events.

**Planning Commission** – Chairman Davenport – There will be a meeting tomorrow night, July 17, at 6:00 pm to discuss possible new subdivision developments.

**Old Business:**

- The complete sewer extension is still short several signatures. The Mayor is still working on sources of funds to help with the cost of the project.

**Mayor Comments:**

- Eclectic the Beautiful has painted paw prints up West College which have been well received. They are now requesting to be allowed to do the same on North College from Main Street to the school.
- Due to changes with the US Postal Service the Town Hall now is in need of a mailbox outside. A motion to spend no more than \$250 for a locking mailbox was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (5-0).
- Mayor Davenport purposed two (2) possibilities for work order forms to allow for the approval and follow through of work. Council agreed with the Mayor's choice.
- The actual figures from the 2020 Census are now available and indicate growth within the Town of Eclectic. Numbers are as follows;  
Coosada      1217  
Eclectic      1193  
Elmore      1280  
Tallassee    4763

**Council & Public Comments:**

- Council member Stepney ask for the overtime report, broken down by department, to be included in their monthly packets. In addition, Council member Stepney suggested the Town look at doing a Town employee recognition.
- Council member Goodwin brought before Council two (2) Alabama Power Grants and asked permission from Council to pursue these funds. A motion to allow Council member Goodwin to work on applying for these grants was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (5-0).

**Internet Public Comments:**

**There were no questions tonight.**

A motion to adjourn was made by council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion passed (5-0).

There being no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting (8:46).

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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

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