

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MAY 17, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included Chris George, Sonia Taylor, Alan Nummy, Tony Thomas, Brenda Thomas, Officer Lyles, 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: 7:06 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	absent
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There was a quorum.	Stephanie Stepney	present

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for April 2021

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport gave a brief update on the Coronavirus Pandemic in regard to the Town. All Town offices are now open to the public. The Senior Center is beginning a soft reopening.

Resolution 2021-05-001 to Participate in the 2021 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holliday was presented by Mayor Davenport. A motion to forgo the reading of the Resolution was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Council member Mothershed and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4-0).

Resolution 2021-05-002 the Annual Wastewater Review was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Mothershed and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (4-0).

Resolution 2021-05-003 to Rename Knight Street was read by Mayor Davenport. A motion to approve the Resolution as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (4-0). A date for a ceremony will be set in the near future.

Mayor Davenport introduced adjustments to the EMS personnel, schedule, hourly work table and a pay raise based on recommendations from the Town auditors. Mayor Davenport also stated that a third full-time medic had been hired and is scheduled to begin on June 3, 2021.

A motion to approve the personnel, schedule and hourly work table as read was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0).

A motion to approve the purposed pay adjustments for both the EMS medics and drivers as read was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stearns. The motion carries (4-0).

Next, the Public Hearing for the Family Dollar's application for a liquor license and the draft beer retail sales proposal was set for Monday June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Council member Stepney and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0).

Departmental Reports:

Police Department - Chief Head – Chief introduced new Police Officer Zac Lyles.

Fire Department - Chief Dorminey – given by Alan Nummy – They have been busy.

EMS- Sonia Taylor – **A motion for EMS to be allowed to have its own gas key was made by Council member Stepney. There was no second for the motion so the Motion died at this time.**

Senior Center- Mayor Davenport – The Center will begin to reopen with an outdoor event May 28 and continue with a soft reopening June 15.

Library- Mayor Davenport – Summer reading program begins each Tuesday in June at 2:00 p.m.– They received the \$15,500 grant for the museum as well as private donations.

Water Works- Mayor Davenport – The new drinking Water Report is now available. The Town received an A+ rating.

Sewer- George –

George reported he had gotten gates for the Sewer plant donated and there should only be minimal cost. George also reported he had gotten a quote for a "like new" generator to be used during power outages and emergencies. Quote for the generator and trailer to mount it on was \$7600. In addition, six stations would need to be outfitted with OSHA disconnect at a cost of \$600 each for a total cost of \$3600. **A motion to purchase the quoted generator, trailer and disconnects at a total cost of \$11,200.00 was made by Council member Stearns and seconded by Council member Reed. The motion carries (3-0) with 1 abstention.**

Municipal Court – Court Clerk Thomas

Events –Winslett – Community Yard Sale went well. The next ACF meetings is Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. – All Chairpersons have been filled but could still use help with sponsors. Winslett announced she would be stepping down as Events coordinator after the Cotton Festival this year.

Public Works/Parks and Recs. – Mayor – Busy time cutting grass – Welcomed new supervisor Tony Thomas. Council member Stepney questioned the grass cutting of Panther Palace and the Recycle Center being left open. Mayor Davenport stated that the Town was once again pursuing a grant for Panther Palace.

Planning Commission – Chairman Davenport – No meeting this month.

Old Business:

- The Mayor Davenport sent a letter to the Eclectic Youth Ball Organization notifying them that their contract with the Town has been canceled July 31, 2021.
- Work is still ongoing for the sewer extension. Easement right of ways for the first phase have been signed. Verbal commitments are pending on the second phase and will continue. A motion to approve the MRS LLC cultural dig at a cost of \$4880.00 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0.)
- A motion to approve Town Policy #14 governing the use of GPS trackers on Town vehicles was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Stepney. The motion carries (4-0.)
- A motion to approve Town Policy #15 governing the handling of PETTY CASH was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Mothershed. The motion carries (4-0.)

Mayor Comments:

- The complaint in regard to the parking of 18 wheelers has been worked out between the church and residents.
- GFL Environmental, the new trash company, is still experiencing problems. The days of routes have been changed by the company.

Council & Public Comments: NONE

Internet Public Comments:

There were no questions tonight.

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

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting (8:48).

Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

Council Members
