

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
DECEMBER 18, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, the following were present; Cory - Eclectic Observer, McKinley Price, Janice Taylor, Verdie Nummy, Sonia Taylor, Kevin McGuire, Jim Black, Minnie Johnson, James Taylor, Suzie Wingard, Officers Griffin, Stewart, Duck and Chief Head and other town employees and citizens.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Davenport recognized the passing of Council Member Inez Gates on December 14, 2017 with a moment of silence. Invocation was then given by Mayor Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Deborah Rowe:

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| Mayor:              | Gary Davenport | present |
| Mayor Pro-tem:      | Linda Reed     | present |
| Council members     | Jackie Stearns | absent  |
|                     | Charles Powell | present |
| There was a quorum. | David Goodwin  | present |

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

The consent agenda consist of the following;

Financial reports for November, 2017  
Minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

A motion to approve the request for rezoning of 290 West College Street was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Powell. The motion carries (4-0).

Mayor Davenport declared a vacancy on the Town Council due to the passing of Council Member Gates. Procedure for filling the vacant position is mandated by the State of Alabama and will be followed. Forms and information may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office. Interested parties must file a letter of intent with that office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday January 12, 2017.

The Holiday schedule for 2018 was presented to Council which indicated conflicts with regular scheduled council meetings in January and February. Mayor Davenport recommended these meeting be moved to the following Tuesday night in both months. A motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to move the January 15 council meeting to Tuesday January 16, 2018 and the February 19 meeting to February 20, 2018 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0).

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve a pay raise for police officers from 13.25 to 14.25 and the implementation of a 4 on 4 off work schedule was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Powell. A motion to implement this pay increase beginning pay period December 21, 2017 was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Powell. These motions carry (4-0).

After a lengthy discussion between Council and the Director of the EMS, a motion to approve the purchase of the software system ESO at a cost of \$2400 per year with additional on time set up fees and the purchase of a laptop for the program at a cost of up to \$2500 was made by Council member Goodwin and seconded by Council member Reed. These motions carry (4-0).

**Departmental Reports:**

**Police Department- Chief Head -**

**Fire Department- Chief Dorminey -** not present - no report

**EMS- Director Taylor -**

**Senior Center- Minnie Johnson -** selling tickets for new raffle for a 40" tv to be given away in Dec.

**Library- Librarian Coker-** not present - Given by Mayor Davenport A motion to re-appoint Jane Golden and Ferrann Wilson to the Library Board was made by Council member Reed and seconded by Council member Goodwin. The motion carries (4-0).

**Water Works- Mayor Davenport -**

**Municipal Court- Court Clerk Thomas -** not present

**Public Works - McKinley Price -**

**Events - Mayor -** Christmas Events were a great success

**PARKS & REC. - Jim Black-** Weather has work on hold - security cameras ready to be installed - bleacher work also ready to go - have not heard from light Grant

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission-**

**Industrial Development Board -**

**Old Business: NONE**

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Davenport wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

**Public Comments: NONE**

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

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

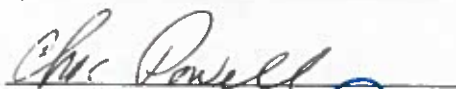
  
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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deborah Rowe, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

  
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