

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
AUGUST 18th, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held August 18th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included: Shannon Duck, Maggin Edwards, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, Lindsay Mothershed, Stephanie Stepney, David Goodwin, Guy Sanders, Colby Bellew, Betty Stroud, Barbara Gilmore, Wanda Estes, Cliff Williams, Carissa George, Tonya Jackson, Braylon Jackson, JoAnn Mann, Gabe Payne, Leslie York (CARPDC), Betty Coker, Jason Stepney, Samuel Duck, Daren Davis, Josh Dorminey, Lincoln Herman, Elizabeth Daly (CARPDC), Claudia O'Connell, Tammie Willis, James Walker, Robert Head, Susie Wingard and Johnny Wingard.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook. We streamed the work session as well.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:11 p.m. Work session ran late.

The Invocation was then given by Mayor Davenport.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Davenport.

Roll call was conducted by Town Clerk Shannon Duck:

Mayor:	Gary Davenport	present
Mayor Pro-tem	Linda Reed	present
Councilmembers	Jackie Stearns	present
	Stephanie Stepney	present
	Lindsay Mothershed	present
There is a quorum.	David Goodwin	present

Mayor Davenport opened the meeting going over financials and minutes from last month.

**A motion to approve the consent agenda with one minor change (Stepney voted no on the Jason Hart subdivision) was discussed at the work session was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

The consent agenda consists of the following:

- Financial reports for July 2025
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of July 21st, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of August 11th, 2025, Public Hearing/Special Called Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport introduced 2 heroes (Gabe Payne and Braylen Jackson) that saved the lives of two drowning victims. Alan Nummy recognized the heroic act of these boys and awarded them a life saving award and t-shirt. Mayor Davenport gave them both a Proclamation recognizing their heroic acts as well as a key to the Town of Eclectic.

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-08-001- The Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan. Councilman Goodwin wants to see the breakdown of projects we have still outstanding with regards to roadwork. Mayor Davenport stated it was mostly sidewalk work. The Town Clerk will gather the information.

**A motion to accept Resolution 2025-08-001 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-08-002-to accept the low bid of Causey Construction on the CDBG Wastewater grant.

**A motion to approve Resolution 2025-08-002 as read was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport explained that the current rate to feed inmates housed at the Elmore County Jail was \$5 a day, and the new contract is increasing to \$25 per day due to the cost of living increases over the year. Mayor Davenport met with Sheriff Franklin and Luke McGinty, and they explained that each municipality will now be paying the same rate. The Town Clerk asked Council to be mindful of this when they prepare the budget for the court, as the only fund this can be paid from is the Corrections, under the municipal court fund. Councilor Stepney stated we should consider options on how we would recuperate the increase. Councilor Mothershed clarified with the Town Clerk that an increase of the corrections account under the municipal court fund would have to be increased to \$12,000, rather than \$2,000.

**A motion to table the discussion of the Inmate Housing Agreement was made by Councilor Stearns and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport explained the scope of a project to convert the old Recycle Center into a bay for the Fire Department as well as public works department to park the tractor. Councilor Stepney asked public works if they could help with the labor to save funds and the consensus depends on the scope of the project and the tools the public works department has.

**A motion to advertise a bid for the Recycle Center project up to the cost of \$300 was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport encouraged the Council to set a special called meeting with the engineers for the Pecan Orchard as well as to get to work on the budget. Leslie York from CARPDC explained that the new engineer had to remove the bridge, sidewalk and change from concrete to asphalt for the Pecan Orchard project because the original budget was set two years ago and costs have increased significantly. The engineer will be invited to the special-called meeting to discuss the scope with the Council.

**A motion to call a Special Called budget meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 p.m. and invite the engineers of the Pecan Orchard grant was made by Councilor Stearns and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport suggested to the Council that we not consider the Vape tax change to go from collecting on gross receipts to consumption amount. He stated we only have 1 gas station that sells vapes. Town Clerk stated that this legislation is concerning other city clerk's due to the vague verbiage and some clerks are concerned about losing money rather than gaining any with this piece of legislation. No action was taken on this matter.

**A motion to change the locks immediately at the Teague building and only allow the key to be in the hands of Mayor and the town Clerk was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**Departmental Reports:**  
Reports in packet.

**Old Business:** none

**Mayor's Comments:** none

**Internet /Public Comments:**

Barbara Gilmore asked for an update on the water issue on Hwy 63, towards Hwy 14. Mayor Davenport states that the engineer and the water department have been working together on whether to reroute the water to the original flow before the pressure issue became a concern. If not, they will be adding pressure regulators to the budget.

**Council Comments:**

Councilor Stearns inquired about IVO, the Town of Eclectic's K-9. Discussion about retiring him, selling him and ensuring he was up to date on his vaccinations took place. Town Clerk advised that the only expense seen in a while on IVO was his monthly food

order. Town Clerk also advised to investigate any liability before selling a K-9. There may be some concerns about who he can be sold to.

Councilor Stearns also inquired about the status of the money still owed from Intermountain upfitting with regards to the equipment for the PD leased vehicles we never got. Discussion about whether it is worth the attorney fees to pursue the lost \$19,000. Mayor Davenport will investigate this. Chief Head stated that he is considering criminal charges to be filed against the company. The Council questioned whether it would be a civil matter instead.

**A motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

  
Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

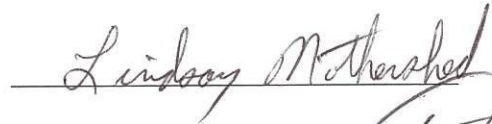
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Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

**Council Members**









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