

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
SEPTEMBER 15th, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held September 15th, 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, Wanda Estes, Cliff Williams, Jason Stepney, Daren Davis, Josh Dorminey, Tammie Willis, Robert Head, Faye Harrell, Maxine Birmingham, Dawn Hamilton and Zach Lyles.

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

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

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 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consists of the following:

- Financial reports for August 2025
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of August 18th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of September 2nd, 2025, Canvassing/Special Called Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-09-001 announcing the Severe Weather tax free weekend.

A motion to accept Resolution 2025-09-001 was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-09-002-to waive the property tax increase on all properties part of HB417 outlining the partial annexations.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-09-002 as read was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-09-003 to ask the Council to continue Fiscal year end 2025 budget to allow the new administration to set the budget for Fiscal year ending 2026.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-09-003 read was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport explained the new contract with Elmore County Sheriffs department regarding Inmate meals. The price is increasing from \$5 to \$25. The Corrections fund within the Municipal Court budget should be increased accordingly to accommodate the increase in expenditure.

A motion to accept the contract with Elmore County Sheriff's Department was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport went over a new quote for the mapping project of the water system. The quote was provided by Alabama Rural water. The quote was for GPS mapping of our main lines and allowed our water department to uncover all our mains to GPS to save on the cost. The quote was \$9,660.

A motion to approve the \$9,660 to map our water lines was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport read a request from Lake Martin animal sanctuary for a Tails on Trails sponsorship.

A motion to allow \$100 silver sponsorship expenditure was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport went over the FEMA flood study. He explained that all of Eclectic was not in a flood zone. The proposal stated that if the Town participated, property owners would be able to purchase flood insurance. Councilor Stepney asked Mayor Davenport to check on the cost of membership to allow this for our citizens.

Mayor Davenport addressed the Council with a quote from Trinity Air and Heat to replace the blower motor in the library's annex building.

A motion to approve the \$1,615 quote was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stearns. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet.

Old Business: Mayor Davenport reported that all locks have been changed at the Teague building. Chief Dorminey asked Council to allow us to rekey the outside door and block off the door where the records are kept so they can use the work out equipment. The Council had no issues with the request. Shannon Duck wrote a gym key policy that may help with the issues concerning unauthorized visitors in the gym that could be signed by everyone that holds a key, limited to Town employees only.

A motion to allow the rekeying and approving the policy was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor's Comments: December 6th at 5 pm is the Christmas parade and the Holiday Festival hosted by Eclectic Network. The times for the festival will be announced soon.

October 4th, 2025 will be the Alabama Cotton Festival pageant at the High School. The Alabama Cotton Festival will be on October 11th.

Internet /Public Comments:

Jason Stepney addressed the Council with an update on the fencing project at Aaron Park. Materials will be delivered on Wednesday, all post holes are dug and the demo he has donated has been completed.

Council Comments:

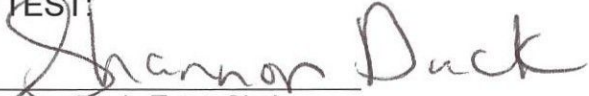
Councilor Stepney announced the Eclectic Network clean-up day is scheduled for September 28th at 2 p.m. All volunteers are encouraged to come out.

Councilor Mothershed addressed the Council congratulating the newly elected Mayor and Council and provided a letter of resignation effective immediately.

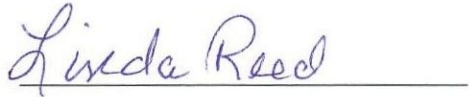
A motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor


ATTEST:


Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members







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