

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
May 27th, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held May 27th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Court Room, persons present included: Shannon Duck, Mayor Davenport, Linda Reed, Jackie Stearns, Lindsay Mothershed, Stephanie Stepney, David Goodwin, Zac Lyles, Robert Head, Claudia O'Connell, Alan Nummy, Betty Stroud, Marie Rippy, Andrew Hughes, Samuel Duck, Dusty Duck, Pete Anderson, Fred Williams, Dawn Hamilton, Brad Linville, David Headley, Donald Strickland, Dane Anderson, Warren Colley, Kevin Stanley, Bill Colley, Eric and David Stafford, Jennifer Baker, Michael Bates, Mike Bellury, Tim Bellury, Clark Falan, Cliff Williams, Kevin Smith, Stacie Baker, Ricky Baker, Lincoln Hermon, and Chris Evans.

Proceedings were not aired live on Facebook. We experienced technical difficulties.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:15 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 rescind the motion to remove the Masonic Lodge name from the deed due to error was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

The consent agenda consists of the following:

Financial reports for April 2025

Overtime Reports

Minutes of April 28th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Davenport introduced a discussion about the Masonic Lodge property. The mayor clarifies that he was misinformed by Mr. Strickland that the Masons were no longer active and meeting. And in the deed, it states that the Town sold the Masons the property for \$1 with the criteria that if they stop meeting then the Town will assume the ownership of property again. So the last Council meeting the Mayor misinformed the Council that they were not meeting, in fact they meet twice a month after further research. Mr. Warren Colley spoke on behalf of the Masons in attendance at the meeting and requested that the Town Council in fact remove the Town of Eclectic from the deed altogether so that the Penick Lodge can get a mortgage on the parcel and build a new building for them to meet.

**A motion to table the discussion about the Masonic Lodge parcel until the Town Attorney is present was made by Pro-tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport read in full, Resolution 2025-05-001. It announced the back to School Tax Free holiday for July 18<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**A motion to approve Resolution 2025-05-001 as written was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to table discussion about the Aaron Park Lease was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to allow Mayor Davenport to write a recommendation of support for a liquor license for Slice of Eclectic was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**A motion to table # 10 on the agenda because Mr. Houston was not present was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport introduced Andrew Hughes, the Superintendent of the Madix subdivision. Discussion regarding two speed bumps on Madix Road occurred. Andrew Hughes stated that his company would be willing to absorb some of the cost with the Town to ensure the safety of the children that live on that road.

Mayor Davenport also read Amendment 2025-05-001 to Ordinance #85 in full. This Amendment adds a speed limit to Madix Drive to 30 miles per hour then to 15 miles per hour.

**A motion to approve Amendment 2025-05-001 to Ordinance #85 and to explore the options of adding two speed bumps at Madix Drive and share the cost with Mr. Hughes was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-05-002 to open a CDBG bank account at First Community Bank.

**A motion to accept Resolution 2025-05-002 as written was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport gave the Council a proposal for replacement Water Works vehicle because one was recently totaled.

**A motion to purchase a brand-new Water Works truck in the amount of \$49,000 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Stepney abstains). Motion passes.**

Betty Stroud went over the proposed changes to the Water and Sewer Department administrative policies. She also requested to increase sewer fees a little due to the increase in expense on the sewers side. The Council requested a breakdown of revenue and expenditure for sewer to discuss the increase at a later date.

**A motion to accept the changes proposed in the policy, except for the change in sewer rates was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports in packet. No questions.

**Old Business:**

**Mayor's Comments:** Alan Nummy addressed the Council with a request to outfit the new ladder truck in the amount of \$5,000. **A motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the Fire Department fund was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

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**Council Comments:** Councilor Goodwin stated the Memorial Day celebration was a huge success!

A Special Called Council meeting was scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 p.m to discuss the Masonic Lodge property, Aaron Park Lease, and other Town business that was tabled at this time.

**A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.**

  
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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

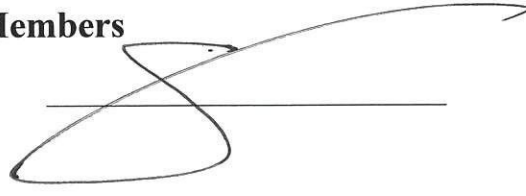
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Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

  
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