

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

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held March 18th, 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, Maggin Edwards, Robert Head, Claudia O'Connell, Lincoln Herman, Chris Zinn, Chris George, Terri and Steve McDonald, Alan Nummy, Antonio Brown, Margarita Mendoza and Josh Dorminey.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:07 p.m.

The invocation was then given by Mayor Gary 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-7:11 p.m.

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda 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 February 2025
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the February 18th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Steve McDonald from McDonald Wastewater came to speak to the Council. He expressed his frustration regarding a water works employee servicing a sewer line that is unlicensed. The service call led to a backup of sewage in local business downtown and McDonald Wastewater was not informed until after the fact. McDonald also said that the Mayor sent a bill to El Gran Rodeo for the damage to the other businesses and that was not ethical. Mayor Davenport stated that they do not need to pay the bill, but going forward if they do not comply with the grease trap regulations, then they are responsible for those bills moving forward.

The Mayor stated that Sharon Fox will be attending the next Council meeting to explain the AARC semi-quincentennial celebration that are coming soon.

Mayor Davenport informed the public that Shannon Duck-Town Clerk was a recipient of an International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference scholarship. She was one of two recipient in Region 3 which includes: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, , South and North Carolina and Ohio.

Chief Head proposed to the Council they allow funds that were donated to the PD to pay past due Task Force utility payment that are no longer in Kelly Baileys name. He also requested the Council to consider taking over those utilities until the next budget year when they can get the state task force to pay for them. The Council will not allow the utilities going forward to be taken over by the town.

A motion to pay the remaining past due utility payments for the task force building only was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, ~~Stepney opposed~~). Motion passes.

Stearns opposed

Mayor Davenport stated he is still waiting for a request in writing from the Ball League regarding their requests for the upcoming lease.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet. No questions.

Old Business: Please fill out SEI forms ASAP! Remember that Eclectic the Beautiful's May Fest vendor market is on May 10th.

Mayor's Comments: Those wishing to run for the Mayor or Council seats, qualification packets will be ready the beginning of May. Shannon Duck stated anyone interested should start viewing the Secretary of State website for information.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments:

A motion to allow the Fire Department to spend up to \$9,000 on 2 sets of gear from the Fire Department Savings account was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed.

A motion to enter an executive session at 7:20 to discuss personnel matters was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to adjourn from executive session was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin.

A motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.



Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members










