

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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, David Goodwin, Zac Lyles, Antonio Brown, Maggin Edwards, Robert Head, Alan Nummy, Tim Thornton, Houston Baker-new building inspector, and Kaylan Greene.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:06 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	<b>absent</b>
	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 minutes from December 2nd Public Hearing was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (3 yea, Reed abstains). Motion passes.**

**A motion to approve the Consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea). Motion passes.**

The consent agenda consist of the following:  
Financial reports for December 2024  
Overtime Reports  
Minutes of the December 16th, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Mayor read in full the Rebuild Alabama Annual Transportation plan that was constructed by Town Clerk Shannon Duck. It is posted at Town Hall for public viewing.

Mayor read in full for the second time, Ordinance 2024-12-001 that outlines the upcoming Mayor and Councils pay scale.

**A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12-001 as read was made by Councilor Mothershed and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea). Motion passes.**

Mayor Davenport introduced our new Building Inspector. With his extensive credentials, Mayor Davenport is confident he will be a great asset.

Mayor Davenport gave Council information on how to sign up for the Alabama League of Municipalities text alert system.

Mayor Davenport invited the Council and citizens to celebrate David Brunsons' retirement celebration Friday January 31, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Santuck Community Center.

Town Clerk has confirmation of the use of Eclectic Methodist Church as the voting place for the Municipal election on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as well as the run-off election if needed on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Mayor announced that our Town Clerk, Shannon Duck has been invited to attend the 2025 International Institute of Municipal Clerks and Associates annual conference in St. Louis, MO. She was asked to present the Region 3 treasurer report for the State of Alabama. The total trip is approximately \$2,500 and she has applied for a scholarship to cover the conference fees. She is requesting an increase in the training budget to allow for her to attend of \$2,000.

**A motion to increase the budget by \$2,000 to allow for Shannon Duck to attend the IIMCA annual conference was made by Councilor Stearns and seconded by Councilor Stearns (4 yea). Motion passes.**

**Departmental Reports:**

Reports in packet. No questions.

**Old Business:** 3 Council members, Mayor, and Shannon and Maggin will represent Eclectic at the annual Advocacy Day to meet with local legislation. The Mayor felt it important to attend since we have gained such support in our local annexation bill that will be going before Legislation this session. This is Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11-4 with a reception to follow.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor stated that Andy Markos property at Aaron Park Road was offered to the Town for \$119,462.62 for 8.64 acres. The Council was not interested in the purchase after discussion ensued.

Mayor updated the partial annexation progress. Our Town attorney is finishing the final legal descriptions and legislative services is waiting for them to draft the bill for advertisement in the local paper for 4 consecutive weeks. Shannon has organized everyone on board to get this project done quickly and efficiently.

Mayor Davenport and Officer Lyles presented Corporal Brown with the Life-Saving award. During a call Corporal Thornton was exposed to Fentanyl. Officer Brown used his knowledge and skills to administer Narcan to save Thornton's life.

Mayor announced 3 good candidates to fill the vacant police officer positions. 2 are candidates for the Academy and 1 is already APOST certified. Chief Head encouraged Council to interview them.

Mayor announced the Eclectic Networking meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am in the Court room. Councilor Goodwin praised the group for an amazing Christmas festival! Maggin Edwards- assistant clerk encouraged citizens to come and meet with us. This group is great!

**Internet /Public Comments: none**

**Council Comments:**

**A motion to adjourn at 7:27p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (4 yea). Motion passes.**

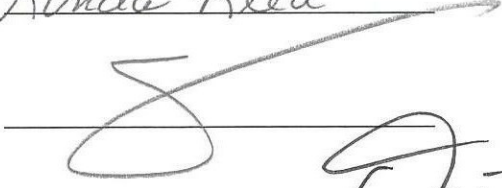
  
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Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

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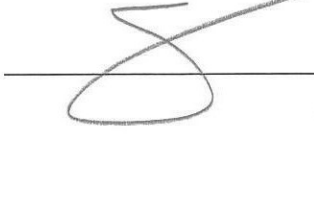
  
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Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

**Council Members**

Linda Reed



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