

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
July 21st, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held July 21st, 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, Zac Lyles, Robert Head, Claudia O'Connell, Betty Stroud, Lincoln Hermon, Jason Stepney, Guy Sanders, Alan Nummy, Colby Bellow, Daren Davis, Christopher Evans, Carissa George, Claudia O'Connell, Betty Coker, Donna Parr, Margie DiGiovanni, Steve and Terri McDonald, Dawn Hamilton, Jason Hart, Jeanelle Orrender, Ken and Leona Sanders, Tammie Willis, Samuel Duck, Walker Green, Emily Rosman, Lincoln Herman, Joshua Dorminey, April Chandler, Philip Wellman, Angela Stephens, Barbara Gilmore, Susie and Johnnie Wingard, Wanda Estes, Chris George, Brittany Evans, Camp Taylor, Heather Martin and other Police Officers and other community members.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook. We streamed the work session for the first time at the request of Council members.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:26 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 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 June 2025
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the June 16th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the April 28th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting (found unsigned)

Mayor Davenport went over the Planning Commissions recommendation to allow for 7 houses to be built by Jason Hart at the Hornsby Street and Central Avenue intersection.

A motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow for the development of 7 houses built by Jason Hart was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Stepney ~~abstained~~). Motion passes.

No

Mayor Davenport began reading Resolution 2025-07-001 regarding Council Place #1 having no opposition.

A motion to proceed without reading in full Resolution 2025-07-001 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-07-001 and the Certificate of Election as read was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to table the discussion of the Masonic Lodge property until the new administration takes the lead was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

A motion to appropriate \$500 a year to the Butterfly Bridge was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Stepney opposed). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone to attend the Elmore County Health Department 150-year Open House July 22nd, 2025 at 9:00-noon.

Barbara Gilmore, a water works customer on Highway 63 near Hwy 14 addressed the Council with complaints from several citizens about the quality of water they are receiving, as well as, complaints that the citizens are uninformed when the water will be out due to repair, as well as, not being informed when the water is safe to drink again after the work is complete. She provided a list of other customer complaints claiming that animals are getting sick, as well as, individuals because of this lack of attention. Mayor Davenport stated he will schedule a meeting with state personnel as well as Central Elmore Water Authority and let the public know.

Mayor Davenport explained to the Council that all Departmental Budget requests are in their packets and to please review and be ready to schedule budget hearings to have the budget ready for the new administration.

A motion to move \$10k from the General Fund to the Parks and Rec budget was made by Councilor Stepney. No second, Motion dies.

Departmental Reports:
Reports in packet.

Old Business:

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Davenport moved the Council to first consider the 2025-2026 EYBO lease of Aaron Park. This 1-year (year-round) lease gives the ball league exclusive rights to the grounds and any maintenance of the grounds within the gates. and Public Works to maintain the outer perimeter and the buildings and right of ways.

A motion to approve the lease as presented was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

More discussion came up on the 3 estimates for the fencing project to encase Aaron Park as well as the estimate to clear land to expand parking at the ball-park. 2 quotes were given to the Council and another one was requested but the company did not bid the project. The lowest bidder was Stepney Fence and Deck according to the invoices provided.

A motion to add \$10K to the Parks and Rec budget from the General Fund to consider the projects was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Stearns (3 yea, Mothershed and Reed abstained). Motion passes.

Town Clerk, Shannon Duck, pointed out that the Town of Eclectic is tax exempt and the quotes need to be revised as such and provided before any purchase is done.

Councilor Stepney began discussion on the risks of speed bumps on Madix Road. She spoke with Elmore County Highway Department and Luke McGinty and they highly advised that the road was not optimal for speed bumps in its current state.

A motion to table the speed bump option for further discussion was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport highlighted 4 upcoming events, July 30th-the Stepneys are hosting a meet and greet at El gran Rodeo. July 31st Mayor Davenport is hosting a meet and greet for all candidates, open to the public. This Saturday, Daren Davis invited the candidates and their families for coffee and candidates at Cornerstone Coffee from 2-3 pm. This Thursday there is the Cotton Festival meeting at 6 pm in the PD small meeting room but it may be changed. Councilor Stearns encourages people to attend the Cotton Festival meeting, as we need volunteers more than ever.

Internet /Public Comments: Margie DiGiovanni is volunteering to help aid in writing a grant to apply for a Senior Center bus to transport at least 14 seniors. She explained that this requires a Public Hearing in order to apply for the grant, which is scheduled for Monday, July 28th at 6 p.m.

A motion to schedule the Public Hearing to request application to apply for a senior center van grant was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Council Comments:

A motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members







