

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ECLECTIC TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
June 16th, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held June 16th, 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, , Zac Robert Head, Claudia O'Connell, Betty Stroud, Lincoln Hermon, Tonika Heard, Easterling Carpenter, Jason Stepney, Guy Sanders and Brent Langley.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook. We used our new laptops to stream.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:01 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	absent

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consists of the following:

- Financial reports for May 2025
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of May 27th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the Special Called Meeting June 10th, 2025

Mayor Davenport started reading Resolution 2025-06-002 to surplus the 2000 Fire Department Chevrolet and the Gas tanks.

A motion to suspend the reading of Resolution 2025-06-002 at length was made by Pro-tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport introduced Houston Baker to the floor. Houston re-introduced himself to the Council and citizens and explained his goals and accomplishments as our Building Inspector. He focused on the paper trail he is creating per new build as well as the need for an update to the international building code.

Mayor Davenport announced that the Masonic Lodge property will be discussed further at the July council meeting.

Mayor Davenport opened the floor to Easterling Carpenter to explain his proposal for IT services to the Town. He explained his main goal was to tighten up the security concerns regarding the network at Town Hall and other locations managed by the Town. His proposal was a \$250 retainer for 10 hours of It services a month. He also provided a estimate of initial expenses that are high priority for next year's budget to include a separate server module, update power supplies for hardware, as well as endpoint protection for all devices. The total was between \$5-8,000.

A motion to approve Easterlings IT proposal as written with the exception that he first gets a business license was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport read a request from the Elmore County Health Department.

A motion to appropriate \$500 to the Elmore County Health Department was made by Councilor Stearns and seconded by Councilor Mothershed. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.

Departmental Reports:

Reports in packet. Councilor Stearns and Stepney would like all Department heads to be present at the next Council meeting and provide budget requests.

Old Business:

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Davenport and Shannon are working on getting estimates for the speed bumps and signage needed for Madix Drive and should have more information at July's Council meeting.

Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments: Councilor Stearns asked Tonika Heard, from Alabama Power to explain the benefits/downfalls of underground utilities.

A motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (4 yea, Goodwin absent). Motion passes.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members







