

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ECLECTIC, ALABAMA  
ECLECTIC MUNICIPAL COURTROOM  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

At the Special Called Council Meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eclectic Municipal Courtroom, persons present included Mayor Gary Davenport, Jackie Stearns, Shannon Duck-Town Clerk, Guy Sanders (incoming Mayor) and incoming Council members; Daren Davis, Colby Bellew, Wanda Estes, Tammie Willis, as well as Cody Anderson and Chase Cotton from Civil Southeast Engineering, Leslie York (CARPDC), Betty Stroud with the Eclectic Water Works and Chris George representing McDonald Wastewater.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 6:05 p.m.  
Roll Call was done by Town Clerk Shannon Duck.

Mayor Davenport- present  
Mayor Pro-Tem Linda Reed- absent  
Councilor David Goodwin- absent  
Councilor Lindsay Mothershed- absent  
Councilor Stephanie Stepney- absent  
Councilor Jackie Stearns- present

A quorum of the council was not present; therefore, no official meeting was held, and no business was conducted.

Although no quorum was present, Mayor Davenport and the incoming elected officials and public representatives from CARPDC, Civil Southeast and the Water and Sewer departments engaged in informal discussion regarding:

1. The Pecan Orchard grant specifications with the proposed changes in the engineering plans to meet the budget. A visit onsite was made to the Pecan Orchard, and the incoming administration was brought up to speed regarding the upcoming meeting to plan the construction of the park. Parking spaces were a topic of discussion as well as lighting.
2. The Sewer Expansion grant with the new spray field and Digester specifications were also briefed to the new administration.
3. The Water works budget was reviewed by Betty Stroud. She mentioned the need for a non-certified laborer at roughly \$17 an hour to help ease the workload. It was not included in her budget. She also mentioned a plan to map the system at a lower rate of \$10,000, rather than \$30,000. The water department can map their own meters and the savings were drastic. She plans to bring an estimate to the regularly scheduled Council meeting next week.
4. Chris George went over the sewer budget requests.
5. The Mayor and Shannon Duck presented the rough draft of the budget for FYE2026 and a brief discussion on General Revenues projected took place.

No votes were taken, and no official action occurred.

Mayor Davenport adjourned the meeting (7:42 p.m.).

  
Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Duck, Town Clerk