

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

At the regular meeting of the Eclectic Town Council held April 28th, 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, Alan Nummy, Steve Spinning, Betty Stroud, and Sharon Fox.

Proceedings were aired live on Facebook. With technical difficulties.

Mayor Gary Davenport called the meeting to order: 7:30 p.m.

The invocation was then given by Pastor Steve Spinning from Eclectic Methodist Church.

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 with the following changes (March 27th meeting held at the Senior Center and the March 18th minutes striking Stepney from opposing the motion regarding task force utilities and adding Stearns) was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

The consent agenda consists of the following:

- Financial reports for March 2025, including the 6-month budget checkup
- Overtime Reports
- Minutes of the March 18th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the Emergency Special called meeting March 27th, 2025

Mayor Davenport read a request to put a stop sign at North Ann Street and Main Street. He explained after consulting with Luke McGinty, Elmore counties engineer he discovered there was discussion about putting a roundabout there.

Mayor Davenport went through some potential additions to the Water and Sewer policy suggested by supervisor Betty Stroud. Her proposal included adding a fee for name changes with proper documentation, rather than the citizen must open a whole new account with a \$150 fee. Discussion in opposition occurred and some suggestions by Council were made.

A motion to table the updates to the Water and sewer policy was made by Pro-tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport introduced Sharon Fox the curator of the Elmore County Museum. She presented a proposal to purchase a banner for the semi-quincentennial festivities and asked the Council to consider having a representative at each event taking place over the year.

A motion to purchase a banner for \$136 was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Pro-Tem Reed. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport Read in Full Resolution 2025-04-001 giving permission to Civil Southeast to apply for the 2026 Tap grant again this year.

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-04-002 to hire Civil Southeast as the engineer for the Pecan Orchard grant.

Mayor Davenport read in full Resolution 2025-04-003 to allow CARPDC to administer the Pecan Orchard grant.

A motion to accept all 3 Resolutions presented as written was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport encouraged everyone vote for the Alabama Cotton Festival as the Best Fair/Festival.

Mayor Davenport read the proposed 2026 lease agreement between the Town and EYBO.

A motion to table the Lease was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Mayor Davenport explained that he was contacted by Mr. Strickland about the deed regarding the Penick Masonic Lodge #161. According to the deed it read that the Town sold the Lodge the property for \$1, with the exception that if they no longer meet, or use it, the Town will take back over the property.

A motion to have the Town Attorney handle the deed transfer in the Town's name was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.

Town Clerk, Shannon Duck, addressed the public and Town Council with a few items. She thanked the Town for allowing both her and Maggin to attend the extensive Election training. It was invaluable. She also expressed the need for a potential storage building for Events items since they have been moved from the Teague building, as it has been turned into a weightlifting room. She was concerned that the money spent on these items will go to waste with the items left in the weather. She also requested to consider hiring a contracted IT person. With all the upgrades made regarding software, apps and the new technology we have invested in, the IT needs are imperative for the Town Clerks office to function efficiently.

No motions were made regarding these requests.

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 from 8-2 pm.

Mayor's Comments: House Bill 417 was passed and signed by the Governor and will go in effect October 1st, 2025. Mayor also stated there was a request to install speed bumps down Madix Drive for the safety of the children. **A motion to table the speed bump idea for next meeting was made by Councilor Stepney and seconded by Councilor Goodwin (5 yea). Motion passes.**


Internet /Public Comments: none

Council Comments: none

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Pro-Tem Reed and seconded by Councilor Stepney. (5 yea). Motion passes.


Gary W. Davenport, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Duck, Town Clerk

Council Members





