

Dublin City Hall  
August 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, Sara Kolbie, Chris Smith, Paul Griggs, and Rich Mascaro were present. The invocation was given by Cliff Crews followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Pro Tem Tess Godfrey presented ten-year service pins to Chris Edmond, Sergeant of the Police Department, and Derrick Jackson, Meter Reader with the Water Utility Department. As well as Daniel Anderson, Evidence Tech for the Police Department, with his thirty-year pin.

Gerald Thigpen, Mechanic Supervisor, and Matt Slaughter, Engineering Aide, were presented with their plaques for being named employees of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.

*\*Councilman Brown made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item #5 Discussion and action on Stubbs Park Concepts and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 6/1 to approve (Councilman Jones was in opposition)*

City Manager Powell explained that this will allow staff time to present the council with more information on renovation costs and new facility costs at Stubbs Park.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey to approve the minutes. The motion carried 7/0.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and was seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the following bills. The motion carried 7/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
RetirementJuly	7/31/24	GMEBS-Retirement Trust Fund	GMA Retirement	165,768.33
41267	8/02/24	American Tank Maintenance LLC	Annual Elevated Tank Maintenance Program	79,379.00
41313	8/02/24	CSLRA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Net Income for CSH	30,139.15
DFT0002321	8/06/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,210.98
DFT0002320	8/06/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	124,766.46
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$420,263.95</b>

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were three purchases for council consideration.

Gas Meter Radio Read Transmitters the Gas Department has been converting both water and gas meters to radio read over the past few years. Staff recommendation was to purchase 380 gas transmitters from Delta Municipal Supply for \$47,500. Staff budgeted \$47,570 for this purchase and it will be paid for out of Account #515-4700-541400 (Infrastructure - Natural Gas Fund.

Police Vehicles- Staff allocated 2024 SPLOST dollars to purchase vehicles for the police department over the next six years. Staff is requested approval to purchase of (7) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from Wade Ford out of Smyrna, Georgia. The total purchase price, including the outfitting will be \$429,166. Estimated delivery time is 20-24 weeks. Staff budgeted \$469,000 in '24 SPLOST for this purchase. This will be paid for out of Account #322-3223-542200 (Vehicles Police Patrol - '24 SPLOST Fund)

Forklift - Public Works Maintenance Shop - Staff budgeted \$70,000 of 2024 SPLOST dollars to purchase a new heavy-duty forklift for the maintenance shop. The forklift will be used by the shop and also all other departments of the city as needed. Staff's recommendation was to purchase a New 2025 Viper RT80 from Illinois Lift Equipment for \$69,099. This is a replacement of Unit 90 which is a 2000 John Deere 482C Forklift that is in poor condition. This will be paid for out of Account #322-4900-542100 ('24 SPLOST - Machinery - Maintenance & Shop).

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilman Mascaro. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #24-06 TO AMEND THE FY'24 BUDGET.

City Manager Powell read ordinance #24-06 to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The amendment was to maintain budgetary compliance and ensure compliance with state law. The original budget had revenues and expenses at \$92,675,098 and the amended budget is \$89,704,256. This is attributable to an increase in revenues throughout the year and vacancies resulting in payroll savings and other operational cost savings. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. No citizens spoke in favor or opposition of the ordinance. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the ordinance and seconded by Councilman Brown. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The vote carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-39 TO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR

*\*Mayor Kight and Councilman Mascaro recused themselves from the vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tess Godfrey took over for Mayor Kight*

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-39 appointing Cole Porter as the prosecuting attorney of the municipal court for the

city pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 15-18-91 and Chapter 2, Article VIII of the City of Dublin, Georgia. The resolution will appoint Cole Porter as Municipal Court Prosecutor and authorize a contract for his services. The resolution will also ratify Jacob Poole and Chris Gordon as assistant prosecutors if their services are ever needed due to Cole's absence or conflict. These services will be paid out of Account #100-2650-521200 (Municipal Court - Professional Services). The compensation is \$750 per court date. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried 4/1 to approve (Council Brown, Councilwoman Kolbie, Councilman Griggs, and Councilman Smith for and Councilman Jones against)

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-40 TO APPOINT A PUBLIC DEFENDER

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-40 appointing Verna L. Smith as the public defending attorney of the Municipal Court for the City. Ms. Verna Smith requested a contract for her services and has served as public defender for the city for several years. This resolution will approve her as public defender, authorize a contract to be executed with her, and set out the process for appointing a conflict or alternate public defender in Municipal Court. This will also be paid out of Account #100-2650-521200 (Municipal Court - Professional Services). The compensation will be \$750 per court date. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following equipment and items were submitted for declaration of surplus:

- a. Unit 317 - 1988 Mauldin Vibratory Roller (Public Works) SN #30-8903-109
- b. Unit 906 - 1980 John Deere 1020 Tractor (Golf Course) SN #083757T
- c. Peek Traffic ADR 1000 Counters (Engineering) Asset Tag #'s 0893 & 0894
- d. Panasonic CF-53 Toughbook Laptop (Police Department)

Upon declaration, items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scrap. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rae Bloodworth expressed her concerns about council listening to what the people want at Stubbs Park Gym.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Gordon had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Mrs. Bloodworth for her comments and asked everyone to be mindful that school has started to watch out for children. Pray for their safety and the teachers this year.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out. Also thanked the citizens that came to the town hall meeting on Tuesday. Agreed to give the people what they want and listening to the people. Keep coming and keep listening.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming out. Expressed that her opinion on Stubbs Gym was to have something new in the area, since there hadn't been anything new there in a long time. However, we will get pricing on both.

Councilwoman Kolbie excited to see so much participation and everyone showing up to present their opinions. Keep sharing and thanked everyone for being present.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a safe weekend.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for showing up and expressing your opinions to make change.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming. Encouraged the citizens to get involved with the county commissioner as well. City is working hard for you.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:11 P.M.

  
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Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

