

Dublin City Hall
February 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, February 1, 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, and Rich Mascaro were present. Councilman Paul Griggs was absent. The invocation was given by Councilman Mascaro, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie to approve the minutes. The motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and was seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the following bills. The motion carried 6/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
38929	1/12/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Company	Emery Thomas Auditorium Project	227,640.45
DFT0001889	1/17/24	Georgia Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	18,768.80
39010	1/18/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Company	Emery Thomas Auditorium Project	181,771.83
39031	1/18/24	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	42,918.97
DFT0001903	1/23/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,096.38
MGAGCSH	1/23/24	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	24,430.38
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DFT0001902	1/23/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	124,676.38
39118	1/26/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	24,655.06
39088	1/26/24	EPLUS Technology Inc.	A10 CGNAT Equipment and Install	34,122.14
39131	1/26/24	Truist Bank	Various Equipment Payment	120,279.04
			Total:	\$1,672,459.09

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There was one purchases for council consideration. Laptops - Police Department - Under the Governor's Office Violence Prevention Grant that the city received notice of award for back in June., staff submitted for 40 new toughbook laptops, but had only budgeted for 30. Council already approved the first 30, but now that the grant's budget has been approved, staff needs to order the additional 10. This will be reimbursed through the grant. The purchase is from Law and Order Technology, LLC out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is in accordance with the state's contract pricing. The amount is \$25,596.40. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY2023 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Greg Chapman, Partner with Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC, our accounting firm, presented the FY 2023 report on finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #24-01 TO ANNEX 331 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 257.

City Manager Powell read ordinance #24-01 to annex 331 acres, more or less, of land located at Parcel 100 067, 1 and 2 as M2 zone. Staff has been working with the development authority to have all of their properties annexed into the city in an effort to make the negotiations with prospective industry more streamlined and ensure the developments will occur as appropriate for connection to the city's infrastructure. This is the large corner lot owned by the development authority at the intersection of the US Hwy 441 Bypass and Ga. Hwy 257. The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend the annexation be approved with a zoning classification of M-2 (General Industrial Use). This parcel will include the sixty acres that has already been contracted for lease by Hwashin. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened a public hearing. Ryan Waldrep, Executive Director of the Development Authority spoke in favor of this annexation, no citizens spoke in opposite. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting and turned it over to council for action. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the annexation and seconded by Councilman Brown. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR THE MADISON STREET STREETScape STREET LIGHTS PROJECT

City Manager Powell explained that as a part of the streetscape project, staff asked Georgia Power to provide a quote for installing the traditional green lamp post style lights along Madison. This is being incorporated into the design that Thomas and Hutton is working on. The cost is an upfront amount of \$150,000 and \$234.88 per month thereafter. Each light will be like the other lights in town and have their own meter for electrical use billing. These costs cover the cost of sixteen fixtures, the installation of them, and their maintenance in perpetuity. The grant will cover the up-front cost and we will pay for the monthly maintenance fee out of our annual budget. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the agreement and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-02 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CHURCH STREET/RICE AVENUE SEWER REPAIR PROJECT

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-02 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the emergency repair and upgrade of sewer mains at Church Street and Rice Avenue. Thomas and Hutton are planning on completing the design of this project so staff can get the job done, but in order to procure this on an emergency basis, council needs to declare such an emergency. This will relieve staff of having to adhere to the advertising and public bidding requirements and get a contractor engaged

immediately. The resolution declares the emergency and also authorizes the city manager to approve a contract for the work without further action from the city council. Staff will utilize 2018 SPLOST funds to pay for this project. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following vehicles and equipment are being submitted to Mayor and Council for surplus declaration:

1. Lot of Safariland 295-83-82 Level II Glock Belt Loop Holsters - Police Department
2. Lot of Belt Buckles - Police Department
3. Lot of Pistol Holders - Police Department
4. Lot of Water Meters (596 in total) - Meter Reader (These meters have been replaced)
 - 516 of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch
 - 47 of 1 inch
 - 25 of 2 inch
 - 7 of 4 inch
 - 1 of 8 inch
5. Lot of Filing Cabinets - City Clerk
6. Lot of Chairs - City Hall
7. Antique Chair - City Hall
8. Unit #905 - Golf Course - 1975 John Deere 410 Backhoe (291.2 hours) SN 235804

The "lot" items are excess inventory and are no longer needed. Unit #905's cost of repair and maintenance outweighs the value of the backhoe. Upon declaration, items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scrap.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vonda Morton pledged to the Georgia Flag.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked staff for their work.

Councilman Jones thanked City Treasure Blake Daniels and his staff for their hard work. Also thanked staff and County Commissioner Brenda Chain for the work on the Oconee Field.

Councilwoman Godfrey had no comments.

Councilwoman Kolbie had no comments.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming. Asked City Panner, Tara Bradshaw for an update on Oconee Gym.

Councilman Mascaro had no comments.

City Manager Powell thanked City Treasurer, Blake Daniels for his hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:01 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

