

Dublin City Hall
January 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 12:00 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 Ms. Jacqueline Denise Judon Wright followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Pro Tem Kolbie presented the Employee of the Year for 2024 Matthew "Matt" Slaughter.

Special Guest: The Spirit Program of the Community Mental Health along with Ms. Teresa Holliday, attended and took a picture with council.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes. The motion carried 7/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

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

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
42841	12/26/24	Teen Challenge Southeast Region	Litter Pick Up FY24-25	16,290.00
RetirementDec	12/31/24	GMEBS-Retirement Trust Fund	Dec 24 Admin Fees	165,768.33
42859	01/03/25	Downtown Development Authority	Annual Disbursement	60,000.00
42883	01/03/25	T. Lake Environmental Design	Landscaping Service	18,274.43
42934	01/08/25	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	50,685.99
42927	01/08/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Self-Insured Health Insurance	102,501.38
42932	01/08/25	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	25,343.03
42933	01/08/25	Dublin Board of Education	December 24 Taxes	6,708,946.56
42935	01/08/25	Visit Dublin	Hotel/Motel Tax	50,685.99
DFT0002637	01/08/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	26,045.64
DFT0002636	01/08/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	157,397.64
			Total:	\$7,381,938.99

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were no purchases for council consideration.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-03 TO AWARD A CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND FOR FUTURE DISASTERS

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-03 authorizing the city manager to negotiate a contract for Disaster Recovery & FEMA Public Assistance with GMA. Staff published a request for qualifications to from firms providing disaster recovery services for Public Assistance for two purposes. First, to provide those services for the specific disaster of Hurricane Helene, since the city is currently operating under an emergency contract with the Disaster Recovery Division of Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, staff had to go through normal procurement for those services. Second, staff requested qualifications for those vendors for future disaster events. This will relieve the city of the obligation to go through procurement for future disasters. A committee of staff members reviewed the qualifications of the firms and recommends GMC be awarded both the Hurricane Helene disaster recovery services contract as well as they the future disaster contract as well. Staff estimated the cost of their services due to Hurricane Helene will be \$25,000 at this time, but their total fee will be based on the number of hours required for their work to be completed as they assist us with the required submissions to FEMA for reimbursement due to the storm. This was not budgeted, but budgeted but is being paid for out of the general fund, Emergency Management Department, Account #100-3920-521200 (Professional Services). Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-04 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GGUSA DUBLIN, LLC AND THE MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA FOR CONNECTION TO THE CITY'S GAS SYSTEM FOR INJECTION OF RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-04 approving the execution and delivery of an agreement with GGUSA Dublin, LLC and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia for the installation of facilities and interconnection to the city's gas system and the sale and purchase of renewable natural gas. Staff has been in discussions with representatives with Darpro and GGUSA Dublin, LLC regarding a project whereby they will take biogas from Darpro's production activities and generate and upgrade it into renewable natural gas. The environmental attributes will be sold by GGUSA DUBLIN, LLC to a third party. The MMBtus (the actual gas) will be sold to the Gas Authority exclusively for purchase by Dublin for Darpro to the extent the use all that is deposited. Our charge to GGUSA DUBLIN, LLC for the use of our pipeline to get this gas on the market is \$0.85 per MMBtu for what is called a "Firm Capacity Charge" in the agreement. As a result of this project, whatever gas they inject into the city system will be less expensive to us because it will be avoiding pipeline charges normally charged by Southern Natural. Darpro, one of the city's largest gas customers, will also experience savings in the gas that comes from this project. The contract is for 20 years with termination provisions for cause. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Bennie Jones, Artiffany Stanley, Scott Thompson, Kerry Smith, and Valaya Burke to the Black History Banner Committee and seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried 7/0 to approve. Council also approved for the city manager to appoint a staff liaison. These individuals serve for a one-year term starting today. Their term will expire on January 15, 2026.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Glenda Berry updated council on Downtown Parking and the plans moving forward to monitor and in force.

John Hall requested that the Carnegie be used as a historical display for the city including the past mayor photos.

Teresa Holliday spoke on having a voice in the community and public awareness. Also spoke on transportation that is needed in the city.

Jacqueline Wright spoke about buildings in the city needing to be handicap accessible, especially for scooters.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Treasurer Daniels had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comment.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone being present. Congratulated Matt Slaughter on Employee of the Year. Also thanked Ms. Holliday for coming.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming. Congratulated Employee of the Year, Matt Slaughter. Thanked all the city workers for what they do.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Ms. Wright and Ms. Holliday for their comments. Also congratulated Employee of the Year, Matt Slaughter.

Councilwoman Kolbie congratulated Employee of the Year, Matt Slaughter. Thanked all the city employees for their hard work with clean up after the hurricane. Thanked Ms. Holliday for bring the Spirit Group to attend the meeting.

Councilman Mascaro thanked Ms. Holliday for what she does in the community and for bring the Spirit Program group to the meeting. Congratulated Employee of the Year, Matt Slaughter. Thanked Ms. Wright, Ms. Berry, and Mr. Hall for their feedback.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming and requested an update on Oconee Gym renovations.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Matt Slaughter, Employee of the Year.

City Manager Powell announced that the front entrance of city hall will be closed for 4 to 6 weeks. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade will be Saturday, rain or shine and the tree give away will be at Stubbs Park Gym 9 AM to 2 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 12:49 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

