

Dublin City Hall  
January 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Pro Tem Godfrey presented Derrick Jackson, Meter Reader in the Water Department with Employee of the 4th Quarter.

*\*\*Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to amended the agenda to add item #13 discussion and action on resolution #25-02 to approve the purchase of Tax Parcels D16A-181 (207 Prince Street), D16A-182 (209 Prince Street), and D16A-123 (707, 709, and 711 West Moore Street) and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 5/0 to add.*

#### APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie to approve the minutes. The motion carried 5/0.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Jones and was seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the following bills. The motion carried 5/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
42628	12/05/24	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	70,667.28
42657	12/05/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	20,148.09
42632	12/05/24	GA Power Company	FY 25 Electricity	90,800.90
42640	12/05/24	Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC	2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (Unit 173)	52,740.00
LifeHealth	12/05/24	GMEBS-Life & Health Insurance	Insurance	230,098.33
42662	12/05/24	T. Lake Environmental Design	Landscaping Services	18,274.44
42645	12/05/24	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	20,182.92
42668	12/05/24	Dublin-Laurens Land Bank	Appropriation/Purchase 210 Prince Street	60,000.00
42667	12/05/24	Visit Dublin GA	Hotel/Motel Tax	70,667.28
42624	12/05/24	Dublin Board of Education	Nov 24 Tax Distribution	1,194,277.49
42611	12/05/24	A&H Services LLC	Fiber Repairs	15,250.00
42622	12/05/24	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	35,333.70
42653	12/05/24	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc.	Sanitation & Water Const. Renovation	432,102.71
42656	12/05/24	RPI Underground, Inc.	Dublin Industrial Sewer Imp. & Rehab	325,111.73
OneAmerica	12/06/24	One America	Life Insurance	15,618.12
MetLifeNov	12/10/24	MetLife	Insurance	28,684.86
DFT0002586	12/11/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	23,727.70

DFT0002587	12/11/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	144,056.82
DFT0002588	12/13/24	GA Environmental Facilities Auth.	GEFA Payments	16,951.09
42715	12/13/24	Hasley Recreation, Inc.	Pritchett Park Turf for Playground	100,676.00
42688	12/13/24	Axon Enterprise Inc.	Body Camera Officer Safety Plan	165,760.98
42720	12/13/24	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	44,090.40
42766	12/20/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co., Inc	GMP Northside Fire Station	373,412.13
42800	12/20/24	T. Lake Environmental Design	Earlwood Drainage/Bicentennial Park	28,240.02
42792	12/20/24	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc.	Sanitation & Water Const. Renovation	126,363.71
42795	12/20/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	19,257.50
DFT0002592	12/23/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	21,832.06
MGAGNov	12/23/24	Municipal Gas Authority of GA	Gas Purchase	879,827.79
CSHNov	12/23/24	Municipal Gas Authority of GA	Gas Purchase	24,419.57
DFT0002591	12/23/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	134,127.97
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,782,701.59</b>

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were two purchases for council consideration.

Garbage Truck - Sanitation - Staff budgeted \$375,000 to purchase a new front-end loader (that dumps the commercial dumpsters) this year. Staff solicited bids and received back four bids from three vendors. Staff recommend council approve an award of the bid to Peterbilt of Augusta, LLC, out of Augusta, Georgia in the amount of \$349,196.05 for a Model 520 2025 Front Load Refuse Collection Garbage truck with an expected delivery date of the third quarter of 2025. It has a 40 cubic yard capacity minimum with arms that have a 10,000 lb. lift capacity. This will be paid for out of Account #540-4520-542200 (Solid Waste Collection - Vehicles).

Pipe for Ground Water Plant - Water Department - This purchase is for the pipe and materials needed for our water construction personnel to re-route a water line that runs from Well #6 to the Ground Water Plant. The line currently runs under the Sanitation and Water Construction Facility and was discovered during the construction of that project and determined it best to re-route the line in the event we ever have to work on it so that it is not under our building. The low quote is from Ferguson Waterworks out of Macon in the amount of \$69,985.39. Staff will perform this work ourselves, so this is just to purchase the necessary materials. This will be expensed to Account #320-4440-541312 (SPLOST '18 - Building and Building Improvements - Sanitation and Water Construction Facility Project).

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 5/0 to approve.

APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH LAUREN SHURLING KIRKLAND

Due to a change in state law (See OCGA 36-32-2) we are required to make this appointment for a two-year term now. The next appointment of the municipal court judge won't be until January 2027. Councilman Jones made a motion to appoint Lauren Kirkland and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 to appoint.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Superior Court Judge Jon Helton administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Court Judge Lauren Shurling Kirkland.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Duke Groover as City Attorney and was seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

Superior Court Judge Jon Helton administered the Oath of Office to City Attorney Duke Groover.

ELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilman Smith made the motion to appoint Councilwoman Sara Kolbie as Mayor Pro-Tem and was seconded by Councilwoman Tess Godfrey. The motion carried 5/0 to approve.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Councilman Smith made a motion to appoint Councilman Bennie Jones as Chairman of Council and was seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 5/0 to approve.

APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to appoint the Courier Herald as the Official Gazette and was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried 5/0 for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-01 TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK FOR FALCON CAMERAS

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-02 approving a contract with Flock Group, Inc. for a sixty-month service and equipment agreement concerning the consolidation of two agreements for a total of twenty-nine Flock Safety Falcon cameras for the City of Dublin. The purpose of this is to merge two existing contracts into one to get more favorable pricing long-term. This is concerning Flock Falcon (License Plate Reader) Cameras. The new agreement combines 10 cameras from the first Flock contract with 19 that were added more recently (2023). It will also delete two unnecessary Flock Falcon Flex ALPR cameras (portable battery-operated cameras) that we no longer have a need for. The total pricing for the 29 cameras is \$72,500 per year, which equates to \$2,500 per camera per year and this price is locked in for the term of the agreement, which can be up to 60 months, but we can terminate each year as provided by State Law. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 5/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The mayor appointed the following Mayoral Committees and Liaisons of Council:

Personnel Committee:

Chris Smith  
Paul Griggs  
Bill Brown

Finance Committee:

Chris Smith  
Rich Mascaro  
Bill Brown

Facilities Committee:

Bennie Jones  
Paul Griggs  
Tess Godfrey

Parks Committee:

Sara Kolbie  
Paul Griggs  
Tess Godfrey

DDA Liaison - Rich Mascaro

Land Bank Liaison - Bennie Jones

Economic Development Authority Liaison - Sara Kolbie

Housing Authority Liaison - Tess Godfrey

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-02 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TAX PARCELS D16A-181 (207 PRINCE STREET), D16A-182 (209 PRINCE STREET), AND D16A-123 (707, 709, AND 711 WEST MOORE STREET)

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-02 to approve the purchase of Tax Parcels D16A-181 (207 Prince Street), D16A-182 (209 Prince Street), and D16A-123 (707, 709, and 711 West Moore Street). These properties are of interest to the city from both a code enforcement standpoint and a future development. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 5/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comment.

Councilman Brown wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mr. Jackson on being Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

Councilman Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year. Wanted to state in public comments that its not the City of Dublin Council Vs.

the City of Dublin School Board. It's a group of citizens that have formed this group. No vote has been taken.

Councilwoman Godfrey wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mr. Jackson on being Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

Councilwoman Kolbie wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mr. Jackson on being Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Thanked all the employees for their hard work.

City Manager Powell wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Army Corp of Engineers will make their final pass through the city, make sure debris is beside the road. Construction will start on the front of City Hall for the next 6-8 weeks.

Mayor Kight 2024 was an extremely positive year for the City of Dublin, but thinks 2025 will be even better. Difficult issues ahead of us, remain respectful even with different opinions. Looking forward to 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

