

Dublin City Hall  
January 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

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

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Council recognized the following employees who have served ten years with the City of Dublin and present them with service pins:

Patti Fountain - Police Department  
Lena Lee - Police Department

David Gay - Planning Commission, 25 years (appointed January 8, 1998, resigned, December 31, 2023)

#### APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Mascaro and seconded by Councilman Brown 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
38585	12/08/23	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	17,588.76
38584	12/08/23	Dominy Oil Company	Restock Fuel	20,902.67
38586	12/08/23	Dublin Board of Education	November 2023 Taxes	2,094,870.71
38593	12/08/23	Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council	Hotel/Motel Tax	35,177.47
38633	12/08/23	T. Lake Environmental	FY 2024 Landscaping Fee	18,274.44
38606	12/08/23	Laurens County Library	Appropriation	18,580.06
38592	12/08/23	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Appropriation-Hotel/Motel Tx	89,322.47
38625	12/08/23	Peterbilt of Dublin	Engine Repair Unit 403	17,930.78
38598	12/08/23	Flock Safety	Safety Platform/16Live Feed Cameras	113,500.00
DFT0001830	12/12/23	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	118,115.59
DFT0001829	12/12/23	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	22,195.32
38710	12/15/23	Goodwynn, Mills and Cawood	Shamrock Renovation/New Fire Station	40,422.59
38685	12/15/23	Beck Auto Sales Inc.	2023 Ford F150 Pickup/Approved 10/20/22	32,966.00
38717	12/15/23	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	42,162.83
121923	12/18/23	Partnership Card Service	Credit Card Payment	15,506.73
LIFEHealthDec23	12/20/23	GMEBS-Life Health Fund	DEC Premiums	169,483.00
LIFEHealthJuly23	12/20/23	GMEBS-Life Health Fund	July Premiums	177,923.00

122023GEFA	12/21/23	GA Environmental Facilities Auth.	GEFA Payments	16,951.09
GuardianDec23	12/21/23	Guardian	Premiums	16,363.75
AFLAC	12/21/23	AFLAC	Premiums	18,354.90
MGAG	12/21/23	Municipal Gas Authority of GA	Gas Purchase	1,040,421.26
MGAGCSH	12/21/23	Municipal Gas Authority of GA	Gas Purchase	23,250.52
DFT0001848	12/22/23	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	111,292.85
DFT0001849	12/22/23	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,758.07
38785	12/22/23	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	19,947.26
1002	12/28/23	Laurens County Commissioner	Excess Proceeds for FY2023 18SPLOST	85,609.16
38856	12/29/23	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	21,235.17
38829	12/29/23	GA Power Company	Utilities Payments	85,486.03
38818	12/29/23	Carter & Sloope Engineering	EDA YKK Project	38,409.50
38857	12/29/23	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	Stubbs/Jackson Crosswalk/Madison	21,094.05
38817	12/29/23	C.E. Garbutt Construction	Shamrock Fire Station Renovation	46,423.50
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,610,519.53</b>

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

There were two purchases for council consideration:

##### **Engineering - Traffic Calming Speed Indicator Signs:**

The purchase would be for 14 signs. The total purchase price is \$56,000 and is budgeted. Part of the Cycle 2 traffic calming calls for the installation of radar speed signs indicating "your speed" along Brookhaven (three locations); Brookwood (two locations); and Springdale (two locations). At each location, there will be two signs placed for each direction of traffic. The signs will be installed by our street department and are battery operated. This will be paid for out of our traffic calming budget from account 235-4270-541415 (Infrastructure - Traffic Calming).

##### **Katherine Gray Library Resource Center - HVAC System**

Staff received two quotes for an HVAC system for the 4,800 square foot Katherine Gray Resource Center Gym/Warehouse. The low quote was for 2 5-ton Carrier gas package with electric cooling system and includes the needed materials and labor for installation. It was from Middle Georgia Mechanical and in the amount of \$22,000. There are sufficient ARPA funds remaining to cover this cost and staff's recommendation was for council to approve the purchase from the low bidder and funding it in that way.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint Judge Harold McLendon as Municipal Court Judge and was seconded by Councilman Mascaro. The motion carried 8/0.

#### 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 Harold McLendon. Judge McLendon thanked Mayor and Council for the confidence they have shown and their support.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint Duke Groover as City Attorney and was seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 8/0.

#### 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.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Superior Court Judge Jon Helton administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Joshua E. Kight.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WARD 1, 2, 3, & 4

Superior Court Judge Jon Helton administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Ward 1, Bennie Jones, Council Member Ward 2, Christopher Smith, Council Member Ward 3, Paul Griggs, and Council Member Ward 4, Bill Brown.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilman Mascaro made the motion to appoint Councilwoman Tess Godfrey as Mayor Pro-Tem and was seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to appoint Councilman Rich Mascaro as Chairman of Council and was seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Councilman Mascaro made a motion to appoint the Courier Herald as the Official Gazette and was seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Kight appointed the following council committees:  
Finance Committee: Sara Kolbie; Chris Smith; Bill Brown  
Personnel Committee: Chris Smith; Paul Griggs; Tess Godfrey  
Facilities Committee: Bennie Jones; Paul Griggs; Sara Kolbie  
Parks Committee: Sara Kolbie; Paul Griggs; Tess Godfrey  
International Committee: Sara Kolbie

Liaison to Housing Authority: Bennie Jones  
Liaison to Development Authority - Bill Brown  
Liaison to Downtown Development Authority - Rich Mascaro  
Land Bank Board - Bennie Jones (continuing in current term - expires 10/12/2024)  
Tourism Council - Bill Brown  
Recreation Authority - Chris Smith (continuing current term); Rich Mascaro (continuing current term) - their terms will expire on 12/31/2024.

Dublin-Laurens County Recreation Authority- reappointed Artiffany Stanley, Jack Walker (joint appointment with county) for 3-year terms. Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint and seconded by Councilman Mascaro. The motion carried 7/0 to reappoint.

Planning and Zoning Commission - reappointed Jerome Pullen and Clint Whiddon (for a three-year term); Tim Lake - new appointment to fill the unexpired term of David Gay, which will expire on 12/31/2025. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilman Mascaro. The motion carried 7/0 to reappoint and appoint.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-01 TO ADOPT THE CITY'S AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN.

City Manager Powell explained that as a part of compliance with receiving federal funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation, we are required to ensure we have compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which generally requires us to have a process for accommodating the needs of anyone with a disability that is seeking to participate in any publicly provided service. The plan has been updated and already submitted to GDOT per their requested letter. Council is required to also adopt a resolution affirming the new plan. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CHANGE ORDER WITH GARBUTT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CITY HALL BRICK AND WINDOWS PROJECT.

Councilman Mascaro made a motion to table the item and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to table.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

Staff responded to solicitations for proposals for telecommunication services for Dublin City Schools. We are their current provider and they have been happy with our service. The agreement has already been approved by the school system and provides for one year of service at a rate of \$139,800 per year (total for all sites) and will automatically renew for two additional one-year terms if not canceled before. The agreement, if approved, runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve to agreement and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jacqueline Jaudon Wright said that in 2024 we must march together hand and hand and overcome.

Vonda Morton pledged to the Georgia Flag.

John Hall discussed with the council about a sewer leak that has been going on since December 17<sup>th</sup> overflowing into the street and to the river. He also stated that several citizens in the area are concerned about the issue as well.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Treasurer Daniels had no comments.

Councilman Brown wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Jones thanked his family for being by his side during his time on council. Commended the employees and David Gay on their service to the city. Thanked all our staff and the employees for their hard work. Reminded the Black History Banner Committee members that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the International Room at City Hall.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked the Mayor for appointing her as Mayor Pro-Tem and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked the citizens for expressing their concerns. She said the issue would be addressed at the coming goal planning session. She also said she is available anytime if citizens need to contact her.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming.

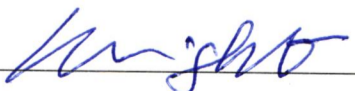
Councilman Mascaro thanked Mr. Hall for expressing his concerns and stated that he is dealing with the same issue as well.

City Manager Powell stated that he was aware of Mr. Hall's concern and that staff have a meeting on Friday morning with city engineers and Thomas & Hutton Engineering to address the issue and determine a path moving forward. He also reminded the citizens about "Bring One for the Chipper" on Saturday and that Riverview Golf Course will hold a Hearts & Club event on Valentines Day.

Mayor Kight recognized several volunteers for the City of Dublin that were in the audience of the meeting and thanked them for their service and dedication.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Heather M. Browning*

Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

