

Dublin City Hall
March 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, March 21, 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, and Rich Mascaro were present. Councilman Chris Smith was absent. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Kolbie, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the minutes. The motion carried 6/0.

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 6/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
39514	3/01/24	GMA Worker's Compensation	Worker's Compensation	119,373.50
39544	3/01/24	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	Woodlawn/Clax. Roundabout/Madison/Church	53,593.30
39512	3/01/24	Georgia Power Company	100 Madison Street Install LED Post Top	150,000.00
39507	3/01/24	GA Power Company	Utilities	86,355.17
39493	3/01/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co	City Hall Brick & Window/Interior Upgrade	273,050.18
39543	3/01/24	T. Lake Environmental Design	FY24 Landscaping Charges	18,274.43
IntlComm0224	3/04/24	Morris State Bank-Visa	International Committee Flights to Japan	18,540.00
DFT0001980	3/05/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,417.37
DFT0001981	3/05/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	134,700.22
39552	3/05/24	C. E. Garbutt Construction Co.	Shamrock Fire Station Renovation	210,622.91
39626	3/08/24	Dublin Board of Education	February 2024 Property Taxes	260,278.63
39628	3/08/24	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel	30,910.14
39625	3/08/24	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel	15,455.08
39629	3/08/24	Visit Dublin GA	Hotel/Motel	30,910.14
39574	3/08/24	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Appropriations	54,145.00
39591	3/08/24	Laurens County Library	Appropriations	18,580.06
39679	3/08/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	City Hall Brick & Window/Interior Upgrade	178,068.87
39723	3/15/24	Laurens County SWM	Landfill Fees	45,154.67
39724	3/18/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	27,993.54
			Total:	\$1,746,428.21

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were one purchases for council consideration:

Septage Receiving Station - Wastewater Plant - The waste treatment plant receives liquid waste from trucks that pump septic tanks. The purpose of the receiving station is to remove the inorganic solids from that waste before processing the remaining

wastewater through the plant. The removal of the solids will protect our plant and the infrastructure in it. Staff solicited bids for this station and received two. Staff recommendation was to award the bid to Cornerstone H2O out of Fayetteville, Georgia in the amount of \$167,700. The purchase includes the Or-Tec Septage Receiving Station, Model MB790SR, installation, start-up, training, and freight. The receiving station includes an Or-Tec Micro Bar Screen, which is the primary component that separates out the inorganic materials. The anticipated delivery time is 12-20 weeks and installation is a week. This was budgeted, and the amount of the bid is over budget by \$28,000 and will be made up with the other budgeted infrastructure for FY'24.

Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the purchase and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

PRESENTATION BY BEVERLY BROWN, DIRECTOR, OCONEE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Beverly Brown gave a presentation on the Oconee Regional Library and presented the upcoming fiscal year budget request to the City. The library requested \$236,550.00 from the city.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-08 TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO THE LAND BANK.

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-08 to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed of certain properties to the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority. The city acquired 208 Sawyer Street from the owner due to the structure having burned. Staff will clear the remains of the structure and would like to transfer it to the Land Bank. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-09 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH CARTER AND SLOOPE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE DUBLIN INDUSTRIAL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-09 approving a revision to the scope of services agreement with Carter & Sloope, Inc. for the resident observation services concerning the Dublin Industrial Park Sewer Improvements. Construction on the sewer project is going to begin on or near April 1st. As a part of our most recent request to GEFA for additional funding, it included funds for construction observation and oversight by Carter and Sloope Engineering. Given the scope and size of this project, and the time that will be necessary to properly oversee the construction, staff recommendation was for council to approve the resolution which will authorize us to contract with Carter and Sloope for these construction observation services. They will oversee all testing, check and approve monthly pay requests to ensure the work has been completed, and oversee the actual installation in the ground before it is covered up. The budget for these services is estimated to be up to \$150,000 and will be billed as they are actually incurred. This will be paid for out of the GEFA Loan. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION ON A RESOLUTION #24-10 TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASES FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CITY PARKS.

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-10 to authorize the Parks Committee of Council to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Hilburn, Pritchett, Springdale, and Stubbs parks. Staff and the Parks Committee have been working with Sourcewell state contract vendor on playground equipment for Hilburn, Pritchett, Springdale, and Stubbs Parks. The committee has received some preliminary layouts and would like to go ahead and get approval to use up to \$1,750,000 for these playgrounds. The resolution will authorize the purchase once the Parks Committee approves the final layout. This would be funded with ARPA funds. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vonda Morton pledged to the Georgia Flag.

John Hall expressed his concern about an exposed drain pipe in Stubbs Park.

Carla Wright Johnson spoke with council about obesity and thanked council for updating the parks to help with childhood obesity.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Jones thanked Mrs. Brown for her presentation and the library for what they do. Reminded everyone about Youth Council and Black History Banner applications, both available on the website.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming and getting involved. Reminded everyone that the Great American Clean Up will be April 13th through April 20th.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked Tony Braziel, Director of Utilities for looking out the fir the city and creating a solution. Also thanked Mrs. Brown for her presentation and reminded the citizens what an amazing resource the library is.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Mrs. Brown for her presentation. Also thanked the police department for the outstanding job they do.

City Manager Powell announced that the next council meeting will be April 18th, we will not have a meeting on the first week in April.

Mayor Kight thanked Tami, Randy, Kathy, Jeff, Glenda, Abby, and various city departments (Sanitation, Police, Street, and Fire) for all their hard work during the St. Patricks events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

