

Dublin City Hall
March 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item #7 and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0 to amend.

***Item #7 Discussion and action on Resolution #25-10 to authorize a contract with AT&T for telephone services in the city.*

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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 6/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
DFT0002718	2/17/25	Georgia Department of Revenue	Sales Tax-January 2025	29,730.19
43385	2/17/25	City of Dublin	Utilities	19,334.20
DFT0002727	2/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	68,160.16
DFT0002726	2/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	40,662.44
DFT0002725	2/19/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	20,440.45
DFT0002724	2/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	15,940.80
43390	2/19/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	113,156.71
CSHMGAG	2/21/25	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	27,473.18
MGAG	2/21/25	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	2,498,379.42
43429	2/21/25	Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co.	Restock Inventory	26,001.39
43453	2/21/25	GMA Worker's Compensation Self	Self-Insurance Fund Deductibles	120,049.19
43474	2/21/25	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc.	Sanitation & Water Const. Facility Renovation	250,856.21
43420	2/21/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	City Hall Brick and Windows Project	24,377.39
43421	2/21/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	GMP Northside Fire Station	427,060.51
43434	2/21/25	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping for Parks	25,002.00
43462	2/21/25	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	20,182.93
43475	2/21/25	Perry Brothers Oil Company Inc.	Restock Fuel	20,535.70
			Total:	\$3,747,342.87

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were five purchases for council consideration. City Manager Powell explained each purchase and council voted on all items for one vote.

Academy Extension Lift Station Soft Starter Replacement Service -
Wastewater Plant

The Academy Extension Lift Station is in need of replacement soft starters, which are devices that control the speed at which the pump in the lift station starts and stops to prevent damage to the pump and ensure its longevity. Staff's recommendation was to approve purchasing the installation of two soft starters from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc for \$15,754.92, which includes the two devices and the installation costs. Xylem was the low bid. This was not budgeted, but staff budgeted \$65,500 for repairs and maintenance to the lift stations and have \$34,525.64 remaining for this fiscal year of that budget to cover this cost. This will be charged to Account #505-4334-522200 (Lift Stations - Repairs and Maintenance).

Police Vehicle - Police Department

One of the police officers was involved in an accident that resulted in the vehicle being totaled with a payout value of \$20,115.50 from the insurance. Staff found a replacement Ford Interceptor SUV on a state contract for \$47,870. Staff was able to salvage the equipment out of the old vehicle and will only need to pay to have it installed in the replacement vehicle (\$2,095). Those will be performed by Auto Pro Specialist, LLC. This purchase was not budgeted, but the police department has experienced enough cost savings in the to cover the expense and replace the vehicle. The purchase recommended for approval was for a 2024 Police Interceptor SUV AWD from Hardy Family Ford in Dallas, Georgia for \$47,870. (Net cost to the city is \$29,849.50). This will be paid for out of Account #100-3223-542200 (Patrol-Vehicles)

Police Department HEAT Grant Vehicles

The city was awarded the FY'25 Heat Grant for the police department and part of that grant covers the purchase of two vehicles for the department. Staff sourced two 2025 Chevrolet Tahoes (not equipped) from Hardy Chevrolet under a statewide contract for \$108,550. The city will front the money for this purchase and will seek reimbursement under the grant. Staff's recommendation was for approval of the purchase. The purchase was not budgeted, but will be reimbursed 100% by the HEAT Grant. This will be paid out of Account #100-3230-542200 (Police - Traffic Control - Vehicles).

Driveway - Water Administration

This purchase was for a driveway from the main drive in at the Wastewater Treatment Plant over to the administrative office building where the Water Utility Director and his administrative assistant's offices are located. Staff budgeted \$20,000 to do this and the low price came in from Padgett Asphalt at \$15,000. This is for clearing the grass, grading the path, the necessary crush and run rock base and asphalt top for the driveway (10'x200') and parking pad (50'x30'). Staff's recommendation was to approve the purchase of the services from Padgett Asphalt. This will be charged to Account #505-4410-541229 (Site Improvements).

Peacock Drive Storm Drain

Staff replaced this storm drain line off of Peacock Drive last year. After the heavy rains and due to the water table down by the creek, the plastic pipe that was used according

to our specifications for this project lifted above ground level. To prevent that from occurring, staff will replace the plastic pipe with concrete, which will be heavier and stay underground where it is supposed to. This isn't the entire line, but just the section at the lowest part of just before the creek. Staff received three quotes to do this work and the low quote was from L&L Utilities in the amount of \$24,000. This will be paid for out of 2018 SPLOST funds from account #320-4250-541419. This was not budgeted, but there are sufficient funds remaining in the utility extension line item to cover this work.

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #25-02 TO ANNEX 30.09 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT PROPERTY 100-072 AS B-2 (HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS) WITH A PROPOSED USE OF A COMMERCIAL STRIP MALL, APARTMENTS AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

City Manager Powell read ordinance #25-02 annexing 30.09 acres, more or less, of land located at Parcel 100 072 as B2 (Highway Oriented Business) zone. Proposed use is commercial strip mall and apartments. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Missy Renfro spoke on behalf of San Konkaia, she provided council with supporting documents of the project. Mitchell Whittington spoke in opposite of the annexation due to the location. Charmaine Norman spoke about a tree issue on her property and the need for the sanitation department to have a bigger truck to help with removal. Carla Wright Johnson stated that build it and they will come. George Hollingsworth provided council with an update on the renovation progress at Oconee Gym. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the ordinance and seconded by Councilman Jones. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The vote carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-08 TO APPROVE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 2026 HEAT GRANT

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-08 to authorize the application and approve and accept the terms and conditions for the FY'26 Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. Grant Award. Staff will be applying for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. ("Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic") Grant for FY'26. The current year's HEAT Grant that was approved last month will end on September 30th. The total being applied for is \$131,964. Reimbursement through the grant requires approval of the terms and conditions for the grant by the governing body of the City. The grant covers the base salary of two officers for hours worked under the grant, training costs, and day to day expenses for their operations (paper, etc.). The grant will be for funding from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The terms and conditions of the grant require us to comply with certain federal regulations (as this is a Federal pass-through grant), and ensure proper accounting, reporting, and procurement of goods, among other items. This resolution will approve and accept the terms and conditions and authorize the execution of the documents necessary for the acceptance of the grant if staff are notified of the award and authorize its administration by the City.

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-09 TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR METER INSTALLATION.

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-09 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the installation of water meters with M&E Construction Company, LLC pursuant to request for proposal #25-0113-02. Staff is continuing the meter installation project for the third year. Council approved the purchase of the meters back in the fall and they have arrived and are ready to be installed. Staff solicited proposals from qualified firms and recommend that council authorize a contract for these 807 meters to be installed by M&E Construction Company, LLC out of Forsyth, Georgia. The total cost is \$70,064 and will be paid for out of Account #507-4440-521300 (Water R&E - Technical Services). This is also within the \$75,000 budget. The estimated timeline for completion is approximately three weeks from their start date, which is expected to be March 17th. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE #25-01 TO REZONE 16.85 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCELS 101B 086 AND 101B 087 FROM P (PROFESSIONAL) ZONE TO R3 (MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

City Manager Powell read ordinance #25-01 to rezone 16.85 acres, more or less, of property located at 2778 GA HWY 257, Parcel 101B 087 from P (Professional) to R3 (Multifamily Residential) This item was tabled from the last council meeting without a date definite for it to be brought back to council. The purpose of having this on the agenda was to take it off the table, announce that staff reviewed any advertising requirements, and we will be re-advertising the public hearing on this request and the public hearing will take place at the April 3, 2025 council meeting at 5:30PM.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following Equipment is being submitted for surplus declaration:

Lot of Fire hoses - Fire Fighting

Lot of Fire Rescue Tools - Fire Fighting

These items have all been replaced and are no longer of use to the Department. Upon declaration, these items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scrap.

Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kight appointed Lehman Routh, a local realtor and city resident, to the Dublin Laurens Land Bank Authority to replace the position previously held by Jay Studstill. Lehman's term will run for the remainder of Jay's term, which will expire on October 12, 2025. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the

appointment and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Charmaine Norman-302 Vine Street expressed to council the sanitation department needs a bigger truck to be about to remove trees off of property. She also asked council about vacant lots and proper clearing of those lots.

Carla Johnson Wright expressed that Laurens County and the City of Dublin is growing.

Mitchell Whittington expressed his concern about a metal frame being placed behind Piggly Wiggly and how close its located to power sources. Also spoke about Springdale Park water issue and sewer issues on Coney Street.

Eric Edmond spoke with council about some property he inherited and the deannexation process.

Barbara Martin-104 West Ave expressed the need for safety on her street. Councilman Smith confirm that West Street is in Cycle 4 of the Project Slow Zone.

Teresa Holliday thanked the police department for their presence in the community. Also spoke with council about Unity Pointe and the road painting needing to be touched up.

Vonda Morton spoke on Woman in Geogia History for the month of March.

Albert Stanley expressed the council that they need to communicate what's going on in the wards.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Treasurer Daniels had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown had no comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming and voicing their opinions.

Councilwoman Kolbie had no comments.

Councilman Griggs had no comments.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Mascaro had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:24 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

