

Dublin City Hall
March 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, March 7, 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 Pastor Sonny Wilkes, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Kight acknowledged Ms. Georgia Coneway for her many years of service on the Housing Authority Board and Mayor Pro Tempore, Tess Godfrey, presented Ms. Coneway with a plaque as a token of the city's appreciation.

***Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item the discussion and action on appointment of a municipal court judge and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 7/0 to amend the agenda.*

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs 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 Councilman Smith to approve the following bills. The motion carried 7/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
DFT0001956	2/15/24	Georgia Department of Revenue		23,792.37
39400	2/16/24	Ryland Oil Company		25,187.20
39356	2/16/24	East Coast Asphalt LLC		453,162.24
39419	2/16/24	Truist Bank		72,968.23
39417	2/16/24	Traffic Logix Corporation		56,000.00
DFT0001959	2/20/24	Department of Revenue		17,559.02
MGAGJun24	2/20/24	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia		1,413,402.17
MGAGCSH	2/20/24	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia		25,526.15
DFT0001960	2/20/24	Internal Revenue Service		110,137.63
39471	2/23/24	Ryland Oil Company		25,179.60
39450	2/23/24	Dublin Constructions Co., Inc.		17,450.00
39458	2/23/24	GMA Worker's Compensation		20,812.76
39482	2/23/24	Vermeer Southeast		40,975.00
			Total:	\$2,302,153.37

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were three purchases for council consideration.

Gate for Earlwood Drive - Staff received a proposal from Garrett Fence Company for \$16,000 for a functioning gate which is sufficient for the City's needs for closing off Earlwood Drive at the Veteran's Blvd End. This will be a black aluminum gate that will be remotely controlled and operable by city personnel only. This will include emergency responders, sanitation/street department workers, and any other (such as the school system, if a bus needs to traverse the road). There will be some electrical work needed and Moye Electric has provided a quote for this work in the amount of \$780.00. The total for this purchase is \$16,780 and will be paid for out of the traffic calming budget Account # 235-4270-541415 (Infrastructure - Traffic Calming - TIA Discretionary Funds).

Christian & Ellington Design Services for Springdale Pond and Stubbs Pond - Christian and Ellington Engineering and Land Surveying has provided staff with two professional services proposals for the surveying, hydrology study, civil engineering, & construction staking of both the Springdale Pond and Stubbs Park Pond. The total of these services for Springdale is \$22,800 and the total for Stubbs is \$38,280. This will be paid for out of our ARPA Funds for Parks Master Plan Implementation, Account #s 230-6222-541218 (Site Improvements - Springdale Park (\$22,800)) and 230-6223-541217 (Site Improvements - Stubbs Park (\$38,280)).

Traffic Calming Striping by Mid-State Striping - As a part of the traffic calming for cycle 2, the speed cushions that will be installed will have the appropriate striping, as has been done for the other speed cushions, as well as the multi-modal lane identification and crosswalks on Edgewood and Cardinal to clearly delineate the lane of travel for pedestrians and bicyclists. The streets involved in this striping are: Cardinal, Edgewood, Woods, and Village Circle. There are 4 sets of speed cushions involved, 22 pedestrian symbols, 22 bicycle symbols, 2,296' of crosswalk and 325' of hash-out. The cost of this work is \$26,500 and will be paid out of the traffic calming budget Account # 235-4270-541415 (Infrastructure - Traffic Calming - TIA Discretionary Funds).

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

PRESENTATION BY BRENDA SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN

Ms. Brenda Smith presented to council on the Housing Authorities past and upcoming activities. This included a financial report and also discussion about the upcoming RAD Conversions for some housing authority properties.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-05 TO APPROVE THE CDBG APPLICATION FOR MARY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-05 authorizing the submittal of a 2024 application for funding from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for an amount up to \$1,000,000 for street, flood drainage, and sidewalk improvements on W. Mary Street. The city will be requesting \$1,000,000 in funding and our match will be \$153,302. Staff will be budgeting for the city's match portion in the upcoming FY'25 Budget. The purpose of the resolution is to give authority to apply for the grant and also indicate the city's commitment to the project and ensure we will fund the required match and that the project is consistent with our comprehensive plan. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADDITIONAL TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS
BENNIE JONES & CHRIS SMITH

City Manager Powell explained that pursuant to the travel policy of council, Councilmembers Jones and Smith are seeking to attend the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. from March 9th through March 13th. This trip will cause them to exceed their allocated travel budget and council approval is required. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION RESOLUTION #24-06 TO ADOPT THE PARKS
MASTER PLAN

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-06 to adopt and approve the City of Dublin Parks Master Plan; to authorize the termination of the Intergovernmental Agreements with the Dublin-Laurens County Recreation Authority regarding lease and maintenance of city parks and The Southern Pines Water Park. This is mutually agreed as the best path forward between both the city and the authority. For the master plan, Maypop Collaborative performed an evaluation of existing city parks, sought community input, and developed concepts for improvements to each park. Through work sessions with staff, council, parks committee, and the public the plan has been developed specifically for Dublin and the desires of our citizens and elected officials. The plan includes a prioritization of implementation and a goal (depending on funding) of completion through year 2040. Staff is already working with a playground vendor on the State's contract through Sourcewell for playground equipment at Pritchett, Stubbs, Hilburn, and Springdale for you to review. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-07 TO APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC FOR THE RAVEN GUNSHOT DETECTION
SYSTEM

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-07 approving a contract with Flock Group, Inc. for a twenty-four (24) month service and equipment agreement concerning the Flock Safety Raven for the City of Dublin. The Resolution will approve an agreement with

Flock Group, Inc. For their Raven Gunshot Detection System, which is for an initial trial period 60-days so we can assess the system and determine if it will work. This gunshot detection system will cover a square mile of area in town and provide immediate alerts to law enforcement as to the source of any gunshots detected. It is hopeful that this will eventually be tied to the Condor System that is the live-camera system and coordinate between the two. If the city finds it beneficial, the annual cost will be \$35,000 per year for this square mile of service area and will be pro-rated for the remainder of this fiscal year from the 60-day mark on. This was not budgeted, but we will budget for it in the FY'25 Budget, if approved, and it will be paid out of Account #100-3221-522320 (Equipment Rental/Lease - Police CID). The implication for this fiscal year will be just below \$6,000 and this will be covered by vacancies in the police department. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following vehicles and equipment were submitted for surplus declaration:

Golf Cart (Golf Course)
Unit #966 (Golf Course) 2006 Jacobsen G-Plex III Greensmower SN FH0003072
Unit #967 (Golf Course) 2014 BadBoy Zero Turn Elite 60" Mower SN BCE6026KA08141060
Unit #968 (Golf Course) 2014 BadBoy Zero Turn Elite 60" Mower SN BCE6026KA08141061
Desk (Tax Department)
Conference Room Hutch (City Hall)
Lot of Police Supplies (Police Department) - Holsters, flashlight holders, aerosol cases, handcuff cases, and glock cases

Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve Lauren Kirkland as the Municipal Court Judge and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 7/0 to approve. This appointment came about due to Judge Harold McLendon qualifying to run for District Attorney. A sitting judge cannot remain on the bench and qualify for a partisan election so Judge McLendon has tendered his resignation.

Discussion and action on Board Appointments

Mayor Kight appointment the following members to the Youth Council Commission:

Jackie Curtis - reappointed to serve through December 2026.

Linda Ussery, a retired school teacher, appointed to fill Rae Bloodworth's position and serve through December 2026.

Darrius Knight, former Youth Council Mayor, appointed to fill Tagwa Ali's position and serve through December 2026.

Josh White, current vice principal at Dublin High School, to fill the unexpired term of Olivia Eason and serve through December 2025.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the appointments and seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Essie Dunn spoke with council about a drainage issue on W. Mary Street that has caused a problem on her property.

Sally Underwood resident at the Dublin Housing Authority expressed her concerns and the traffic at the park and the need to add a traffic light or stop sign. (Corner of Calhoun and Moore Street)

Jacqueline Wright blessed council and the citizens with an Irish Blessing.

John Hall requested an update on the sewer project.

Andrew Roundtree invited everyone to Unity Rally (Community Size Revivals at Dublin High School Auditorium on April 27th and 28th).

Tonya Thomas Berry invited council and the citizens to get involved in the Great American Clean Up the week of April 13th through April 20th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Treasurer Daniels had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming and for all the comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming. Congratulated Ms. Coneway on her service award. Reminded everyone that Youth Council application is available on the City of Dublin website. Also, the applications for the Black History Banners are available on the website.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Ms. Brenda Smith for her presentation. Congratulated Ms. Coneway on her years of service. Looking forward to the Great American Clean Up, get involved.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked everyone for getting involved in their community.

City Manager Powell gave an update on the emergency sewer project. Design is complete and has been submitted to contractors and the bids will open on March 19th.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming and thanked Ms. Wright for always bring a smile. Congratulated Ms. Coneway on her years of service and thanked Ms. Smith for what she is doing with the Housing Authority. Also thanked council for working as team.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:22 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

