

Dublin City Hall  
November 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, November 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, Chris Smith and Rich Mascaro were present. The invocation was given by Sonya May Calvin followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Honored and celebrated the life and service of Mr. Robert O'Neal, Jr., who served our city for 30 years, including as the Superintendent of the Street Department.

Recognize and honored Mr. Jay Studstill for his service on the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority. Jay was a charter member of the authority and served for eight years on that authority.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes. The motion carried 7/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and was seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie to approve the following bills. The motion carried 7/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
DFT0002484	10/30/24	Department of Revenue	Tax Payment	21,516.65
DFT0002483	10/30/24	Internal Revenue Service	Tax Payment	132,001.74
OneAmerica	11/01/24	One America	Life Insurance	16,962.71
LifeHealth	11/01/24	GMEBS- Life & Health Insurance	Life Insurance	241,492.68
42294	11/01/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	18,833.96
42273	11/01/24	GA Power Company	Utilities	91,717.59
RetirementOct	11/01/24	GMEBS-Life & Health Insurance	Life Insurance	165,768.33
42267	11/01/24	Delta Municipal Supply Co.	Neptune Water Meters	182,610.00
42263	11/01/24	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	Northside Fire Station	255,497.19
42290	11/01/24	Natural Gas Trade	Communications for Annual Renewal/Corrector	15,260.40
42331	11/06/24	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	35,265.56
42329	11/06/24	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	17,632.80
42365	11/06/24	Visit Dublin GA	Hotel/Motel Tax	35,265.56
DFT0002521	11/13/24	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	122,043.51
DFT0002522	11/13/24	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,051.39
42414	11/15/24	Georgia Interlocal Risk Management	GEFA Payments	20,024.36
42403	11/15/24	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping & Lawncare for Parks	27,697.00
42409	11/15/24	EZ GO-Division of Textron	Range Picker and Two Haulers	42,450.64
42461	11/15/24	Third Wave Digital	Website Redesign and Development	18,500.00
42383	11/15/24	B&D Industrial Inc.	Repairs on Secondary Basins	38,472.22

42459	11/15/24	Teen Challenge	Litter Pickup FY24-25	18,810.00
42417	11/15/24	GMA Worker's Comp	Worker's Comp	19,639.21
42431	11/15/24	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	51,623.60
42456	11/15/24	T. Lake Environmental Design	Landscaping Services	26,768.99
42430	11/15/24	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	20,182.92
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,656,089.01</b>

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were five purchases for council consideration.

Lift Station Pump Repair -for repair services for one of the four pumps at Alabama Street Lift Station that was damaged during Hurricane Helene. The services will be provided by Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. And will cost \$16,322.80. Staff have budgeted sufficient funds for repair and maintenance of the lift stations to cover this cost. Staff's recommendation was to approve the purchase of these services. It will be charged to Account #505-4334- 522200

Police Truck -for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for the Police Major. This purchase was budgeted and staff found this vehicle through a statewide contract. The purchase is from Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC out of Dallas, Georgia. The cost is \$52,740 before outfitting (staff will handle with an independent outfitter). This price is \$12,260 below the \$65,000 budgeted for this purchase and that difference will more than adequately cover the cost of outfitting. This is going to replace Unit 173 which is a 2012 Ford Explorer. This will be paid with '24 SPLOST funds and be charged to Account #322-3210-542200 - ('24 SPLOST - Police Administration - Vehicles).

Stubbs Park Storm Drain Repair -for services to replace a corrugated metal storm drainpipe in Stubbs Park. A citizen brought it to staff's attention at a prior council meeting that there was a large area around the new sidewalk along the western side of the park close to the new roundabout on Moore Street. The pipe is important as it carries Ferry Branch runoff water near former Battle Field. Staff obtained three quotes for this work and recommend that council approve Land Care Services to do this work for \$16,225.36. They have included in their quote additional costs if the head wall has to be replaced, which would bring the total up to \$21,692.36. Staff's recommendation was to approve Land Care Services to do this work for up to \$21,692.36. This was not specifically budgeted, but staff will be able to cover this expense with additional interest and sales tax revenues. This will be charged to Account # 100-4250-522204 - (Storm Drainage - Repairs and Maintenance).

Vehicles for Various City Departments - staff budgeted to fund the purchase of multiple vehicles across multiple departments through the '24 SPLOST and one in the gas fund. Staff bid out these purchases and have recommended the following purchases be approved:

2024 Chevrolet Equinox LS	\$28,390	City Hall
2025 GMC Sierra 1500	\$45,727	Engineering (2)
		Inspections (2)
		Code Enforcement (2)
2025 GMC Sierra 3500	\$57,880	Public Works
2024 Ford F150	\$43,999	Shop

2024 Ford Maverick XLT	\$30,513	Parks
2024 Ford F350 Super Duty	\$70,848	Shop
2024 Dodge Ram 5500 Flatbed	\$91,989	Gas

The total purchase price is \$597,981 and staff had \$621,000 budgeted across the various funding sources. Staff's recommendation was to approve the purchases.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-53 FOR FIRST RESPONDER PTSD COVERAGE

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-53 to add membership in a fund of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). This past legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 451 that was signed by the Governor on 5/1/2024 and becomes effective on January 1, 2025. It requires local governments to provide supplemental, illness-specific insurance coverage for certain first responders concerning post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This is referred to as the Ashley Wilson Act. The bill defines eligibility criteria for first responders to receive a lump-sum benefit and income replacement disability benefit. It establishes the requirements for proof of PTSD diagnosis and limitations on the benefits. It also authorizes local governments to use tax revenue to fund the insurance coverage. The insurance premiums are exempt from state taxation, and it also has a reporting requirement for the State Insurance Commissioner concerning the use of the benefits. For the City of Dublin, this coverage will be for firefighters, police officers, and dispatch personnel. The city is required to provide this coverage at no cost to the employees eligible and so the city will pay the full annual premium amount of \$15,096.00. This will be paid out of the risk management account of the for the general fund. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #24-07 TO AMEND THE FY'25 BUDGET.

City Manager Powell read ordinance #24-07 to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The second reading and public hearing will be at the December 5th city council meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Appointed Martha Mincey and Bill Middlebrooks to the Zoning Appeals Board for a three year term replacing Time Lake and Guynell Ellington.

Reappointed Todd Gay to the Planning & Zoning Board for a three year term.

Appointed Jesse Powell to the Library Board for a three year term replacing Bob Dixon.

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

Council review and approved the members of the Rebuild Dublin-Laurens Steering Committee Sara Kolbie and Dorothy Rozier. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve. Steering committee will report back to council before funds are distributed.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rae Bloodworth requested an update on Stubbs Gym the citizens would like to know what's going on.

Melody Smith spoke with council about dogs in the community and being allowed to roam. No support from animal control.

Brenda Smith presented a pilot payment from the Dublin Housing Authority in the amount of \$65,741.05.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for their comments. Thanked all the city employees for all they do on a daily basis. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming. Sent his condolences to the O'Neal family. Thanked all the employees for all the hard work they do. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming out. Sent her condolences to the O'Neal family. Thanked Mr. Studstill for all he did for the Landbank. Also thanked the employees for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Kolbie advised the citizens that there have been several conversations within the City of Dublin about stray animals and we will continue to look for resolutions.

Councilman Griggs wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Smith wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming.

City Manager Powell updated the citizens on street clean up in the city. Wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:06 P.M.



  
Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather M. Browning  
Heather M. Browning, City Clerk