

Dublin City Hall  
September 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 12:30 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

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

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
41376	8/09/24	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	28,597.64
41397	8/09/24	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	44,483.03
41383	8/09/24	Tyler Technologies Inc.	Annual Fee	141,491.35
41361	8/09/24	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	51,831.38
41382	8/09/24	Truist Bank	Equipment Loan Payments	61,472.31
41360	8/09/24	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	23,845.12
41396	8/09/24	Dublin Board of Education	July 2024 Property Taxes	40,595.72
41395	8/09/24	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	22,241.55
41342	8/09/24	Dublin-Laurens Land Bank	Appropriation	25,000.00
41399	8/09/24	Visit Dublin	Hotel/Motel Tax	44,483.03
41359	8/09/24	L&L Utilities, Inc.	Peach St. Pump/Church & Rice Street	85,251.24
41411	8/16/24	Beck Auto Sales Inc.	Quad Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck	41,072.00
41443	8/16/24	Perry Brothers Oil Company Inc.	Restock Fuel	22,801.75
41420	8/16/24	Delinquent Tax Services, Inc.	Professional Fees Tax Sale	21,710.00
DFT0002344	8/20/24	Department of Revenue	July Sales Tax	20,341.02
DFT0002345	8/20/24	Internal Revenue Service	Tax Payments	125,081.32
MGAGJuly	8/21/24	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	647,057.70
41479	8/23/24	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping and Lawncare for Parks	25,002.00
41492	8/23/24	L&L Utilities, Inc.	Fire Hydrant Replacement Phase 2	50,225.00
41500	8/23/24	T. Lake Environmental Design	Landscaping Services	17,495.85
41486	8/23/24	Georgia Stage	Stage Curtain-Emery Thomas	15,743.98
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,555,822.99</b>

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were three purchases for council consideration.

Dell Computers -

Staff budgeted across multiple departments for the purchase of new and replacement computers and laptops for this year. This purchase is for computers for our water utility, gas utility, police, public works, IT, Planning and Development, City Manager, City Treasurer and Council. This is for 23 computers and associated peripheral devices. The total of the purchase is \$37,537.36 from Dell Technologies and the budgeted amount was \$42,698.

#### SCBA Harnesses and Face Pieces - Fire Fighting

Staff budgeted to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department. Staff's recommendation was to approve a purchase from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES). This purchase is for five of the breathing apparatus and the face pieces that go with them. These are Scott X3 Pro 4500 PSI SCBA Harnesses. Delivery will be within 70 business days of purchase. The total cost is \$35,285.70 and the budgeted amount was \$41,430. This will be paid out of Firefighting Budget Account #100-3520-542500 (Other Equipment).

#### Range Picker and Haulers - Riverview Golf Course

The golf course is in need of a new range picker cart and two haulers for employees to effectively work on the course. Currently, employees are using old golf carts from our old fleet to carry supplies across the course. These two EZ Go Haulers will provide appropriate utility bed and hitch for carrying equipment and materials across the course. The range picker is for collecting balls on the driving range that has the appropriate safety caging to protect employees. This is a Sourcewell statewide contract purchase from Textron Inc., an authorized dealer for EZ-Go. Staff earmarked \$150,000 in SPLOST '24 monies for Equipment for the Golf Course and this is the first purchase from those funds. The total purchase price is \$41,890.64 and staff recommends you approve the purchase. This will be paid for out of Account: 322-6131-542200 ('24 SPLOST - Golf Course Vehicles).

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

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #24-41 TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR THE UNDERGROUND FIBER DESIGN AND UPGRADE FOR THE MADISON STREET PROJECT.

City Manager Powell read resolution #24-41 to approve the award of a contract for the telecommunications conversion for the Madison Street Project. Staff solicited proposals for the work to convert the City's overhead fiber optic lines underground. There was one company, A&H Services, LLC, to submit a proposal. Staff will enter into a contract with them for these services consistent with request for proposals. The total cost is \$68,616.50. This price does not include the cost to remove the existing lines and we will do a change order to accomplish that. Staff had earmarked \$150,000 in Telecom's Budget for this project. This will be paid out of Account #570-4750-541400 (Telecom Infrastructure). Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jaqueline Wright spoke about Madison Street construction that is affect Market of Madison.

Brenda Smith spoke with council about an upcoming Educational Drive for 2024 Voters Awareness Education Campaign on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Verline Copenny Center. There will be live voting machines for training from the Secretary of State Office.

JoAnn Glover spoke with council about concerns on East Garner and Charles Manning Street. Also requested speed bumps on Pearl Street.

Geroge Hollingsworth would like a blueprint and update on the Oconee Gym renovation.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown had no comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out and expressing concerns. Reminded council of the District 9 meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming out and for the comments.

Councilwoman Kolbie had no comments.

Councilman Griggs had no comments.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Mascaro had no comments.

City Manager Powell provided the council and public with an update on Hilburn Park Playground equipment which is about 90% installed. The turf is expected to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Pritchett Park playground is still waiting on a part that was not originally manufactured correctly and once that is installed, they will also be able to install the turf, which, again, we are hopeful will be in the next couple of weeks.

The pickleball courts at Middle Georgia State University's Campus have been completed and are ready for the public to play. Now we will have our city public works crews start the demo on the existing courts at Hilburn to make way for the new courts to be installed.

Northside Fire Station footing has been poured.

The sanitation and water construction facility demolition has started and is ongoing.

Introduced new Parks Superintendent, Nikole Simmons. Her office is located at the Keep Dublin Laurens Beautiful House on N. Church Street next door to the police precinct. In addition, Tim Thomas has started working as a part-time center attendant

for our two gyms and is no stranger to our community. He is providing a valuable service for our community.

Rhianna Stitt has been hired as our new Pro Shop Supervisor at Riverview Golf Course.

Mayor Kight thanked the parks committee for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

  
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Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

