

City of Dublin

Pre-Council 5:00pm
Council 5:30pm
Council Meetings

Council Meeting Schedule

- **March 07, 2018: The agenda includes the following:**
 - 1. Approval of February 15, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
 - 2. Approval of bills over \$3000.**
 - 3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
 - 4. Discussion and action on a proposal by The Mercer Group, Inc.
for performing Finance Director/City Clerk search.**
 - 5. Discussion and action on a contract with Thomas & Hutton
Engineering for the Springdale/US80 signal.**
 - 6. Discussion and action on award of a contract to Grants Specialist
of Georgia for CDBG Application administrative services.**
 - 7. Discussion and action on approval of a resolution for the 2018
CDBG Housing Application.**
 - 8. Discussion and action on award of a contract to the Heart of
Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for the completion of an
Urban Redevelopment Plan for the City of Dublin.**

9. Discussion and action on a resolution authorizing the Acting City Clerk to write-off certain uncollectible personal property bills owed to the City of Dublin.

10. Discussion and action final Water Park Design for the purpose of issuing an RFP.

11. Discussion and action on declaration of surplus.

12. Adjournment

- **February 15, 2018: The agenda includes the following:**
 - 1. Approval of February 01, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
 - 2. Approval of February 06, 2018 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes.**
 - 3. Approval of bills over \$3000.**
 - 4. Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
 - 5. Presentation by representatives of Dublin-Laurens Cultural Center.**
 - 6. Presentation by Dublin City Tree Board for Arbor Day.**
 - 7. Presentation by Ms. Viatrice Rozier of National Night Out Program.**
 - 8. Presentation by representatives of the City of Dublin Youth Council.**

9. Discussion and action on an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority.
10. Citizen comments.
11. Council comments.
12. Adjournment.

Minutes from the February 15, 2018 City Council Meeting

**Council Chamber
City Hall
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Best called the meeting to order. Council Members Bennie Jones, Gerald Smith, Curtis Edwards, Paul Griggs, Gary Johnson and Jerry Davis were present. Council Member Bill Brown was absent. Pastor Dorothy Simmons gave the invocation that was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Best asked Mr. Scott Thompson to come forward and Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith presented Scott with the Golden Shamrock in appreciation for all his service to the City of Dublin and our community. Scott thanked Mayor and Council.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Griggs to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2018 CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$3000

A motion was made by Council Member Edwards and was seconded by Council Member Davis to approve the following bills. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000

City Manager Jones stated that there are no purchases for Council's consideration tonight.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DUBLIN-LAURENS CULTURAL CENTER

First was Ms. Suzanne Dukes, president of Art Dublin, she came to explain the needs of our community for a central location, funding and a paid coordinator to bring all the groups involved with the arts together and be available to schedule and bring everyone together.

Next was Mr. Scott Thompson, director of the Museum, who explained that his original vision was to make the Museum a cultural facility that could be used for arts group, garden clubs, boy & girl scouts, and he would have no problem with making the Museum available for a cultural center. If City and County funding could be allocated for a coordinator/director, the Museum could be used as a centralized location as a cultural center. Currently there are two members of the Historical Society who volunteer and staff the Museum. Scott stated the he has retired as director of the Museum.

The next speaker was Mr. Kelly Cannady who came to speak in support of the need for a cultural facility.

Next Ms. Glenda Belcher of the Dublin Laurens Art Council also spoke in favor of the effort to get a cultural arts center.

Ms. Wylene Hardy of Art Dublin came to speak in favor also.

Mr. Thomas Wheeler also spoke in favor.

Mayor Best told the group of citizens that the Council will discuss this matter at the Annual Planning weekend to plan for next year's budget.

PRESENTATION BY DUBLIN CITY TREE BOARD FOR ARBOR DAY

Mrs. Patsy Baker, as a member of the Dublin City Tree Board, came to explain the plans for the Arbor Day event. She invited everyone to join her on Friday, February 16th at 11 AM at an Arbor Day Observance that will be held at the Shamrock Fire Station. YKK has donated a 25 foot American Red Oak to be planted in observance of Arbor Day. Patsy informed everyone that the City of Dublin has been a Tree City for eighteen years and to qualify as a Tree City the Arbor Day Observance is one of the requirements. Mayor Best read the Proclamation declaring Arbor Day in City of Dublin.

PRESENTATION BY MS. VEATRICE ROZIER OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROGRAM

Ms. Rozier came to thank the Southside Association for being supportive of the National Night Out Program and for trusting her to handle this year's program. She also thanked Mayor and Council for their support of this program and also all the volunteers, who make this program work. She also thanked Police Chief Chatman and presented the National Award for the City of Dublin. The City was one of 164 winners in 12 categories. Dublin won in Category 5 for communities of 5,000 to 15,000 population. She again thanked everyone who supported this program.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN YOUTH COUNCIL

Dublin Youth Council members, Sydney Price, At Large representative, Keyanne Jones, Ward 1 representative, Jاليا McRae, Ward 2 representative, and Audrie Charles, City Clerk, gave a presentation giving an update on their recent activities, National League of Cities and Mayor's Day 2018 Conference. At the National League of Cities Conference, the youth council was exposed to a number of programs and participated in programs during this conference. In January, they attended the Mayor's Day 2018 Conference and attended informative sessions and participated in some of the Mayor's Day activities. They met some of the State Officials and were treated to a tour of the Capitol by our State Representative Matt Hatchett. After the presentation, new incoming Youth Council Members, Varsha Lolabattu and Zaylen Powell were asked to come forward and were sworn in by City Attorney Josh Powell.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Manager Jones explained that we have been in discussions with the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA) concerning an agreement whereby the City will take over maintenance and operation and joint ownership of the gas system at the old Central State Hospital Campus. The CSHLRA has obtained or is in the process of obtaining ownership from the State of Georgia of the gas system and other property. In the proposed agreement there are provisions for our maintenance and operation of the gas system. We will deal directly with Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) who is the gas provider between AGL and all customers on campus. The City will bill customers on the campus just like we do our other gas customers and we will collect from those customers and after deducting the cost of maintaining and operating the system, we will retain 50% of those proceeds and remit the remaining 50% of net proceeds to the CSHLRA on a quarterly basis. This agreement is set up for an initial 20 years with the possibility of automatic renewals at five year increments and the maximum termination date of December 31, 2067. Previously we have contracted with Jack Sapp Engineering to provide us their invaluable data concerning the existing gas system on the campus. There are approximately 6.5 miles of gas mains and about 120 gas meters that consist of residential and commercial customers with a current annual gas consumption estimated at 200,000 MMBtus. The preliminary budget for this project is estimated at \$1.2 million annually and that includes the gas purchases through AGL. MGAG, who currently serves us on our local gas supplies have been involved in the formation of this agreement and have reviewed it and commented on it and are

ready to assist us with meeting our gas demands. MGAG staff has a good working relationship with AGL. Along with officials with MGAG, attorneys with Alston and Bird in Atlanta and our insurance representatives at Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Service, Inc. have all reviewed this agreement. City Manager Lance Jones asked for Council to approve the Resolution for the Intergovernmental Agreement with Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority and this will lock this agreement in place as soon as the CSHLRA meet in the next couple weeks. Councilman Edwards made the motion to approve the Resolution for the agreement with Central State Hospital's Local Intergovernmental Agreement and Councilman Jones seconded the motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas Wheeler came to speak about the history of the Negro 4H Club that was located at the current Riverview Golf Course and expressed his thoughts on the City funded activities similar to the old 4H Club.

Mr. Jerry Chapman, chairperson of the Beautillion program, that is sponsored by Oconee Alumni Association and is available for teenage youth to attend workshops to encourage positive development of male teenagers in grades 8 through 12 and is conducted every 2 years for a period of 5 ½ months. **Mr. Chapman** introduced **Ms. Pamela Ingram**, **Reverend Otis Dixon** and **Ms. Julie Driger** who volunteer with this program and gave a brochure giving the dates of events of this year's program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming and commended **Scott Thompson** on his Golden Shamrock Award and all his service to our community and thanked everyone for the presentations.

Councilman Johnson thanked everyone for coming and stated that the 4-H program has been going on in the schools for over 20 years and he was working with the 4-H programs.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and congratulated **Scott** on his award and thanked everyone for their presentations.

Councilman Edwards congratulated Scott on his award and thanked everyone for their presentations.

Councilman Smith echoed all the comments and congratulated former City Council Member, Ms. Julie Driger, on being appointed to fill Mr. Roscoe Brower's position as the new County Commissioner and thanked all the groups for their presentations.

Councilman Jones also echoed all the earlier comments and congratulated Scott on his award and thanked all the citizens present tonight. Presently up until March 19th, applications for Youth Council is available at each of the schools. TV 35 televised the last session of Teen Court.

City Attorney Powell had no comments.

Acting City Clerk Stanley had no comments.

City Manager Jones expressed his appreciation of practicing as a partner in the same law firm with Scott Thompson and congratulated Scott on his well-deserved Golden Shamrock Award.

Mayor Best expressed his appreciation for everyone who came to speak tonight and congratulated and thanked Scott for all his dedication to our community and on receiving the Golden Shamrock Award.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Best adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.