

City of Dublin

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

Council Meeting Schedule

- **April 05, 2018**: The agenda includes the following:
 1. **Approval of March 07, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
 2. **Approval of March 22, 2018 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes.**
 3. **Approval of bills over \$3000.**
 4. **Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
 5. **Presentation by Ms. Cherise Blackwell, Executive Director, Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority.**
 6. **Presentation by Ms. Rebecca McWilliam, Tourism Director, Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council.**
 7. **Presentation by representatives of Nichols Cauley of the FY17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**
 8. **Discussion and action on declaration of surplus.**
 9. **Citizen comments.**
 10. **Council comments.**

11. Adjournment to Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation.

12. Discussion and action on a Declaration of Taking and Order of the City of Dublin, Georgia concerning 1101 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, Georgia.

13. Adjournment.

• **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

Minutes from the March 07, 2018 City Council Meeting

**City Hall
Council Chamber
MARCH 7, 2018**

The called meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 12:15 P.M.

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

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE FIRST QUARTER AWARD

City Manager Jones stated he is pleased to announce that Mr. Dennis Brown has been nominated and selected as Employee of the First Quarter of 2018 by his fellow co-workers. Lance stated that Dennis began his employment with the Golf Course as a part-time employee in August 2015 as a grounds keeper and was hired as a full time employee in January 2016 as a greens man. Lance stated that Dennis's hard work is evident at the Golf Course. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith congratulated and presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Dennis on

behalf of Mayor and Council. Steve Brown, Golf Course Manager, echoed all the good comments about Dennis and stated that Dennis is the Golf Course's MVP.

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

City Manager Jones stated he is pleased to announce that Sargent Mark Bell was nominated and selected by his fellow co-workers as Employee of the Year for 2017 and also was Employee of the Fourth Quarter of 2017. Sargent Bell began employment with the City of Dublin Police Department on Sept 11, 1995, as an uncertified officer and two months later received his certification on November 21, 1995, and was promoted to Corporal on July 13, 2007, and to Sargent on April 30, 2010. City of Dublin Police Department is honored to have Sargent Bell as an officer. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith congratulated and presented the Employee of the Year Award for 2017 to Detective Sargent Mark Bell.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON RETIREMENTS

City Manager Jones asked Mr. Joe Kinard, III to come forward for his retirement presentation. Lance stated that Joe began his service to the City of Dublin on September 28, 1987, as Finance Director/City Clerk. Joe retired on September 30, 2017 after 30 years of service. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith stated on behalf of the City and Mayor and Council, that Joe will be greatly missed after 30 years of service as Finance Director/City Clerk and presented his retirement watch and 30 year pen.

City Manager Jones asked Mrs. Debbie Stewart to come forward for her retirement presentation. Lance stated that Debbie began her employment with the City of Dublin Police Department on July 18, 1976 as a Police Dispatcher and became Administrative Secretary for the Investigation Division on July 1, 1983 and then became the Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief on January 4, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith stated on behalf of the City and Mayor and Council, thanked Debbie for her years of service to the City Police Department and presented her with a retirement watch.

City Manager Jones asked Mrs. Cathy Thigpen to come forward for her retirement presentation. Lance stated that Cathy began her employment with the City of Dublin on November 1, 1985 as an Operator Trainee in the Waste Treatment Plant and then became a Waste Treatment Plant Operator III on October 17, 1986, and Utilities System Maintenance Operator Trainee on January 6, 1989, and on August 11, 1989, she became certified as Utilities System Maintenance Operator and on April 18, 1987 she became Chief Operator and

later became Chief Operator II on February 27, 2004, and held that position until her retirement on December 31, 2017. Lance stated it is sure different with Cathy, Debbie and Joe gone. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Smith again on behalf of the city and Mayor and Council, thanked Cathy for her years of service to the City and presented her with a retirement watch.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CHIEF CHATMAN/POLICE CHIEF

Chief Tim Chatman stated he came today to recognize his officers who responded with special heroism on two different events. Chief Chatman had two officers wearing the recently purchased protective wear and thanked Mayor and Council for their providing his officers this needed equipment.

Chief Chatman recognized two Police Officers, Tyler Pool and Nicholas Davis, who responded to a situation at an establishment where gunshots were being fired. Officer Tyler Pool, who went above and beyond the call, was recognized for his heroic actions in responding to the location where gunshots were being fired with composure and did not return fire, which most likely saved lives. Officer Nicholas Davis also went above and beyond the call of duty in responding to this event and he and Officer Pool were awarded the letter of heroism and plaque of appreciation. Chief Chatman had a video of the event from the body cam of Officer Tyler Pool for Council to see how this event was handled. There was a problem with playing the video at this time. City Manager Jones stated that the video will be played at the next meeting or if we can get the technical problem worked out, will play the video at the end of this meeting.

Next on February 18, 2018 at around 12:30 P.M., a call was received that a person was threatening to commit suicide by jumping off the Oconee River Bridge. When this person leaped in the river, two officers without hesitation dived in and saved this person. Sargent Eric Roland and Investigator Dawn Rhodes were given a plaque of heroism and a letters of appreciation for their great work and dedication in saving the life of this person. Sargent Roland thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$3000

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY THE MERCER GROUP, INC. FOR PERFORMING FINANCE DIRECTOR/CLERK SEARCH

Mayor Best asked Mr. Alan Reddish to come forward to explain his company's proposal. Mayor Best explained that recently this same group did a search for GMA's Executive Director and did an excellent job. Mr. Reddish explained that he has met with the Personnel Committee and Assistant City Manager Artiffany Stanley. Mr. Reddish, who will be the project manager, explained that The Mercer Group will do a search to recommend quality candidates for Mayor and Council to consider for the Finance Director/City Clerk. Mr. Reddish explained that they will advertise nationwide and this will take about 30 to 40 days, then they will review resumes of candidates and compare to the job duties. They will screen candidates and will ask Mayor and Council to choose 4 to 6 candidates and at that point The Mercer Group will do thorough background checks of the selected candidates. This entire process should take approximately 90 to 95 days. These candidates will be interviewed by Mayor and Council, who will make a decision on who will be chosen for the position of Finance Director/City Clerk. Also, The Mercer Group will not recruit from the City's current employees for a two year period and if the person hired leaves within a two year period, The Mercer Group will do another search at no cost other than out of pocket expenses. Councilman Johnson made the motion to enter into the agreement with The Mercer Group, Inc.'s to perform the Finance Director/City Clerk search and Councilman Griggs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING FOR THE SPRINGDALE/US80 SIGNAL

City Manager Jones explained that this project has been approved by GDOT for funding as a TIA project. Mr. Doyle Kelly of Thomas & Hutton Engineering

was present to answer any questions and explained that the goal is to get this project underway by fall of this year. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve this contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering for the Springdale/US80 Signal and Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO GRANTS SPECIALIST OF GEORGIA FOR CDBG APPLICATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

City Manager Jones explained that the project that was chosen to apply for a CDBG is a block of residential area for housing and this is a request for Council to consider awarding the contract for Grants Specialist of Georgia to write the CDBG grant application. Mrs. Deborah Stanley explained that this CDBG application will be for a grant up to \$750,000. The cost of the writing of the CDBG Grant Application by Grants Specialist of Georgia will be \$3500. The target area will include; Edmond Street, Child Street, Carolyn Watkins Street, Glenwood Park and a portion of Garner Street. Councilman Davis made the motion to award the contract with Grants Specialist of Georgia for the CDBG Application Administrative services and Councilman Jones seconded the motion that carried unanimously 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2018 CDBG HOUSING APPLICATION

Mrs. Deborah Stanley stated that the second action needed by Council is to approve the resolution for application of CDBG for Housing. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the resolution for the 2018 CDBG Housing Application and Councilman Brown seconded the motion that carried unanimously 7/0.

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

City Manager Jones explained that an Urban Redevelopment Plan is the first step to rehabilitating an area and we have a plan for the Martin Luther King neighborhood currently. Now we would like to include the entire city for an Urban Redevelopment Plan and to contract with the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission to assist with this project. Councilman Johnson made the

motion to award the contract to Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission for the completion of an Urban Redevelopment Plan to include the entire City of Dublin and Councilman Brown seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY CLERK TO WRITE OFF CERTAIN UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY BILLS OWED TO THE CITY OF DUBLIN

City Attorney Josh Powell explained that a list of uncollectible personal property tax bills have been compiled of old tax bills that we have been unable to collect over a number of years and most, if not all, are businesses that have closed down and are no longer in business. Councilman Edwards made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Acting City Clerk to write off certain uncollectible personal property tax bills owed to the City of Dublin and Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FINAL WATER PARK DESIGN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING AN RFP

City Manager Jones asked Assistant City Manager Artiffany Stanley to handle this agenda item. Ms. Stanley explained that in order to move forward with plans to construct a water park at Southern Pines, Council will need to approve the design. Ms. Stanley added that plans are to work off the existing splash pad, and construct a six lane swimming pool, a lazy river, slides and will also include expansion of bathrooms. Once Council approves, we can move forward with issuing a RFP for this project. Councilman Davis made the motion to approve the design and Councilman Smith seconded the motion that carried unanimously 7/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

City Manager Jones informed Mayor and Council that we have six vehicles being submitted for consideration for being declared surplus. If Council declares these vehicles as surplus, the following vehicles will be sold on GovDeals:

<u>Item Description:</u>	<u>VIN:</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
1. 1988 Ford F-350 Van (#53 – Detail)	1FBJS31H4JHB10500	141,240

2. 1987 GMC Brigadier Truck

(#331 – Street)	1GDT9C4C5HV507558	132,768
3. 1996 Ford FQ350 Truck		
(#413 – Sanitation)	1FDKF37HOTE77381	134,812
4. 1978 Ford F-600 Truck		
(#453 – Compost)	F60DVAG2655	70,068
5. 1990 Chevrolet C6500 Truck		
(#811 – Water)	1GBM7D184LV106967	118,329
6. 1988 Ford F-700 Dump		
(#823 – Wastewater0)	1FDXF70H21VA10931	72,393

Councilman Brown made the motion to declare the above listed vehicles as surplus and Councilman Davis seconded the motion that carried unanimously 7/0.

At this time, the video was played of an incident that occurred on February 18, 2018, at Club Illusion from Police Officer Tyler Pool’s body cam, as he responded to a number of shots fired outside the club.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Smith and his father Mr. Eugene Smith came to discuss the event that involved a shooting that happened at their place of business, Club Illusion. Mr. Chris Smith stated that about a month before the shooting incident, he had spoken with Chief Chatman about allowing officers to be able to work security at this club and Chief Chatman had refused to have his officers work this location. He also spoke with City Manager Jones, who also agreed with Chief Chatman. Councilman Edwards expressed his support of our Police Chief and our Officers and stated that if this club can’t be operated safely, the club should be shut down. Councilman Davis expressed that there should be some alternatives to prevent this kind of situation and expressed his support of having persons being able to operate locations for people to go to relax. He stated he would support our Police Officers providing security if they should chose to do so. Councilman Jones stated that he supports the Police and he stated that they swear to protect and serve and all businesses should be provided with protection by Police Department and agreed that this situation should be discussed. Mayor Best stated that at the Farmers Market for Pig N Park and there was no incident like the shooting and he felt very safe with only two officers patrolling this area. Mr.

Eugene Smith also spoke about having more police protection. Mayor Best suggested that they hire more security officers to alleviate situations like this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Johnson thanked everyone for coming today and congratulated the Employee of Year and Quarter and thanked the City Retirees and wished them a great retirement and stated he is looking forward to working with The Mercer Group in the search for a Finance Director/City Clerk and stated he is looking forward to the opening of the new water park.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming, thanked and congratulated the retirees and thanked the Police for their bravery and the great job that all our officers do and stated he is looking forward to working with The Mercer Group in the search for a Finance Director/City Clerk and stated he hopes everyone has a Good St. Patrick's.

Councilman Edwards congratulated everyone who was recognized today, the retirees, Employee of the Year and Quarter, expressed thanks to Police and Fire Departments for all that they do every day, thanks for the Grants updates and thanked the business owners who spoke to Council tonight and expressed his hopes that things can be worked out for everyone. Councilman Edwards asked if Fire Chief Cutler brought the new rescue fire truck up to City Hall for Council to look at and Chief Cutler stated he did. Councilman Edwards stated the Mayor and Councilmen may want to take a look at the new fire truck.

Councilman Smith echoed all the comments and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming, congratulated the retirees and advised them to sit back and relax and not to worry about anything and stated that he is looking forward to working with The Mercer Group and excited about the CDBG Grant for improvements in Southside, looking forward to the Water Park coming next year and thanked the Police Department for all they do and for their bravery. Councilman Jones added that the Youth Council is still taking applications until March 19th for openings on the Youth Council. On March 29th there will be a job fair held at the Oconee Gym from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Councilman Brown echoed all that's been said and congratulated the retirees, the Employee of the Year and Quarter and the Police Department for all they do to keep us safe and wished everyone a Happy and Safe St. Patrick's Month.

Councilman Davis commended the Employee of the Year, Detective Sargent David Mark Bell and Employee of the Quarter, Dennis Brown, and congratulated Joe Kinard and Debbie Stewart and Cathy Thigpen on their retirement and thanked everyone for coming.

City Attorney Powell expressed his congratulations to the retirees and stated they are missed. He also congratulated the Employee of Quarter and the Year, Dennis Brown and Mark Bell and expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Police Officers for all they do.

Acting City Clerk Stanley congratulated the Employee of the Quarter and Year and the retirees; especially Joe Kinard, who hired her 22 years ago and that was a blessing; and Ms. Debbie, who she admired for her grace and her style; and Ms. Cathy, who is a hard working woman and someone she was always in awe of the jobs she was a part of and that we have been blessed to have all three of them for 30 plus years. She thanked everyone for coming and our Law Enforcement Officers for everything they do and expressed her appreciation for the tough job they do.

City Manager Jones stated today would be a good day to follow Steve to the Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Best adjourned the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

Minutes from the March 22, 2018 Special Called City

Council Meeting

**City Hall
Council Chamber
MARCH 22, 2018**

The called meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 12:00 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. Council Member Paul Griggs gave the invocation that was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2018 CDBG HOUSING APPLICATION

City Manager Jones asked Mrs. Deborah Stanley to handle all three agenda items regarding the 2018 CDBG Application. She thanked Mayor and Council for meeting today to handle the items needed for the 2018 CDBG Application and stated that there is the resolution for application of CDBG for Housing for Council's consideration and approval. The target area for housing rehabilitation will include; Edmond Street, Child Street, Carolyn Watson Street, Glenwood Park and a portion of Garner Street. Mrs. Stanley explained that this CDBG application will be for a grant up to \$750,000. Additional information was provided to Mayor and Council in their packets for today's meeting. Mrs. Stanley asked if any Council Member has any conflict of interest in the target area for the 2018 CDBG. Councilman Johnson asked for an explanation on what would be a conflict of interest. Mrs. Stanley explained that if any council member owns property or a business or lives in this area or has immediate family members living in the target area this information needs to be submitted to DCA for their approval to proceed with the CDBG funding for this project. Councilman Johnson stated his stepdaughter lives at 417 Glenwood Park. Deborah asked Sherry Kurtz of Grant Specialists to give a brief update on the CDBG project. Sherry explained that we have to ask permission from DCA up front to move forward if there is any conflict of interest and that will prevent any delays once the grant is funded. Sherry explained that there are thirteen rehabs in this target area and also explained that other neighborhoods that don't qualify for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding may be considered for a CHIP(Community Home Investment Program) grant up to \$300,000 and this is a different type of grant from the CDBG. Councilman Davis had a question regarding, in looking at the pictures of the houses in the target area, some houses look better than others and would these homes be considered for rehab. Sherry explained that some of the houses are not as old as some of the other homes in other neighborhoods and by doing rehab such as replacing roofs, heating and a/c units. This will prevent having further housing decline. Again Deborah explained that there are two houses for demolition and thirteen for rehabilitation with DCA funding. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the resolution for the 2018 CDBG Housing Application and Councilman

Davis seconded the motion that carried by a vote of (5) for and (0) against and Councilman Johnson abstained due to a conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF GRANT SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE 2018 CDBG APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN

Mrs. Stanley explained that the project that was chosen to apply for a CDBG is a block of residential area for housing and this is a request for Council to consider awarding the contract for Grants Specialist of Georgia to write the CDBG grant application. Mrs. Stanley explained that we worked with Grant Specialist for the 2017 CDBG and the cost of the writing of the 2018 CDBG Grant Application by Grants Specialist of Georgia will be \$3500. Councilman Davis asked how often we can apply for these funds and Deborah explained that the City can apply every year for funding due to our City being designated as a Plan First Community and also having the designation as a GICH community. This allows our City to be able to apply every year. Councilman Jones made the motion to award the contract with Grants Specialist of Georgia for the 2018 CDBG Application Administrative services and Councilman Edwards seconded the motion that carried by a vote of (5) for and (0) against and Councilman Johnson abstained due to a conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO GRANTS SPECIALIST OF GEORGIA UPON AWARD OF 2018 CDBG APPLICATION

Mrs. Stanley explained that procurement for a grant administrator was completed and Grant Specialists of Georgia was the only proposal received. Mrs. Stanley stated that this approval is contingent upon sole source approval from DCA, since we only received one proposal. It is also contingent upon the award of 2018 CDBG Application. These funds for administrative services will be paid out of the CDBG funds. Councilman Davis made the motion to approve the administrative services to Grants Specialist of Georgia upon award of 2018 CDBG Application and Councilman Jones seconded the motion that carried by a vote of (5) for and (0) against and Councilman Johnson abstained due to a conflict of interest.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Royce Hall stated he has spoken with Janice Nhare, President of the International Committee and just wanted to let everyone know that we are

expecting special visitors from our sister city in Japan to arrive Sunday, March 25th. They should arrive at City Hall around 2:30 P.M. Councilman Smith added that the Japanese visitors will be here until Thursday, March 29th and this is the 20th anniversary of the Sister City relationship.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good week.

Councilman Edwards thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for all the work done for the grants and thanked the Police Department for providing security for the meeting.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming and stated he looks forward to the results of these new grants.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a great weekend.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming and thanked Deborah and Sherry for working so hard on the CDBG Application and thanked all the employees for the great job you are doing for the City.

Councilman Johnson stated he abstained.

City Attorney Powell had no comments.

Acting City Clerk Stanley had no comments.

City Manager Jones had no comments.

Mayor Best stated that Councilman Johnson and Griggs met with Judge McLendon and City Attorney Powell on following up on the process of dilapidated houses and the judge has agreed to add an hour specifically dedicated to the cases regarding the dilapidated housing situation and the first session will be on the first Wednesday of each month and April 4th will be the first session from 1 to 2 P.M.

Mayor Best asked Police Chief Chatman to update everyone on the recent meeting with the FBI concerning some of the cases that Dublin Police

Department have regarding gang activities and other cases that have not been prosecuted and fell by the wayside. Chief Chatman stated that the FBI is interested in these cases and are willing to try to handle some of the cases regarding gang charges, firearms and violent crimes and bring to prosecution. Mayor Best asked if Mayor and Council can view the presentation that was presented to the FBI and Chief Chatman stated he can arrange for that. Chief Chatman also thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the Police Department to purchase the updated protective equipment that is greatly needed. Councilman Davis commended and asked Chief Chatman about the Transformer Program. He asked how you weed out persons who may be trying to manipulate the program to avoid prosecution and/or probation. Chief Chatman explained that being on probation works good with the Transformer program, because it allows for monitoring and keeps interest in the program. It doesn't offer an easy way out of any sentence and is basically a case by case review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Best adjourned the meeting at 12:41 P.M.