

# **City of Dublin**

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

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## **Council Meeting Schedule**

- **April 19, 2018: The agenda includes the following:**
  - 1. Approval of April 05, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
  - 2. Approval of bills over \$3000.**
  - 3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
  - 4. Presentation by the Downtown Development Authority updating Mayor and Council on downtown Dublin.**
  - 5. Presentation of the FY17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**
  - 6. Discussion and action on an agreement with L&L Utilities for the installation of gas valve vaults at five locations along Highway 441 North.**
  - 7. Discussion and action on award of design-build contact to Swim Pro Inc. for the construction of the Southern Pines Waterpark.**
  - 8. Discussion and action on Board appointments.**
  - 9. Citizen comments.**
  - 10. Council comments.**

## **11. Adjournment**

- **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.**

## **Minutes from the April 05 2018 City Council Meeting**

**City Hall  
Council Chamber  
APRIL 5, 2018**

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2018 CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2018 CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$3000**

**A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and was seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the following bills. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.**

### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000**

**City Manager Jones stated that there are four purchases for Council's consideration today.**

First for Council's approval is a hydraulic dumping trailer for the Sanitation Department and the low bid was from Ramer Mfg. in the amount of \$25,057 and staff recommendation is to accept this low bid, which was within the budgeted amount of \$26,000. Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve this purchase and Councilman Jones seconded the motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

Next for consideration is the purchase of a knuckle boom truck for the Sanitation Department. The low bid for this 2019 Freightliner M2 106 Cab and Chassis and a Petersen RL3 loader was received from Middle Georgia Freightliner in the amount of \$124,825 which is under the budgeted amount of \$148,000. Councilman Davis made the motion to approve this purchase and Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 6/0.

The third item for consideration is the purchase of three 6 cubic yard compactors and two 40 cubic yard units at a total cost for all five units at \$95,438. This is not a budgeted item, but will be purchased out of Sanitation contingency funds. We received three bids for two different size compactors and the bidder who met all the specifications for the three 6 cubic yard compactors was from Global Trash Solutions at a price of \$18,836.33 each for a total of \$56,208.99. The best and lowest bid on the two 40 cubic yard units was from Reaction Distributing, Inc. for two model SPH-40SC compactors at \$19,719 each for a total cost of \$39,428. Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve this purchase and Councilman Griggs seconded this motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

The last item for consideration is for the upgrade to our backup solution for our computers. This will give an additional 8 terabytes of space, making our total capacity at 18TB. This is a budgeted item at \$7,000 and the cost of the new hardware, a Datto Siris 3 is \$3,674 after discounts. This includes a month to month service maintenance charge until the new budget year, when we will pay as usual an up-front fee. The total price of the new equipment and service fee will be approximately \$7,000. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve this purchase and Councilman Brown seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 6/0.

Councilman Griggs left the meeting during the following presentations.

**PRESENTATION BY MS. CHERISE BLACKWELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DUBLIN-LAURENS LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

**Dr. Ricky Porter came as a local citizen and pastor of the Washington Street Presbyterian Church to express his support and appreciation to the Council for establishing the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority and commended Ms. Cherise Blackwell.**

**Cherise thanked Dr. Ricky Porter for working with her in being a liaison to help her with working with citizens who may be suspicious of her taking their properties. The Land Bank Authority Members are: Jerry Davis, Chairman; Joshua Kight, Vice Chairman; Brenda Smith, Treasurer; Artiffany Stanley, Board Secretary; Members Marlo Harris, Brad Lofton, Jay Studstill and Deborah Stanley; City School Board Representatives are John Bell and Bill Perry; and County School Board Representatives are Kim Thompson and Kellan Waldrep. Cherise explained the purpose and goals of the Land Bank Authority and how the Land Bank operates. She also went over what has been accomplished over the last year. Cherise thanked the City and County for all their support as well as investors and volunteers. Cherise invited Mayor and Council to meet with the Land Bank Authority at a round table meeting to discuss matters regarding Land Bank Authority items. Councilman Davis, who serves as chairman of Land Bank Authority, expressed his desire to get things working more quickly in addressing blight in our community. Mayor Best thanked Cherise for the presentation.**

**Mayor Best asked City Attorney Powell to update about how Judge McLendon is handling dilapidated cases that have been brought to City Court. Mr. Powell explained that Judge McLendon has set aside a time specifically to address cases for dilapidated housing cases and the first hearing was held this month for six nuisance cases. Judge McLendon has given Mr. Powell orders to proceeding with five of the six cases, with one case postponed at the first hearing due to illness. The next hearings will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 P.M.**

#### **PRESENTATION BY MS. REBECCA MCWILLIAM, TOURISM DIRECTOR, DUBLIN-LAURENS TOURISM COUNCIL**

**Ms. Rebecca McWilliam and Ms. Miriam Ponton gave a presentation on the accomplishments of the Tourism program for the last year. Rebecca reported that Hotel/Motel Tax has doubled since Tourism Council was established. Miriam stated that they see over 3,000 visitors a month and went over the improvements at the Visitor's Center such as; establishing a Georgia grown garden, painting kindness Dublin GA rocks and also have a lending library. Rebecca went on to explain that we have received national coverage from Southern Living to Parade Magazine. Accolades and achievements have been**

received from Southern Living, Family Circle, Better Homes and Gardens, the cover of Georgia Eats, Philadelphia Sun and Georgia Department of Economic Development chose Dublin-Laurens Tourism Council as top tourism partner in their annual review. Miriam explained about the arts, one artist, Corey Barksdale, painted the Martin Luther King Mural and now one of our local artists, Juan Lleras, is working on the sculpture that will be an addition to the Martin Luther King Memorial Park and will be officially unveiled tomorrow at 10 A.M. Rebecca thanked Mayor and Council, Downtown Development Authority, Development Authority and Department of Economic Development for all the support each agency has given the Tourism Council. Councilman Brown, who serves as Chairman of Tourism Council, commended Rebecca and Miriam on their hard work and thanked them for all they do every day. Councilman Davis also commended Rebecca and Miriam for all the work they have put in to the event with the travel riders at the MLK monument that will be going on tomorrow. Mayor Best thanked Rebecca and Miriam for their presentation.

#### **PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF NICHOLS CAULEY OF THE FY17 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

This agenda item was postponed and will be put on the next meeting agenda.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS**

City Manager Jones informed Mayor and Council that we have two vehicles to declare surplus as follows:

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION:</u>	<u>VIN:</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
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1993 Chevrolet C2500 (unit #80-shop)	1GBCC24J5PE178136	43,430
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200 GMC TC7H042 w/Heil refuse body (unit # 409 – Sanitation)	1GDP7H1B96J518764	127,461
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Councilman Brown made the motion to declare these items as surplus and Councilman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5/0.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Jay Studstill, Georgia Power representative, came to compliment and thank the City's employees who have been great in assisting and responding to

damages during the recent storms and also assisting in day to day operations with Georgia Power crews.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Cherise, Rebecca and Miriam for their presentations and thanked the City and the Department of Labor and the Oconee Gym staff who made the job fair a great success with over 250 participants and 20 vendors. Reminded everyone Teen Court will be on April 14 at 9 AM and also at the Oconee Gym there will be a Legal System Forum with a panel of representatives from the D.A. and Superior Court Judge Offices and City Judge and Probation Representatives that will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. and we are also looking to start interviews for Youth Council next week and hope to increase to 20 students for next Youth Council.

Councilman Brown echoed Councilman Jones comments and thanked Ms. Cherise Blackwell and Rebecca and Miriam for their presentations and thanked them for all they do on a daily basis and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for the great presentations and thanks to the Police Department and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Johnson thanked everyone for coming tonight and thanked the ladies for their presentations and commended Councilman Jones on all his projects and energy.

Councilman Smith expressed his thanks for the presentations and for all they do all year long and stated he was impressed with the dedication and passion Cherise, Rebecca and Miriam have for their programs. He also thanked all the City Employees for all they do. He informed everyone about nine Japanese Students and three chaperones who visited Dublin last week and stated they enjoyed their visits and thanked all those who helped welcome them to Dublin and Laurens County.

City Attorney Powell had no comments.

Acting City Clerk Stanley had no comments

City Manager Jones stated the new web site for the City of Dublin home page is up and active now.

**Mayor Best at this time recognized Ms. Wanda Carter, who has semi-retired as of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and thanked her for her years of service. He also stated thanks for staying on to help train the new City Clerk assistant and understands that she will also continue to work part time with Artiffany Stanley, Assistant City Manager.**

**Councilman Jones added that our Youth Council participated in the Secretary of State contest and placed fifth in state and first in region and will be going to the Capitol on April 19<sup>th</sup> to receive their award and will be bring this award back to present to Council.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE AND LITIGATION**

**Councilman Davis made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:33 P.M. and Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5/0.**

**After the discussion was completed, Councilman Johnson made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:58 P.M. and Councilman Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5/0.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A DECLARATION OF TAKING AND ORDER OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA CONCERNING 1101 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD, DUBLIN, GEORGIA**

**Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve the Taking and Order of The City of Dublin, Georgia for 1101 Claxton Dairy Road and Councilman Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 5/0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mayor Best adjourned the meeting at 6:59 P.M.**

