

# **City of Dublin**

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

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## **Council Meeting Schedule**

- **June 21, 2018:** The agenda includes the following:
  1. **Approval of June 07, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
  2. **Approval of bills over \$3000.**
  3. **Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
  4. **Presentation by representatives of the Dublin-Laurens County Humane Society.**
  5. **Presentation by Ms. Patricia Nuss, President of the Dublin-Laurens Art Council.**
  6. **Second reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 entitled “Building and Construction” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin to remove and update outdated sections.**
  7. **Second reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance to amend the Sign Ordinance to allow for more multimedia signs in the City of Dublin.**

- 8. First reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia to remove minimum parking requirements for Central Business District, B-1.**
- 9. First reading of an ordinance to rezone .43 acres of property located at 400 West Moore Street from P (Professional) Zone to R4 (Multi-Family Residential) Zone.**
- 10. Discussion and action on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education of the City of Dublin concerning the waiver of the collection fee for ad valorem taxes.**
- 11. Discussion and action on a resolution authorizing a signature for the GEMA Project Application Grant Report.**
- 12. Discussion and action on announcement of the names of finalists for the position of City Clerk/City Treasurer.**
- 13. Citizen comments.**
- 14. Council comments.**
- 15. Adjournment**

- **June 07, 2018: The agenda includes the following:**

- 1. Approval of May 17, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2. Approval of bills over \$3000.**
- 3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000**

- 4. Presentation by Mr. Brad Lofton, President of the Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority, updating Mayor and Council on current activities.**
- 5. Presentation by representatives of the Black Festival Committee updating Mayor and Council on current activities.**
- 6. Presentation by representatives of the St. Patrick's Committee updating Mayor and Council on current activities.**
- 7. Discussion and action on the swearing in of the newly elected Youth City Council Members.**
- 8. Second reading and public hearing of the FY2018-2019 Budget.**
- 9. Second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending Section 24-125 & 127 (c) of Chapter 24 entitled residential, commercial and interruptible gas rates – generally.**
- 10. Discussion and action on a resolution accepting an agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Dublin for the local administration of the Stubbs Park/Calhoun Street Project.**
- 11. First reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 entitled “Building and Construction” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin to remove and update outdated sections.**

- 12. First reading of an ordinance to amend the Sign Ordinance to allow for more multimedia signs in the City of Dublin.**
- 13. Discussion and action on an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Dublin and Dublin Laurens Recreation Authority for the construction and operation of the Southern Pines Water Park.**
- 14. Discussion and action on a contract between the City of Dublin and Swim-Pro, Inc. for the construction of Southern Pines Water Park.**
- 15. Discussion and action on Board appointments.**
- 16. Citizen comments.**
- 17. Council comments.**
- 18. Adjournment.**

## **Minutes from the June 07, 2018 City Council Meeting**

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

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Fire Chief Matthew Cutler came forward to share the events that occurred on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 304 West Moore Street and recognize Police Department Officers and Fire Department Officers who responded and investigated this fire. Chief Cutler asked Sgt. Stan Garrett and Lt. Stacey Sapp of the Police Department and Fire Department Investigators Sgt. Jamie Bridges and Sgt. Tyler Williamson to come forward and presented each with a plaque of commendation. Chief Cutler explained that Police Sgt. Stan Garrett was responding to a call in the area and saw smoke coming from the house at 304 W. Moore Street and went to assist the occupants of the house, one of which was disabled, to evacuate with no regard with his personal safety and going beyond the call of duty. Next Chief Cutler recognized Fire Department Officers, Sgt. Jamie Bridges and Sgt. Tyler Williamson, who after completing their firefighting duties began their investigation and discovered some discrepancies in the young man's story, whose room was where the fire began. Chief Cutler gave these Fire Department Officers an award of commendation. Chief Cutler requested assistance in questioning this young man and Lt. Stacey Sapp assisted in the questioning and obtained a confession and arrest of an arsonist for the fire. Chief Cutler presented Lt. Stacey Sapp a plaque of commendation for his contribution in this case. Chief Cutler thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Fire and Police Departments. Lt. Stacey Sapp informed that this not only solved this case, but a previous fire on 441 South that was intentionally set by the same young man three months prior to this fire.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Edwards and was seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the following bills. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

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

City Manager Jones stated that there is one purchase for Council's consideration today. This purchase is for the inspection services for our six Elevated Water Tanks. We received three bids and staff recommendation is to go with the second low bidder, American Tank Maintenance at a bid of \$41,843 over ten

year period or \$4,184 per year. The low bid was received from the company that we contract with currently and we have not been satisfied with their work. Councilman Griggs made the motion to approve this purchase and Councilman Jones seconded the motion that carried unanimously 4/0.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. BRAD LOFTON, PRESIDENT OF THE DUBLIN-LAURENS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UPDATING MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Lofton, president of the Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority, gave a presentation on this last year's activities and some upcoming activities. Mr. Roger Folsom, Chairman of the Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority, was present also. Brad expressed his appreciation to all the City officials for their support of our economic program. At the Valmiera dedication, Governor Deal praised our community for our economic development. Valmiera employs 388 employees and is now fully staffed.

Brad reported these following 2018 Statistics:

**(1)Unemployment Rate:**

Laurens County's rate is 5% & State rate is 4.3%

**NOTE: Laurens County's unemployment was 14.6 in 2011**

**(2)Per Capita Income - \$34,611 in 2018 (20% increase)**

Per Capita Income - \$29,014 in 2009

**(3)Since 2012, 1200 new jobs have been announced.**

Brad added that the Development Authority is now making a push to locate smaller industries at the property adjacent to the Airport. Brad ended with the economic impact of the new industry, Valmiera. The average payroll is about 15 million dollars annually in new payroll. The local economic impact is reflected in these dollars being spent locally through May:

City of Dublin (gas, water, sewer & fiber)	\$576,929
Georgia Power	\$718,128
Spectrum	\$ 20,590
Rent to Local Landlords/temporary housing	\$274,760
Hotel expense	\$455,000
Landfill expense	\$602,000
Local Vendors	\$2,044,724

For a total of \$4.7 million dollars spent in our community.

**PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BLACK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE UPDATING MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Mrs. Fran Wells, chairperson of the Dublin Laurens County Black Festival Committee, gave a presentation and thanked Mayor and Council for their contribution to the operations of this committee. Mrs. Wells gave a financial report that showed a \$901 deficit, but after membership fees are collected this should be covered.

**PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE UPDATING MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Beatrice Lleras and Mr. Royce Hall gave an update of the past years St. Patrick's Committee and presented a financial report for the St. Patrick's Committee's 2018, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Festival expenses and revenues. Ms. Lleras thanked the Mayor and Council and expressed appreciation for their support of the St. Patrick's Committee and the St. Patrick's Festival.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CITY OF DUBLIN YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked City Attorney Josh Powell to handle the swearing in of the newly elected Youth Council members.

Prior to introducing the new Youth Council Members, the first Julie Driger Award was presented to Sidney Price of the 2017 – 2018 Youth Council by Ms. Holder. Ms. Driger was present to participate in this presentation.

Next Ms. Holder introduced the incoming 2018 – 2019 Youth Council Members:

1. Mayor .....Keyanne Jones
2. Ward 1 .....Journie Guyton
3. Ward 2 .....Jalicia McRae
4. Ward 3 .....Elisabeth Brooks
5. Ward 4 .....Tamiyah Devoe
6. At – Large .....Chas'Tyana Jones (City)
7. At – Large .....Robin Serrant (City)
8. At – Large .....Zaylen Powell (City)
9. At – Large .....Nathan Lumley (County)
10. At – Large .....Trent Carr (County)
11. At – Large .....Donald Harrell (County)

- 12. At – Large .....Kensley McLean (County)
- 13. Co - City Attorney ..... Kinsey Clark
- 14. Co - City Attorney .....Tagwa Ali
- 15. City Clerk ..... Kristen Hubbard
- 16. Assistant City Clerk .....Exaviera Blash
- 17. Historian/Public Relations ...Kamissha Miles

City Attorney Josh Powell performed the swearing in ceremony of the incoming 2018 – 2019 Youth Council Members and presented the Youth Council to Council Members.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FY 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

City Manager Jones read the proposed FY2018 – 2019 Budget ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Smith closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for any comments on the proposed budget ordinance. There were no comments for or against the 2018 – 2019 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Smith closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting for action by Council. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the FY 2018- 2019 Budget Ordinance and Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4/0. Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked the staff for hard work done in preparing the budget.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24-125 & 127(c) OF CHAPTER 24 ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INTERRUPTIBLE GAS RATES – GENERALLY**

City Manager Jones read the proposed ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Smith closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for any comments on the proposed ordinance. There were no comments for or against this proposed ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Smith closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting for action by Council. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve this ordinance and Councilman Griggs seconded the motion that carried unanimously 4/0.



**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF DUBLIN FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE STUBBS PARK/CALHOUN STREET PROJECT**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked City Manager Jones to read this resolution. After Mr. Jones read the resolution, Councilman Edwards made the motion to approve this resolution and Councilman Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 4/0.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN TO REMOVE AND UPDATE OUTDATED SECTIONS**

City Manager Jones read the ordinance and the second reading and public hearing will be held at the next meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR MORE MULTIMEDIA SIGNS IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN**

City Manager Jones read the ordinance and the second reading and public hearing will be held at the next meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A WATER PARK WITH DUBLIN-LAURENS COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY**

City Manager Jones explained the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Recreation Authority. City Attorney Powell added that the City will fund the operational cost and construction cost of the Water Park and the Recreation Authority are agreeing to operate and maintain and any revenues generated will come back to the City and any losses will be reported to the City. Councilman Davis made the motion to approve this agreement and Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4/0.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUBLIN AND SWIM-PRO, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHERN PINES WATER PARK**

**City Manager Jones explained that this is a contract between Swim-Pro and the City for the construction of Southern Pines Water Park. Councilman Griggs made the motion to approve this contract and Councilman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4/0. Mayor Pro Tem Smith added that this was in the original master plan of Southern Pines Facility and finally the Water Park is underway to be completed by next summer.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith informed Council Members about the Mayor's recommendations on the Board Appointments as follow:**

**(1) Main Street Merchants Association:**

**Tony Sampson, appointed to replace Melaina Nation, and will serve a four year term through April 30, 2022.**

**(2) Ethics Board:**

**Angela Williams, reappointed for a term through 05/19/2010.**

**Fred Williams, reappointed for a term through 05/19/2021.**

**(3) Dublin Laurens County Development Authority:**

**Guy Cochran/Jt Appt, reappointed for a term through 6/30/22.**

**Councilman Griggs made the motion to approve the Board appointments as recommended by Mayor Best and Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 4/0.**

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Mr. John Hall came to respond to comments that were made about the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting regarding a Confederate Memorial Day Event, which is a state holiday, that was held at Theater Dublin. Mr. Hall was offended by the reaction of City Council Members when addressed by a member of the NAACP, who stated he was offended by this event.**

Former City Councilwoman Driger came to thank the City Council and the Youth Council for giving an award in her name.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming and thanked the officers of the Fire Department and Police Department who responded to the fire and expressed his excitement regarding the construction of the Water Park.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Fire and Police Officers who received the commendations for their actions.

Councilman Edwards thanked everyone for coming and congrats to the Fire and Police officers and thanked everyone for their presentations. He congratulated the Youth Council and thanked Mr. Hall for his comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming and expressed special thanks to the Fire and Police Officers. He thanked the Youth Council members for being here. He recognized Curtis Colston and Rodney O'Neal along with the Recreation Authority and Southside Community Association for their efforts in running the Stubbs Park Summer Camp for youth ages 5 years to 12 years.

Acting City Clerk Artiffany Stanley thanked everyone for coming and congratulated our employees on their awards and congratulations to the incoming Youth Council. She congratulated Sidney Price on receiving the first Julie S. Driger award and stated Ms. Driger's award is named for a very special person and thanked Ms. Driger for everything she does for the City and the County.

City Attorney Powell stated it is always good to hear about good reports on our Public Service officers working together for the good of our community and congratulated the officers on their awards and thanked the Fire and Police Officers for all they do. He congratulated the new Youth Council Members on being selected to serve.

City Manager Jones echoed all the comments and informed about the City of Dublin was recognized as one of the twenty best small towns in the country to visit in the national magazine, the Smithsonian Institute magazine.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith expressed thanks for all the comments and expressed his appreciation for everyone's contributions that make this a wonderful community. He commended the new members of the Youth Council. He expressed his pride in our Fire Department and Police Department Officers in the job they do.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.**