

City of Dublin

Pre-Council 5:00pm

Council 5:30pm

Council Meetings

Council Meeting Schedule

- **September 20, 2018**: The agenda includes the following:
 1. Approval of September 06, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.
 2. Approval of bills over \$3000.
 3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000
 4. Presentation by Mr. Jeff Kurtz of Grant Specialist of Georgia, Inc. giving a Housing CDBG update.
 5. First reading of an ordinance to rezone 242 Industrial Blvd. from P (Professional) Zone to B-2 (Highway Oriented Business) Zone to allow larger signage for physician's office.
 6. Discussion and action on an Intersection and Safety Study for the Industrial/Walke Dairy intersection area.
 7. Discussion and action on a contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering to perform a drainage study on the Industrial Boulevard area.
 8. Discussion and action on a contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering to perform a drainage study on the Westchester Drive area.

9. Discussion and action on declaration of surplus.

10. Citizens comments.

11. Council comments.

12. Adjournment.

• **September 6, 2018: The agenda includes the following:**

1. Approval of August 16, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.

2. Approval of bills over \$3000.

3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000

**4. Presentation by Dublin Youth Council to discuss Stubbs Park
Gym.**

**5. Second reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance to rezone
1800 Claxton Dairy Road from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to
B-2 (Highway Oriented Business) Zone.**

**6. Second reading and Public Hearing 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.**

**7. Discussion and action on an agreement with Thomas & Hutton
Engineering to perform engineering services for the Stubbs Park
Road Improvements Project.**

8. Citizen comments.

9. Council comments.

10. Adjournment to Executive Session for pending litigation.

13. Citizen comments.

14. Council comments.

15. Adjournment to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Minutes from the September 06, 2018 City Council Meeting

**City Hall
Council Chamber
September 6, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Best called the meeting to order. Council Members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Curtis Edwards, Paul Griggs, Gary Johnson and Jerry Davis were present. Council Member Gerald Smith was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation was led by Boy Scouts of America Troop #65.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$3000

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000

City Manager Jones stated that there are two purchases for Council's consideration and these purchases are as follows:

First is the purchase of a garbage truck for sanitation. City Manager Jones states this will replace a truck that is 15 years old. "The one we got is completely worn out and we actually budgeted for \$255,000 for this." A motion was made by Councilman Davis and was seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the

purchase of a 2019 Peterbilt 520 Cab & Chassis with a New Way Mammoth frontend-loading refuse body garbage truck, for \$220,480.00 from Peterbilt of Atlanta. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

The second item for consideration was for the purchase of fire turnout gear for the Fire department. This purchase will include 8 sets of turnout suits, gloves, boots, and hoods for \$20,456.00 which came in under the budgeted amount of \$21,000. A motion was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the purchase. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dublin Youth Council member, Tagwa Ali, presented a presentation for the remodel of Stubbs Park Gym. “We are missing out on a state of the art community center that would guarantee the needs inspiring the community.” Ali stated “The gym could help improve the health of the people in the community. It would include a game room, computer room, dance studio, and lounge area. I believe it would be in our best interest to build an area where youth can hang out,” she said. Curtis Coates, Co-camp Director for Stubbs Park Summer Camp, join Ms. Ali and commented that he has visited various community centers throughout Georgia and that it would be beneficial to invest in the community center and conference room. City Manager Jones asked Ms. Ali and Mr. Coates to send him a copy of the presentation for him to give to the council. Mayor Best encouraged them to talk with the recreation department or Councilman Johnson and Councilman Smith who are on the recreation board.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 1800 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS) ZONE

City Manager Jones read the proposed ordinance to rezone 1800 Claxton Dairy Road from a single family residential to a highway oriented business zone. Mayor Best closed the Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing for citizen comments. No comments were made and Mayor Best reopened the regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the proposed rezone ordinance. The vote was unanimous 6/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE .43 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400 W. MOORE STREET FROM P (PROFESSIONAL) ZONE TO R4 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE

City Manager Jones read the proposed ordinance to rezone 400 W. Moore Street from Professional to multi-family residential zone for a proposed Child Care Institution. Mayor Best closed the Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing for citizen comments. Rosa and Ernest Pryor came forward to explain their intentions for the property. They plan to open a Child Care Institution that will be licensed by the State of Georgia. The rezone is only the first step of opening the institution. The Institution will house 6 young boys ranging in age from 10-18. A staff of 3-4 employees will provided 24 hour surveillance and guidance. “We were denied the first time, so we decided to reach out to the neighbor of the corner property and he is favorable of the Institution” stated Mrs. Pryor. The Pryor’s expect the property value to increase in the area once the Institution is opened. It will also provide additional security features that include: outside surveillance cameras, increased lighting, and a fenced area. Mayor Best thanked the Pryor’s for their comments and closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Davis and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve the proposed rezone ordinance and the motion carried unanimously 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STUBBS PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

City Manager Jones said the project, which is a T-SPLOST project, will improve the Park. This will make the Park substantially larger by combining the existing Stubbs Park with the old middle school/high school, central elementary property by eliminating Calhoun Street. This project will include a roundabout at Moore Street and Claxton Dairy, and one at the new entrance to the park at Calhoun Street where it intersects at South Drive. Thomas & Hutton Engineering has been working on this proposed project and Doyle Kelley with Thomas & Hutton was present and spoke to Council. A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Councilman Gary Johnson asked for an update on the water park from Matthew Bradshaw. Matthew said “They are out there every day and they’re making progress.” Currently they are waiting for a proposal for the slides from Swim Pro. Councilman Johnson asked about the depth of the pool, Matthew stated that it will go from 3ft to 9ft. Councilman Davis stated that the pool doesn’t appear that deep. He states that he spoke with Danny Jones and the pool is only going to be 7ft deep. Matthew stated that he will check and follow up with Council. Councilman Johnson also asked Matthew about pool area shade and furniture. Pool furniture will be ordered as well as landscaping added for additional shade coverage.

Mrs. Laura Ozment addressed the council about the intersection of Walke Dairy and Industrial Boulevard. Mrs. Ozment stated that she knows this intersection will eventually have a roundabout. “I would appreciate if some flashing lights on Industrial could be added as well as reducing the speed limit,” she said. It’s an intersection I go through everyday and it doesn’t seem like anyone is paying attention to those speed limit signs. She believes the problems are coming from the traffic from Walke Dairy. There was a wreck there Wednesday morning and a wreck there a couple weeks ago. She also suggested maybe having an officer there to write tickets. City Manager Jones advised Mrs. Ozment and Council that he and Mr. Kelley, from Thomas & Hutton, talked about this intersection before Thursday’s meeting. “He will be doing a proposal and let us know how much it will cost for Thomas and Hutton Engineering to do study for this intersection and to recommend some temporary things until it is made into a roundabout.”

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming and Boy Scout Troop#65. Thanked the Youth Council for the suggestions about remodeling the Stubbs Park Gym. Thanked Matthew for the great job he is doing keeping Council informed on the water park.

Councilman Johnson thanked Lance and his staff on their hard work and what they are doing. Also thanked Blake, Josh, and Robert for everything they are doing. Keep up the good job. Thanked Kesla Holder for what she does with the Youth Council.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming, Boy Scout Troop #65 for what they are doing and taking part in the council meeting tonight. Thanked Youth Council for their time and efforts and presentation. Matthew again thank you for all you are doing with the water park. Doyle thank you for everything Thomas and Hutton is doing. Mrs. Ozment thank you for bringing attention to an area that needs it really bad.

Councilman Edwards thanked everyone for coming, Boy Scout Troop #65 for coming. You are going to grow up and make a huge difference, and come back to Dublin when you get out of school. Thanks to Bennie for his support with Youth Council as well as the volunteers. Doyle and Matthew for the updates. Thank you to the Police Department for the security tonight. Like always thank you to the Police and Fire department for what they do day and night for the citizens. Thank you Council for the approval of the Fire Department equipment.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out and for the updates on the projects going on in the city. A few announcements: September 15th Teen Court

Training at 9:00 A.M. everyone is welcome to come and listen and volunteer. Youth Council will meet at 11:00 A.M. after Teen Court Training. September 13th Job Skills Training which will include resume writing. September 20th Job Fair at Oconee Fall Line Tech College they already have 18 industries signed up that are looking for immediate hires.

Councilman Brown stated that he appreciated everyone for their inputs tonight and their comments were not taken lightly. Everybody have a good night and thank you for coming.

City Attorney Powell updated Council on the nuisance properties. Alan Scarbrough and the Inspections Department have been aggressively working with these properties. We have a list of about 400 properties that need to be addressed in some shape or form. Letters have been sent to 62 of those properties owners and we have heard back from several of them. We are currently working on a petition to file nuisance actions against those properties. About 10 properties will be deeding their property to the City to be torn down. A hand full are activity working on their properties and the city will watch those closely. Just as soon as those properties aren't showing improvements, actions will be taken.

Councilman Johnson asked, "How are you handling the properties where owners live out of state?"

City Attorney Powell: There are several owners that are out of state, but through our ordinance they can be notified through the newspaper. The letter will be sent to their last known address. A lot of times we run into the property owners have passed away and now there are several heirs that have interest in the properties which can become difficult. We have a resource available to try and locate them and if they don't respond action will be taken against the property itself and the City has jurisdiction.

City Clerk Daniels thanked everyone that came out. Also thanked those in public service for what they do and for keeping us safe.

City Manager Jones no comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Mayor Best asked for Council's consideration to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilman Edwards made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:11 P.M. and Councilman Davis seconded the motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

After the discussion regarding pending litigation was completed, Councilman Griggs made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:38P.M. and Councilman Johnson second the motion that carried unanimously (6/0).

ADJOURNMENT

After adjourning from Executive Session. Mayor Best adjourned the regular meeting at (ck time??)