

# City of Dublin

Pre-Council 5:00pm

Council 5:30pm

## Council Meetings

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### Council Meeting Schedule

- **October 4, 2018:** The agenda includes the following:
  1. **Approval of September 20, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
  2. **Approval of bills over \$3000.**
  3. **Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
  4. **Second reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance to rezone 242 Industrial Boulevard from P (Professional) Zone to B-2 (Highway Oriented Business) Zone to allow larger signage for physicians' offices.**
  5. **Discussion and action on a resolution authorizing the adoption of a city-wide Urban Redevelopment Plan.**
  6. **Discussion and action on declaration of surplus.**
  7. **Discussion and action on an Board appointments.**
  8. **Citizen comments.**
  9. **Council comments.**
  10. **Adjournment to Executive Session for pending litigation.**
  
- **September 20, 2018:** The agenda includes the following:
  1. **Approval of September 20, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes.**

- 2. Approval of bills over \$3000.**
- 3. Approval of purchases over \$3,000**
- 4. Second reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance to rezone 242 Industrial Boulevard from P (Professional) to B-2 (Highway Oriented Business) Zone to allow larger signage for physicians offices.**
- 5. Discussion and action on a resolution authorizing the adoption of a City-Wide Urban Redevelopment Plan.**
- 6. Discussion and action on declaration of surplus.**
- 7. Discussion and action on Board appointments.**
- 8. Citizens comments.**
- 9. Council comments.**
- 10. Adjournment.**
- 11. Citizen comments.**
- 12. Council comments.**
- 13. Adjournment to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.**

## **Minutes from the September 20, 2018 City Council Meeting**

**City Hall  
Council Chamber  
September 20, 2018**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.**

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

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**City Manager Jones and Councilman Smith presented honors to four employees for their service and dedication to the City of Dublin. Brian Evans-10 years of service with DPD, Stacy Sapp-30 years of service with DPD, Aretha Brown-30 years of service with Customer Service, and Greg Dominy-30 years of service with DPD. Mr. Willie Richardson was honored for 43 years of service. Mr. Richardson started with the City of Dublin in 1974 at the wastewater treatment plant. He became supervisor in 1985 and was promoted to superintendent in 2007. City Manager Jones described Mr. Richardson as calm, cool, and collected.**

## **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6,2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.**

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and was seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the following bills. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.**

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

**City Manager Jones stated that there is one purchases for Council's consideration: A budgeted amount of \$10,000 was set for the purchase of telephones, associated equipment, support and licensing. The recommendation was to purchase the equipment and additional licenses through the current vendor Alterra Networks in the amount of \$7,308.94. Councilman Jones made the motion to approve the purchase through Alterra Networks and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion that carried unanimously 5/0.**

## **PRESENTATION BY MR. JEFF KURTZ OF GRANT SPECIALIST OF GEORGIA, INC. GIVING A HOUSING CDBG UPDATE.**

**Jeff Kurtz of Grant Specialist of Georgia, Inc. gave an update regarding the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Housing Project. The \$710,000 grant is being used to make housing improvements on Flanders, Pritchett, Chester, Marcus and Roberts Streets: 13 rehabs, 1 recon and 3 acquisition /clearance. So far two houses have been completed, one is undergoing rehab, and another is being prepared. Repairs to the homes consist of ceiling, floors, walls, roof, bathroom and HVAC improvements. Homeowner James Holder thanked the City for the grant and the work Jeff Kurtz did on his home. Councilman Johnson asked who pays the difference if the cost goes over the budgeted amount? Mr. Kurtz stated that each home rehabilitation goes through an application process and the expected cost and budget is determined before the improvements began. The homeowner does have to pay a percentage of the improvements but it is based on their monthly income. Councilman Johnson asked how long does it take for the home improvements to be completed? Mr. Kurtz explained depending on the damage that is found once the rehabilitation starts the improvement process typically take 45-60 days. Councilman Griggs asked if the location of the homes rehabilitation were predetermined? Mr. Kurtz explained that the State pre-determines the area for home improvements and the homes are surveyed. Mr. Kurtz stated that the housing grant program is looking for local contractors participation. Applications and contact information was provided to Council and the citizens.**

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 242 INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD FROM P (PROFESSIONAL) ZONE TO B-2 (HIGHWAY ORIENTED BUSINESS) ZONE TO ALLOW LARGER SIGNAGE FOR PHYSICIANS OFFICES.**

**City Manager Jones read the ordinance and Mayor Best stated the second reading and public hearing will be held at the next regular meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN INTERSECTION AND SAFETY STUDY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL/WALKE DAIRY INTERSEMENTION AREA.**

**City Manager Jones explained the concerns and dangers of the intersection between Industrial and Walke Dairy area. Staff recommended a contract with Thomas & Hutton to prepare an intersection and safety study for the area. Councilman Brown made the motion to approve the contract with Thomas & Hutton and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimous 5/0.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THOMAS & HUTTON TO PERFORM A DRAINAGE STUDY ON THE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD AREA.**

City Manager Jones explained that there are numerous contributing problems with the drainage at the intersection of US 80 and Industrial Blvd. Staff made a recommendation for Thomas & Hutton to complete a drainage study on the area. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve the contract with Thomas & Hutton and Councilman Griggs seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 5/0.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THOMAS & HUTTON TO PERFORM A DRAINAGE STUDY ON THE WESTCHESTER DRIVE AREA.**

City Manager Jones explained that the recent rain storms, has exposed a problem in the Westchester area. The City owns the land at the top of the hill above the neighborhood, Springdale Park and the city water tower are located there. Overflow water is running off the property and has flooded the streets and several homes. Staff recommended approval for a contract with Thomas & Hutton to perform a drainage study on the area. Councilman Griggs made the motion to approve the contract and Councilman Brown seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 5/0.

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

City Manager Jones explained Staff's recommendation for 412 Vine Street to be declared surplus. The city was deeded the property and tore down a dilapidated home. Adjoining property owner would like to purchase the lot. City Manager Jones explained that legal requirements would be to sell the property on the courthouse square by auction. If anyone is interested they should contact the City Attorney's office for additional information. Councilman Jones made the motion to declare the property as surplus and Councilman Brown seconded the motion and the vote carried was unanimous 5/0.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Former City Councilwoman Julie Driger informed Council and the citizens about the World War I program honoring Africa American veterans that died in service and haven't been listed on the monument. The program will be held Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at the courthouse. Mayor Best stated that this is history in the making for the City of Dublin. City Manager Jones and Councilman Johnson asked what the total cost for the project would be? Mrs. Driger stated that she requested price information but it was unavailable at the time on the meeting. However Buddy Adams currently has about \$5,000 in donations thus far and that hasn't been enough to cover the project. City Manager Jones asked if Buddy Adams's contact information could be added on the City's Facebook page.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out, and congratulated all the ones honored for their many years of service with the City of Dublin. Thanked Mr. Richardson for his great loyalty to the City. Updated Council on Teen Court training that was held since the last meeting. Also gave an update that Dublin High School and Youth Council held a voters registration drive last week. West Laurens and East Laurens will be to conducting a drive soon. Everyone be safe.**

**Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming, and congratulated Mr. Richardson on 43 years of service with the City. He is going to be missed. Also made mention of the ones recognized for their service, the three for 30 years and Brian Evans for 10 years of service. Thanked Mr. Kurtz and Mrs. Driger for their presentations. Everyone have a good night.**

**Councilman Johnson thanked everyone for coming, and the people recognized for their service to the City of Dublin. Thanked Deborah Stanley and Mr. Kurtz for the Housing CDBG update. Deborah-we look forward to you serving the next 10 years at this compacity so that we can continue the success with grant funding. Thanked all City of Dublin employees and City Manager Jones for their work. Also thanked City Clerk Daniels for the hard work.**

**Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming, and congratulated all the recipients that received a service award. Congratulated Mr. Richardson and wished him a great retirement. Thanked Mr. Kurtz for his presentation.**

**Councilman Smith stated that every time Mr. Richardson's name is spoken it's in good faith. Not only has he been a good employee but a good friend. Thanked everyone for making Dublin great. Thanked Mrs. Driger for her involvement with the World War I program.**

**Councilman Davis not present.**

**Councilman Edwards not present.**

**City Clerk Daniels thanked the grant department for their hard work and continuous work generating new revenue. Thanked Fire Chief Matthew Cutler for his hard work with the grants. Congratulated the recipients for their service awards and thanked them for all they have done for the City.**

**City Attorney Powell not present.**

**City Manager Jones updated Council on a grant recently received by the fire department in the amount of \$133,000. This would have been money that the City would have had to spend. Fire Chief Cutler wanted Council to be aware of the awarded grant and wanted to thanked Deborah Stanley and the people of Allentown for their help with the grant process.**

**Mayor Best congratulated Mr. Richardson on his retirement and condolences to Mrs. Richardson on her husband's retirement.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mayor Best adjourned the regular meeting at 6:25 P.M.**