City of Dublin
Pre-Council 5:00pm
Council 5:30pm
Council Meetings

Council Meeting Schedule

- **September 16, 2010**: The agenda includes the following:
  
  1. Approval of September 02, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes.
  
  2. Approval of bills over $3000.
  
  3. Approval of purchases over $3,000
  
  4. Presentation by Mr. Skip James, Director of Government Relations for Charter Communications, updating local services.
  
  5. First reading of an ordinance to rezone 1404 Bellevue Road from R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone to P (Professional) Zone.
  
  6. Discussion and/or action on a Resolution and acceptance of a loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
  
  7. Discussion and/or action on acceptance of a bid for the Dublin Branch Downtown Sewer Rehabilitation, Phase I.
  
  8. Discussion and/or action on declaration of surplus.
9. Citizen comments.

10. Council comments.

- **September 02, 2010**: The agenda includes the following:

  11. Approval of August 19, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes.

  12. Approval of bills over $3000.

  13. Approval of purchases over $3,000

  14. Presentation by representatives of Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) concerning the Energy Efficiency Financing Program.

  15. Presentation by representatives of the Oconee River Chapter of the Defenders Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.


  17. Discussion and/or action on proposed Recycling Pickup Schedule.

  18. Public update from the special committee appointed to address gang problems.

  19. Citizen comments.
Minutes from September 02, 2010 City Council Meeting

Council Chamber
City Hall
September 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Best called the meeting to order. Council Members Julie Driger, Gerald Smith, Phil Thacker, Ed Touchberry, Gary Johnson and Jerry Davis were all present. Council Member Bill Brown was absent. Reverend Tim Chatman gave the invocation that was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Driger and seconded by Council Member Thacker to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER $3000

A motion was made by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Touchberry to approve the following bills. The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER $3,000

City Manager Roussel informed Council that there are two purchases for Council’s consideration. The first item is for a 2011 cab and chassis and
for a knuckle boom loader for the Sanitation Department. Four bids were
received on the cab and chassis and the low bid was submitted by Middle
Georgia Freight Liner out of Macon, Georgia for a Freight liner Model
M2106 at the low bid amount of $65,000. Four bids were received on the
knuckle boom loader and the low bid amount was submitted by
Consolidated Disposal out of Smyrna, Georgia and the low bid amount
was $34,494. Staff recommendation is to award to both low bidders for a
total purchase price of $99,494. $111,725 was the budgeted amount for
these purchases. Councilman Smith made the motion to approve these
purchases as recommended and Councilman Touchberry seconded the
motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICIPAL GAS
AUTHORITY OF GEORGIAL (MGAG) CONCERNING THE ENERGY
EFFICIENCY FINANCING PROGRAM

Mr. Rodney Deal from Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia gave a
presentation on the Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program.
This program is on-bill financing program available for citizens and
customers of the Georgia Members of the Municipal Gas Authority of
Georgia. The program is designed to improve energy efficiency in the
State of Georgia by providing low-cost financing to residential home
owners for the purchase and installation of efficient natural gas
equipment. The maximum loan amount is $5,000 and the maximum loan
term is 60 months with no interest. The City would collect payments from
our customers; however, MGAG is not liable for loan defaults. Councilwoman Driger made the motion to accept this program and
Councilman Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 6/0.

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OCONEE RIVER
CHAPTER OF THE DEFENDERS LAW ENFORCEMENT
MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Sgt. James Champion of the Dublin Police Department and Lt. At Arms of
the Oconee River Chapter explained the start-up of the Oconee River
Chapter of the national organization of the Defenders Law Enforcement
Motorcycle Club. Officer Champion introduced Mr. Kirk Hartwell the
Oconee River Chapter President and asked Chief Cain to come forward to
receive a $500 check for the Gang Suppression Unit. Mayor Best thanked
these club members for their interest in improving our community.
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INDECENCY

City Manager Roussel read the ordinance. Mayor Best closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for comments. Comments were made against this ordinance by Mr. Doug Wolf and also by Mrs. Jean Wolf, who read her letter to the editor that was published in the Courier Herald. Mayor Best closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting. Councilwoman Driger made the motion to approve this ordinance and Councilman Touchberry seconded the motion that carried unanimously 6/0.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON A PROPOSED RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

City Manager Roussel introduced Mr. Frankie Coney, Sanitation Director, who gave a presentation on the free single stream recycling program. Mr. Coney explained that the first day of pickups for recycling carts is Friday, September 3rd and the schedule for pickups will be mailed out with utility bills. Mr. Coney explained that the items that can be put in the carts are newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cardboard boxes, food boxes, shoe boxes, office paper, junk mail, aluminum cans, milk jugs, soda and water bottles. The plastic bottles need to be rinsed out, the styrofoam and bubble wrap must be removed from any cardboard boxes and the food liners must be removed from food boxes. Mr. Coney added at this time, no glass items are accepted for recycling.

PUBLIC UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ADDRESS GANG PROBLEMS

Councilman Smith welcomed everyone and commented that the focus on the gang activity problem is still creating interest from citizens who are concerned about reducing the gang activity in our community. Dr. Chuck Ledbetter announced that he was planning to invite a speaker, a reformed gang member, to come to speak to the students at Dublin High School and there are plans to invite this speaker to speak at the Heart of Georgia College for other interested person. Tips are being turned in to the Police Department and asked Chief Cain to give a report on the newly formed gang prevention unit. Chief Cain reported that approximately four weeks ago, this unit was formed and is headed up by Captain Zeke Hobbs and Mark Rogers, the Police Department Operations Officer. The first couple
of meetings were administrative meetings. These officers attended the first two local football games and made an arrest of a young man who was in possession of a gun and escorted a couple of people out of the stadium. At the second game, there was a noticeable decrease in the number of persons wearing gang colors and flagging gang signs and no arrest were made. Sgt. Heath Criswell has been appointed as a full time gang investigator.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen’s comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Driger thanked everyone for coming and encouraged any citizen to come and voice their concerns. Ms. Driger explained that, in reference to the Baggy Pants Ordinance, each generation has special fashions that are worn, some are good and some are not so good. Ms. Driger stated that she had been told that the baggy pants issue began in a prison setting and does not want to bring fashions that are sore to the eye to the general public. Ms. Driger added that this is not a black issue only, but she has personally seen pants that were offensive to her by persons showing their underwear with their baggy pants and she stated that she doesn’t want to see that type of fashion, but also doesn’t want to see anyone go to jail for this. This was her explanation of why she voted for the adoption of this ordinance.

Councilman Smith gave dittos to Ms. Driger’s comments and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Thacker echoed the same comments and wished Mr. Coney good luck on the new recycling program.

Councilman Touchberry stated Ms. Driger had said it all and thanked Sgt. Champion and his organization for their presentation and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming and stated that anytime there is a problem or concern, he invited any citizen to come and state their problem or concern and also echoed Ms. Driger’s comments regarding the Baggy Pants Ordinance adoption.
City Attorney Jones had no comments.

City Clerk Kinard had no comments.

City Manager Roussel thanked Mr. Coney for the presentation and the hard work that has been done to get the recycling program started and also thanked Mrs. Kris Harden for her work in coordinating the implementing of this program. He also thanked a couple of other person that were involved, Mrs. Patsy Baker and Mr. Joe Kinard of the KDLB, who have been very supportive of this curbside recycling program for the citizens of Dublin.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Best adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.