

Dublin City Hall
April 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, Sara Kolbie, Paul Griggs, and Chris Smith were present. Councilman Rich Mascaro was absent. The invocation was given by Jamie Paulk followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

City Manager Powell gave special recognition to Tara Brashaw, City Planner, who is leaving the city after three years of service to work with the Georgia Municipal Association.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey to approve the minutes. The motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

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

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
DFT0002791	3/13/25	Georgia Environmental Facilities	GEFA Payments	16,951.09
43709	3/14/25	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	21,595.90
43666	3/14/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	GMP Northside Fire Station	139,205.27
43687	3/14/25	GMA Worker's Comp	Worker's Comp Self Insurance Fund	118,326.00
43683	3/14/25	Flock Safety	Flock OS/Flock Safety/Falcon	72,500.00
43664	3/14/25	Beck Auto Sales Inc.	FY 25 Vehicles-PW Parks/Shop	30,603.00
43724	3/17/25	City of Dublin	Utilities	15,351.48
DFT0002782	3/18/25	Georgia Department of Revenue	Sales Tax for Feb 2025	47,093.40
DFT0002790	3/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	67,795.40
DFT0002789	3/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	39,786.43
DFT0002787	3/19/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	15,855.30
DFT0002788	3/19/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Taxes	20,122.51
43729	3/19/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	112,909.89
43790	3/20/25	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	20,124.21
43774	3/20/25	Georgia Interlocal Risk Management	GIRMA Deductibles	19,190.87
43786	3/20/25	Paul S. Akins Company, Inc.	Renovation Sanitation and Water Construction	626,407.20
43768	3/20/25	Family Ford Inc.	2024 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle	47,870.00
43789	3/20/25	RPI Underground, Inc.	Dublin Industrial Sewer and Rehab Improvement	826,647.21
43798	3/20/25	Teen Challenge	Litter Pickup	17,460.00
43746	3/20/25	Beck Auto Sales Inc.	FY 25 Vehicles-PW Parks	30,603.00
43783	3/20/25	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	43,748.18
MGAGCSH	3/21/25	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	25,616.01

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were five purchases for council consideration. City Manager Powell explained each purchase and council voted on all items for one vote.

Backhoe Loader - Water

Staff budgeted for the purchase of a backhoe loader for the sewage treatment plant and received multiple bids for this piece of equipment. The recommendation was to purchase a 2024 Model JCB 3CX-15 Super 109 Horsepower Backhoe from Briggs JCB out of Tifton, Georgia for \$136,967.05, which is \$967.05 above the budgeted amount. This is being paid for out of Water R&E - Machinery - (Account #507-4335-542100) and there are sufficient funds to cover the overage. This was the lowest bid that met the specifications. They also have a 30-day delivery on the item. This will replace Unit 818, which is a 1994 Case 580 Super K in poor condition.

Cycle 4 Traffic Calming - Engineering

Cycle 4 of the traffic calming studies have been completed and the staff reported and recommended streets which included Rutland Drive, Mockingbird Drive, Riverview Drive, Ray Street, Woodridge Road, Cascade Drive, Green Street, Vernon Street, Duncan Street, Ridgewood Avenue, and West Avenue. The requested purchase was for the necessary striping from Mid-State Striping for \$15,600. This is the striping that is required to go on each side of the speed cushions. The other purchase was from Traffic Safety Store for 17 speed cushions totaling \$19,343.09. They are budgeted and will be paid from TIA Discretionary funds (Account #235-4270-541415).

Measuring Devices - Water Plant

Staff requested to purchase two electronic measuring devices at the Water Plant on Parker Dairy Road from Southern Flow out of Alpharetta, Georgia for \$19,860.79. One is for the alum tank and the other is for the polylime tank. Currently staff must climb ladders and use an integrated tape for the alum that often gets stuck and they use a pressure dial to measure the polylime and it gets clogged frequently and is cumbersome to maintain. The purchase was not budgeted, but there are sufficient funds in the Plant Maintenance budget to cover this expense. This will be paid from Plant Maintenance for the Water Plant (Account #505-4430-522209).

Architectural Services - Water Plant

The Ground Water Plant Facility is in need of certain structural repairs. The building was originally constructed in 1935 and expanded in the 50s. We unsuccessfully tried to bid out the work directly but have decided we should engage an architect who can do an assessment of the building and ensure we are capturing all of the critical structural needs. Lord Aeck Sargent has provided a proposal for their services to meet our needs. Once the assessment is completed, they will then submit to us a separate proposal for drawing detailed construction documents that will be utilized and will assist us with engaging CMAR services from a contractor. The cost of the site visit, report and plan, cost estimation, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing assessment, and management of the CMAR selection process, all under this proposal, is \$27,640. This was not budgeted, but there are 2018 SPLOST

funds available for this purpose (Water and Sewer Improvements - Utility Extension). This will be paid out of Account #320-4430-541314.

Flygt Lift Station Water Pumps-Water Utilities

Staff have had two lift station pumps suffer catastrophic failure and now need replacement. The first is at the West Fraser lift station located adjacent to the West Fraser plant in Dudley and is a 25-horsepower pump. This is the county's lift station, but per our intergovernmental agreement with them, the city maintain the sewer line and lift station and bill them for maintenance and replacement costs. The second is at the Academy Extension lift station and has a larger 85 horsepower pump that needs to be replaced. Each lift station has two pumps and so we are operating at 50% capacity at each station currently. The recommendation was to purchase two replacement Flygt pumps from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. The one for West Fraser is \$38,854.20 and the city will be reimbursed for that expense. The one for Academy Extension lift station is \$62,634.60 and will be paid out of Account #505-4334-542500 (Lift Stations - Other Equipment).

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the purchases and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #25-01 TO REZONE 16.85 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCELS 101B 086 AND 101B 087 FROM P (PROFESSIONAL) ZONE TO R3 (MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE

City Manager Powell read ordinance #25-01 to rezone 16.85 acres, more or less, of property located at 2778 GA HWY 257, Parcel 101B 087, Dublin GA from P (Professional) zone to R3 (Multifamily Residential) zone. Proposed use is as Transitional housing. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. No citizens spoke in favor or opposition of the rezone. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance and no seconded was made. Ordinance failed due to no second motion being made.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-13 ACCEPTING AND APPROVING HURRICANE MICHAEL GENERATOR GRANT

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-13 to approve and accept the terms and conditions for the Georgia Emergency Management Homeland Security Agency (GEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGO) Hurricane Michael Generator Grant Award. After Hurricane Michael, the city applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Grant for the purchase of 13 generators to power different components of the City's Water Utility System in the event of a loss of power. The city was notified in November of 2024 that the grant award had been approved by FEMA and GEMA. The total project cost was \$1,585,600. The breakdown of the funding that that the city has been awarded is \$1,189,200 (75%) Federal Share, \$158,560 (10%) State share, and the remaining \$237,840 (15%) would be the city's local responsibility. This resolution will accept the terms of the grant agreement, allow for administration of the grant, and allow for changes in the grant terms in the event the scope or amount of the grant changes. The local match was not budgeted due to the unexpected notice of award, but staff plans to fund any local match required with reserves from the Water Fund. Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the resolution

and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-14 APPROVING A GEORGIA POWER EASEMENT FOR 510 ACADEMY AVENUE

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-14 to execute and grant an easement to Georgia Power Company. Due to some new equipment being installed at Piggly Wiggly, Georgia Power needs to relocate one power pole on the back lot of city hall that runs along Brantley Street between the city property and Piggly Wiggly. To allow for that, they need an easement to place their pole and have the lines run across the back side of the property. There is currently a line running along Brantley Street right of way, but this would be shifted slightly further into the property. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-15 TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO WINGS (WOMEN IN NEED OF GOD'S SHELTER) FOR A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH DCA

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-15 to give local government approval of an application by Women In Need of God's Shelter (WINGS) to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). Each year we provide the required local government support to Wings for their grant application for DCA's Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). This year Wings is applying for a \$70,000 grant. The resolution indicates the City supports Wings in their application, but in no way obligates the city to perform in kind or financially under the terms of the grant. DCA requires proof of local government support for their grant. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-16 TO REDUCE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS FOR CYCLE 4 TRAFFIC CALMING

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-16 to reduce the maximum speed limit on certain streets within the corporate limits of the City of Dublin. This resolution will reduce the speed limit on the following city streets to 25 miles per hour: Rutland Drive, Green Street, and Duncan Street. This was a part of the Cycle 4 traffic calming measures. Councilwoman Kolbie made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADDITIONAL TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL MEMBER BENNIE JONES

City Manager Powell explained that per the current travel policy, staff submitted for approval for Councilmen Jones to attend the GMA Spring Training. The conference will be held at Oconee Fall Line Technical College, therefore no overnight expenses will be incurred. Councilman Jones will further exceed his budget by approximately \$305. In order to authorize this additional travel, staff needs council to approve this registration fee for

Councilman Jones. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the additional travel for Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

The following vehicles, equipment, and items were submitted to Mayor and Council for surplus declaration:

Unit #411 (yard Trimmings) 2011 Freightliner M2-106 Clam Loader (180,664 miles; 20,371 engine hours) VIN #1FVACYDT5BDBB0281
Unit #400 (Solid Waste) 2011 Ford F-150 (146,283 miles) VIN #1FTMF1CM3BKE04745
Asset ID # 0689 (police)-Gateway M465-E Lapton SN 0036794285
Asset ID #1131 (Police)-Dell Inspiring 17r-5721 Laptop SN 7K0NQX1
Asset ID #0632 (Police)-Kodak easy Share Digital Camera SN KCGET52811895
Asset ID #1245 (Police)- Lumix Panasonic DMC-FZ70 Camera SN WJ5AA003453
Asset ID #0818 (Police)-Sony Handy Cam Video Camera SN 368869
Nikon D70 Digital Camera (Police) SN 3082738
Asset ID #1155 (Police)-Fujifilm Finepix S8500 Camera SN 3SJ
Asset ID #1306 (Police)- Panasonic FZ70 Lumix Camera SN WJ5EA001985
Asset ID #0856 (Police)- Kodak C813 Digital Camera SN KCGHR80445181
Asset ID #0993 (Police)-Olympus FE-4020 Digital Camera SN U6UB06853
Kodak EasyShare C180 Digital Camera (Police) SN KCGVE94703695
Lot of SafariLand 6360-832 Mid-Rise Level 3 retention Holsters (Police)

Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the items for surplus and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0 for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kight appointed Angela Williams to the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority to replace Ms. Julie Driger. Her term will end on 10/12/2026. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the appointment and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jacqueline Wright expressed her concern about the streets and pot holes on Mary Street. Also spoke about the St. Patrick's clean up after all the events.

Melodie Smith shared an email with council that she received from a resident in California looking for Camellias. The Dublin, GA area is reaching all the way to California.

Anita Hall addressed council with a concern about unknown service lead letter she received.

Myong Murray spoke with council about Prichett Street Park and upcoming Telfair Reunion. Stated that the grass is not being kept up in the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming and for the comments.

Councilman Jones congratulated Mrs. Tara Bradshaw on her new position with GMA. Youth Council applications are due by April 11th. Also thanked everyone for coming and for the comments. Thanked all the employees for everything they do.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked Mrs. Tara Bradshaw for all her hard work on Oconee Gym and the traffic calming-Project Slow Zone. Thanked Mr. Paulk for saying the prayer.

Councilwoman Kolbie expressed hoe grateful the city was for Mrs. Tara Bradshaw and wished her the best in her new position with GMA. Also shared that the Great American Clean Up is going on right now and Mrs. Renia Cook with be planning and coordinating events for GA Cities Week on April 21st through 25th.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Mrs. Tara Bradshaw for all the work she did in Wards 1 and 2 during her time with the city.

City Manager Powell had no comments.

Mayor Kight spoke about the recent break ends in the Stonewall area and the camera program offered through Cingo.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:27 P.M.


Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

