

Dublin City Hall
August 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Kight, along with Co-Chairs, Councilman Bennie Jones and Councilwoman Sara Kolbie, are facilitating the "Mayor's Reading Club" which is an active effort to engage members of the community to share the benefit of reading with children. They will be organizing adults to go and read to students and children and an informational meeting is being held at RESA on August 12th at 11:00AM if anyone would like to attend and participate in this effort.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
DFT0003108	7/09/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	69,100.82
DFT0003107	7/09/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	41,727.69
DFT0003105	7/09/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	16,160.54
DFT0003106	7/09/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	20,352.72
45232	7/09/25	City of Dublin Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	99,876.46
DFT0003071	7/10/25	Employee Benefit Management Svrs.	Self-Insurance Monthly Payment	18,656.62
45270	7/11/25	Downtown Development Authority	Annual City Disbursement	60,000.00
45324	7/11/25	Teen Challenge	Litter Pickup FY24-25	19,200.00
45306	7/11/25	C.E. Garbutt Construction Co.	City Hall Brick and Window Pro./Oconee Gym	202,768.40
45284	7/11/25	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	22,365.50
45310	7/11/25	Dublin Board of Education	June 2025 Tax Collection	65,606.15
45296	7/11/25	Thegis, LLC	Annual GeothinQ Subscription	23,200.00
45298	7/11/25	Tyler Technologies Inc.	Annual Fee	148,125.78
45291	7/11/25	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	23,982.45
45333	7/14/25	GA Power Company	FY 25 Electricity	104,694.08
DFT00031030	7/15/25	Georgia Environmental Facilities	GEFA Payments	17,475.40
DFT0003117	7/16/25	Georgia Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	18,279.49
45346	7/18/25	ABS, Inc.	Program for Trickling Filters	15,000.00
45393	7/18/25	Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co.	Restock Supplies	16,480.00

45397	7/18/25	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees	48,252.16
45391	7/18/25	Christian Engineering, LLC	Topographic Surveying W Moore/West Mary St.	23,328.00
MGAGJun25	7/21/25	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	781,117.92
CSHJun25	7/21/25	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Gas Purchase	16,779.56
45411	7/23/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	113,119.94
DFT0003124	7/23/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	23,680.13
DFT0003126	7/23/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	78,335.26
DFT0003125	7/23/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	51,866.36
DFT0003123	7/23/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	18,320.52
45475	7/25/25	Ryland Oil Company	Restock Fuel	22,174.81
45439	7/25/25	American Tank Maintenance LLC	Annual Elevated Tank Maintenance	83,460.00
45434	7/25/25	Paul S. Akins Company	Renovation for Sanitation & Water Construction	287,250.16
OneAmerica	7/25/25	Ome America	Life Insurance	17,014.49
45484	7/25/25	Truist Bank	Fire Fighting Vehicle and Equipment	120,279.04
Total:				\$2,688,030.45

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There were five purchases for council consideration:

Fire Rescue Tools-Fire Department this purchase was for Hurst eDraulic Rescue Tools including a Spreader, Cutter, Ram Bar batteries, mounting brackets, and chargers. Staff have been converting from gas powered to battery operated equipment in phases for the past few years and this is a continuation of that effort. Staff is keeping one set of gas-powered tools in case they are needed. The purchase is from MES Life Safety under a Sourcewell contract for \$34,090.14 and is just under \$1,000 over budget. This was budgeted and will be paid from Account #100-3520-542500 "Other Equipment" from Firefighting Budget.

2021 Freightliner-Water Department, staff budgeted for a new truck for the Wastewater Plant to use to haul sludge from the belt press at the plant to the Landfill. The current truck is a safety issue and we have concerns about keeping it on the road, so it is imperative we get it replaced. Staff has located a certified used 2021 Freightliner CA126DC truck from Freightliner of Savannah, Inc, (on the Dublin Truck Parts Lot in East Dublin) for \$49,900. The truck has just over 400,000 miles on it and has been inspected and driven by the city shop and they have approved the condition of the truck for purchase. There is a 3-year 350,000-mile bumper to bumper warranty on the truck for an additional \$14,500 we would like to also include in this purchase. The total purchase is \$64,800, which is \$200 below the budgeted amount. This will be paid for out of Account #505-4335-542200 (Sewage Treatment Plant - Vehicles).

Neptune Radio Read Meters- Water Department this is the fourth round of meter replacement. This will replace the current Sensus manual read meters. Delta Municipal Supply is the sole source for the Neptune drive-by radio read meters. The purchase recommended for approval is 720 meters (of various sizes-mostly ¾" meters) from Delta Municipal Supply for \$260,594.00. Staff budgeted \$283,000 for this purchase. This will be paid from account number 505-4440-531500 (Water Fund-Supplies/Inventory Purchases for Resale) and 505-117500 (Water Fund- Capital Outlay Equipment).

Loves and Alabama Pump Lift-Stations- Water Department
There are two pumps, one at Love's Lift Station and one at Alabama Lift Station, that need replacement. Each station has multiple pumps, so they are currently working at less than 100%

capacity. Staff asked for authorization to purchase two Flygt Pumps from Xylem in the amount of \$57,488.78. This was not fully budgeted, but staff will use Water Fund reserves to cover the purchase as needed. This will be paid from Account #505-4334-542500 (Lift Stations - Other Equipment). This will be capitalized in account 505-117500. Staff recommends you approve the purchase.

VA Gas Meter & Regulator Station Upgrade - Gas Department

The infrastructure for the VA's gas meter and the regulator station is over 30 years old. The gas department has identified several small leaks on the regulators and, due to their age, recommend the station be replaced. The gas department staff will build the regulator station to replace what is currently on site, and the purchase is for the materials only. The meter and two (2) regulators will come from Natural Gas Trade in the amount of \$32,147.00 and the valves, nipples, and the necessary steel for the project will come from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for \$2,157.50. The total purchase is for \$34,304.50. This will be paid for out of Account #515-4700-541400 (Gas - Infrastructure) and the purchases will be capitalized to account 515-117301 (Infrastructure). This was not specifically budgeted, but staff expects there to be sufficient funds in the Gas Operating Budget to cover these costs

Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve all; five purchases and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #25-06 TO AMEND MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION

City Manager Powell read ordinance #25-06 to amend Section 2-16 Compensation of the Code of Ordinances to adjust the compensation for Mayor and Council. Per council request, this ordinance will adjust mayor and council compensation from \$900 and \$700 per month to \$1,500 and \$1,200 per month, respectively. This adjustment is based on the rate of inflation since compensation for mayor and council was last adjusted in 2007. This will also eliminate the retention incentive for mayor and council. The ordinance will not become effective until after the next council is seated following the upcoming election, which will be in January of 2026. The required advertisements of this adjustment have been published in the paper in compliance with the state law. Mayor Kight closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. No citizens spoke in favor or opposition for the ordinance. Mayor Kight closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the ordinance and seconded by Councilwoman Godfrey. City Clerk Browning called the roll for a vote. The motion carried 5/1 to approve, Councilman Rich Mascaro was in opposition.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-38 TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CONTRACTS FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT AND EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2025 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-38 to approve and accept the terms of an agreement with Susan Rooks, as Election Supervisor for Laurens County, for the use of voting equipment for the 2025 Election Year; to approve and accept the terms of an agreement with the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct the early and absentee voting for the 2025 Election Year; and to authorize City Elections Superintendent to engage the

services of Brad Calder for the programming , logistics, and accuracy testing of the voting equipment for the November 4, 2025 Election. The first agreement is with Susan Rooks, who is the County's Supervisor of Elections. The purpose of this agreement is for the use of the county's election equipment. The second agreement is with the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration (this group takes the place of the former County Elections Superintendent) for the conduct of the early and absentee voting for the upcoming municipal election. The cost of this service will be billed to the city as incurred, but will not exceed \$5,000 per the agreement. These are the standard agreements the city has utilized for the past several years and staff recommends the council approve both agreements for the upcoming election. The resolution also authorizes Heather Browning, as City Elections Superintendent, to engage the services of Brad Calder for the programming, logistics and accuracy testing of the voting equipment as we have done for each election. The anticipated costs are \$15,000, more or less. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and agreements and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion carried 6/0 to approve.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

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

- 1) Lots of Golf Carts: SN AG0104-984102; AG031S-272197; AG0104-984699; FG9939-806383 (Golf Course)
- 2) Unit #960: 1989 Cushman Turf-Truckster 530 Fairway Sprayer SN 1UN82225KL019489 (Golf Course)
- 3) 1996 Cushman Turf-Truckster with Top Dressing Attachment (Golf Course) SN 97014730
- 4) Landscape/Green Roller (Golf Course)
- 5) Goossen Rake 'n Vac (Golf Course)
- 6) Pull Behind Trailer SN 3920008561342 (Golf Course)
- 7) Toro 3250-D Greensmaster SN 4383-280000651 (Golf Course)
- 8) Tractor Blower (Golf Course)
- 9) Sprayer (Golf Course)
- 10) Unit #971: 2014 Bobcat Mower ProCat SN 942254F (Golf Course)
- 11) Toro Workman 3100 Utility Equipment SN 07363-26000 (Golf Course)
- 12) Toro Reelmaster 4000-D SN 03706-310000107 (Golf Course)
- 13) Lot of Ryan Textron GA-30 Aerators (Golf Course)
- 14) Toro Reelmaster 3100-D (Golf Course)
- 15) Unit #965: 2006 Jacobsen G-Plex 111 ACAG Mower SN DP001013 (Golf Course)
- 16) Unit #101: 2012 Chevrolet Caprice VIN 6G1MK5U29CL620106 (Police)
- 17) Unit #106: 2012 Chevrolet Caprice VIN 6G1MK5U20CL619961 (Police)
- 18) Unit #108: 2012 Chevrolet Caprice VIN 6G1MK5U25CL619955 (Police)

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

George Hollingsworth spoke with Council about Roscoe Brower Park and the ribbon cutting for the Oconee Gym.

Pricilla Boston requested an update on Pritchett Street Park.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Treasurer Daniels had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming and encouraged the citizens to engage with the city council and get involved.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming and asked for prayers for Ft. Stewart. Also thanked all the city staff for what they do.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked everyone for coming. Spoke about the Mayor's Reading Club and getting involved. Read to a child!

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone for coming and for the open communication.

Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming and encouraged citizens to speak to council about their concerns. Also thanked all the city employees for their hard work. Also thanked the Fire Department for the quick response to a call at the brewing.

City Manager Powell updated the citizens on several projects on going in the city including Oconee Gym, Madison Street Project, the large sewer project, and the parks projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 6:08 P.M.


Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

