

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 6, 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 Griggs and was seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the following bills. The motion carried 6/0.

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
43559	2/27/25	USA Bluebook	Supplies for Water Lab	19,410.15
43530	2/27/25	Law and Order Technology LLC	Win Pro Laptop for PD	15,747.84
43504	2/27/25	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping & Lawncare for Parks	51,854.00
43564	2/27/25	Viper Lift Truck	2025 Viper RT80 Forklift	69,099.00
43566	2/27/25	Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	Repair Pump for Alabama St. Lift Station	15,619.80
43513	2/27/25	Flock Safety	Falcon and Raven Cameras	85,000.00
43553	2/27/25	Teen Challenge Southeast Region	Litter Pick UP FY24-25	17,760.00
Retirement0225	2/28/25	GMA Worker's Compensation	Admin Fees-Jan 2025	165,768.33
DFT0002749	3/05/25	Strategic Benefit Resources LLC	Self-Insurance Payment-March 2025	57,237.37
DFT0002756	3/05/25	Department of Revenue	Payroll Payables	19,454.86
DFT0002758	3/05/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	65,278.50
DFT0002757	3/05/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	38,347.30
DFT0002755	3/05/25	Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Payables	15,266.72
43572	3/05/25	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	Payroll Payables	101,365.00
43618	3/06/25	Laurens County Commissioners	Inmate Housing (Oct-Jan)	17,767.34
OneAmerica	3/06/25	One America	Life Insurance	17,502.76
43639	3/06/25	T. Lake Environmental Design	Landscaping Services	22,024.45
43626	3/06/25	Middle Georgia Mechanical	Natural Gas Unit Replacement	33,684.00
43619	3/06/25	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	20,182.93
43625	3/06/25	Middle GA Freightliner- ISUZU	2025 Freightliner Knuckle boom Truck	194,207.00
43587	3/06/25	Carter & Sloope Consulting Eng.	Industrial Sewer Construction Observation	27,540.00
43598	3/06/25	GA Power Company	Utilities	102,026.85
43648	3/07/25	Dublin-Laurens Co. Recreation	Hotel/Motel Tax	45,385.24
43646	3/07/25	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel Tax	22,692.67
43647	3/07/25	Dublin Board of Education	Feb. 2025 Property Taxes	416,813.85
43650	3/07/25	Visit Dublin GA	Hotel/Motel Tax	45,385.24
DFT0002748	3/10/25	Employee Benefit Management Svr.	EBMS Monthly Fee	18,302.94
			Total:	\$ 1,720,724.14

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There was one purchase for council consideration:

Brush Cutter - Water Department

Staff budgeted to purchase a brush cutter for the Water Construction department to assist them with clearing overgrown areas around our manholes and other water utilities that they must reach in order to service or repair them. The budgeted amount was \$20,000. Staff's recommendation was to purchase a Paladin 125140A/D000040 brush cutter from Yancey / Caterpillar out of Austell, Georgia for \$18,908.34. This will be paid from the Water R&E Fund - Water Distribution Account for Machinery (507-4440-542100).

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-11 FOR THE TERMINATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS FOR SHAMROCK FIRE STATION

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-11 to approve the termination of a lease agreement between Dublin City Schools and City of Dublin, for property at Shamrock Fire Station. There is currently a lease of the property where Shamrock Fire Station is located between us and the Dublin City School District whereby the city is leasing the land including the fire station to the school. In discussions with Dr. Fred Williams, the school has determined they are able to accomplish what they want with their existing property and do not need to have any property deeded to them. Because of that and also because of the lease erroneously including the fire station, staff recommends the council terminate the lease agreement as it is no longer needed. The lease has a 30-day notice provision and once the council approves the resolution to authorize the termination, staff will provide the formal notice. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Kolbie. The motion carried 6/0 for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #25-12 TO ALLOW CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS TO PURCHASE THEIR SERVICE WEAPONS.

City Manager Powell read resolution #25-12 to authorize the sale and/ or transfer of certain personal property of the city. The resolution will authorize the sale of personal property to city's law enforcement officers. On the recent firearms purchase from AmChar, staff used the officer's current (now old) weapons for a trade to lower the price. AmChar has indicated currently employed certified officers can purchase the weapons and the city can pay that to AmChar in lieu of sending back in the firearms. This transaction is also allowed by ATF. State law requires that council authorize the disposal of personal property in this manner and that is the purpose of the resolution. The officers would submit a money order payable to the City of Dublin in the amount of \$285 and then the City will issue one payment to AmChar once the funds are received. Any weapons not purchased will be sent in to AmChar. Councilman Mascaro made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion carried 6/0 for approval.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jacqueline Wright expressed her concerns about the shootings in the Saxon Heights area, also asked about the Flock Camera system that the police department is using.

John Hall spoke with council about homeless people living behind the dumpster and asked about local shelters. Also questioned the agenda being posted on the website as well as the Facebook live comments being turned off after the meeting. Also advised the council that the clock downtown has the wrong time on it.

Mitch Whittington expressed his need to have the sidewalk repaired on Coney Street. Also spoke about the water and gas meter and how the city needs to plant more fruit trees.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Brown thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming. Praying for the recent families involved in the accidents in the community. Expressed the importance of talking to the police. Also provide the private number to the police department for tips 478-595-7279.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming. Agreed with Councilman Jones about the importance of talking with the police department. Stated she was praying for all the families involved. Reminded everyone that KDLB will be having the Great American Clean Up starting March 29th to April 5th. There will also be a Blood Drive at the police department on April 1st.

Councilwoman Kolbie thanked everyone for coming and sharing their comments. Our hearts are breaking over the loss life this past weekend. Continue to support the police department and our neighborhoods. Very successful St. Patricks weekend. Encouraged the citizens to reach out to the council members.

Councilman Mascaro had no comments.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming.

City Manager Powell spoke on debris pickup in the community and stated that the route pickup should improve now that we have a new truck in. Also encouraged parents the importance of knowing where your children are and what they are doing. Comments on Facebook have been taken off because staff doesn't monitor it, but you can contact the staff at any time. We want to create a healthy discussion environment.

Mayor Kight thanked the St. Patrick's Committee for the fantastic job they did. Also thanked all staff involved in helping with the events,

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 12:36 P.M.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

