

Dublin City Hall
May 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, and Rich Mascaro were present. Councilman Chris Smith was present during pre-council via phone. Councilman Bill Brown, Sara Kolbie, and Paul Griggs were absent. The invocation was given by Major Eric Roland followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The city council meeting did not proceed due to a lack of a quorum.

Mayor Kight provided public notice that the meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 12:00 Noon. A pre-council meeting will be held prior to the meeting at 11:00 AM in the International Room at City Hall.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Councilman Jones presented the Employee of the 1st Quarter Award to Mrs. Joletha Dixon (Miss Jo, Mama Jo).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ashley Black, Director of RiseUp spoke in support of the ordinance prohibiting establishing new vape shops within the city.

Ricky Brown, member of the organization for the Southside Reunion expressed his concern for charging a \$75 fee to use the park. Feed people and it's free why should we have to pay.

Sonya Cauley, Owner of K's Smoke and Vape LLC, opened the first vape shop in Dublin. Spoke in support of the ordinance prohibiting establishing new vape shops within the city. Would like council to concern if the business is sold to a family member.

Joseph, local business owner, spoke in support of the ordinance prohibiting establishing new vape shops within the city. Would like council to concern if the business is sold to a family member and the relocation of business if there is a disaster.

Eugene Smith expressed his concern for charging a \$75 fee to use the park in distressed communities. Trying to improvement the community and getting darts thrown at us. Looking for some answers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Groover had no comments.

City Clerk Browning had no comments.

Councilman Jones thanked everyone for coming out and apologized for not being able to have the council meeting. Keep the council members in your prayers. Summer Reading Program coming up, information will available soon, encouraging summer reading. He agrees public space and public park shouldn't be a fee. Thanked the citizens for speaking up.

Councilwoman Godfrey thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Mrs. Jo on being Employee of the Quarter. Also thanked Mr. Smith for his clen up efforts. Reminded everyone about the Crawfish Festival.

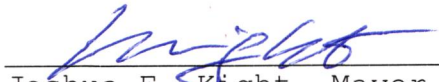
Councilman Mascaro thanked everyone for coming. Congratulated Mrs. Jo on being Employee of the Quarter.

City Manager Powell thanked Mrs. Jo for service to the city for 45 years as a city employee.

Mayor Kight thanked Southside Assocaitions for expressing their concerns and the park rental fee. The \$75 fee is a reservation fee for exclusive use of the park. Staff will look into the fee for nonprofits organization and come up with a policy to encourage use, not deter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the meeting at 12:34 P.M.


Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:


Heather M. Browning, City Clerk

