

Dublin City Hall  
January 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall, on Friday, January 2, at 4:29 PM.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, Sara Kolbie, Paul Griggs Chris Smith, and incoming member Brandon Chain were present. The invocation was given by Pastor Corey Baker followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Council Member Chain did not participate in any votes until after he was sworn and had taken his seat with the remaining council members.

#### APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Bennie Jones and seconded by Councilman Bill Brown to approve City Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried 6/0.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

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

CHECK#	DATE	PAYMENT TO	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
7079	12/05/2025	VisitDublin Ga	Hotel/Motel	42,210.49
47074	12/05/2025	Teen Challenge Southeast Region	Litter Pick Up	16,200.00
47063	12/05/2025	New Growth LLC	Northview Cemetery Maintenance	17,500.00
47056	12/05/2025	Laurens County Library	Annual Appropriation	22,365.50
47045	12/05/2025	Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC	Purchase-Flatbed Truck DNG	78,245.64
47042	12/05/2025	GMA Worker's Compensation Self	Workers' Comp Self Insurance Fund	107,604.25
47037	12/05/2025	Flock Safety	Gunshot Detection/Year 2 60 Month	107,500.00
47035	12/05/2025	Dublin-Laurens CO. Recreation	Hotel/Motel	42,210.49
47028	12/05/2025	Downtown Development Authority	Hotel/Motel	21,105.28
47027	12/05/2025	Dixie Lawn and Landscaping Inc.	Landscaping & Lawncare for Parks	25,002.00
47020	12/05/2025	ABS, Inc.	Program for Trickling Filters	15,000.00
47081	12/08/2025	Greenstate Title & Escrow LLC	Purch Property 207, 209 Prince	60,640.00
OneAmerica	12/09/2025	One America	Life Insurance/Short/Long Term Disability	16,713.72
	12/09/2025	City of Dublin Self-Insurance Fund		15,649.97
DFT0003476	12/10/2025	Internal Revenue Service	Social Security	79,246.04
DFT0003475	12/10/2025	Internal Revenue Service	Federal W/H	55,588.27
DFT0003474	12/10/2025	Department of Revenue	State W/H	24,809.67
DFT0003473	12/10/2025	Internal Revenue Service	Medicare	18,599.08
DFT0003432	12/10/2025	Employee Benefit Management Services	EBMS Monthly Bill	18,391.36
47088	12/10/2025	Pride Contracting Inc.	Madison Street Streetscape Proj	577,277.05
	12/10/2025	City of Dublin Self-Insurance Fund		36,769.43
DFT0003464	12/11/2025	Georgia Environmental Facilities Auth	GEFA Payment	114,750.00
47137	12/12/2025	Toland Mizell Molnar LLC	Fee Proposal HMGP Grant Agreement	240,620.20
47130	12/12/2025	Pride Contracting Inc.	Jackson Street Crosswalk	38,458.33
47121	12/12/2025	Laurens County SWMA	Landfill Fees Nov 2025	82,192.91
47120	12/12/2025	L&L Utilities Inc	Peacock Dr Storm Drain Replacement	52,138.68
47108	12/12/2025	Calix, Inc	Calix Head End Equip.	16,928.29
47107	12/12/2025	C. E. Garbutt Construction Co., Inc.	Oconee Gym Renovation	16,928.29
47099	12/12/2025	A & H Services LLC	New Installation	15,000.00

	12/12/2025	City of Dublin Self-Insurance Fund	67,980.97
	12/12/2025	City of Dublin Self-Insurance Fund	19,864.30
47178	12/19/2025	Performing Capital LLC	32,430.45
47166	12/19/2025	GA Power Company	98,021.29
47156	12/19/2025	Atlantic & Southern Equipment LLC	71,232.52
MGAGNov25	12/22/2025	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	689,591.59
CSHNov25	12/22/2025	Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	22,321.19
FT0003499	12/23/2025	Internal Revenue Service	69,953.16
DFT0003498	12/23/2025	Internal Revenue Service	43,604.10
DFT0003474	12/23/2025	Department of Revenue	20,922.22
DFT0003496	12/23/2025	Internal Revenue Service	16,576.32
47191	12/23/2025	City of Dublin-Self Insurance Fund	110,385.63

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$15,000

There are no purchases requiring approval.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman Bennie Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of Duke Groover as City Attorney and seconded by Councilman Bill Brown. The motion was carried 6/0.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Superior Court Judge Trey Taylor administered the Oath of Office to the City Attorney, Duke Groover. Mr. Groover made a brief comment on the honor of serving the citizens of Dublin.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE OF THE AT LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Superior Court Judge Trey Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Council members Brandon Chain, Tess Godfrey, and Sara Kolbie for 4-year terms. Incoming Council Member Chain joined the others on the dais.

#### ELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilman Bill Brown made the motion to appoint Councilman Bennie Jones as Mayor Pro-Tem and was seconded by Council member Tess Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Councilman Bill Brown made a motion to appoint Councilman Paul Griggs as Chairman of Council and was seconded by Council member Sara Kolbie. The motion carried 7/0 to approve.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Councilman Bennie Jones made a motion to appoint the Courier Herald as the Official Gazette and was seconded by Councilman Paul Griggs. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kight appointed the following Mayoral Committees and Liaisons of Council:

Finance Committee:

Bill Brown  
Brandon Chain  
Chris Smith

Facilities Committee:

Brandon Chain  
Tess Godfrey  
Bennie Jones

Personnel Committee:

Bill Brown  
Paul Griggs  
Chris Smith

Parks Committee:

Tess Godfrey  
Paul Griggs  
Sara Kolbie

Stakeholder Committee: (SS4A)

Brandon Chain

Housing Authority Liaison - Tess Godfrey

Economic Development Authority Liaison - Bennie Jones

Downtown Development Authority Liaison - Sara Kolbie

Mayor Kight made the following recommendations for appointments by the city council:

Recreation Authority Appointments - Bill Brown to fill the seat held by Rich Mascaro and Chris Smith to continue in his seat on the REC Authority.

Land Bank Authority Appointment - Sara Kolbie to fill the seat held by Bennie Jones.

Councilman Bennie Jones made a motion in favor of the appointments of the Recreation Authority and Land Bank Authority and was seconded by Council member Tess Godfrey. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-01 FOR AN EASEMENT TO MORRIS BANK TO LOCATE A NATURAL GAS GENERATOR

City Manager Josh Powell read resolution #26-01. Morris Bank has requested an easement for a natural gas generator to service their annex facility adjacent to Bicentennial Plaza. The Historic Review Board has reviewed and issued a certificate of appropriateness.

Councilman Paul Griggs made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Council member Sara Kolbie. The motion carried 7/0 for approval.

Mayor Kight made a brief announcement on the appointment of the City Clerk. Dorothy Rozier was nominated by the Personnel Committee and has expressed her willingness to accept the position. The appointment and administration of the Oath of Office will occur at the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

Mayor Kight also recognized the Youth Council members attending the meeting and their Coordinator, Regina McDaniel.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jacqueline Denise Jaudon Wright spoke about looking forward to the light of a new council for the year 2026.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Attorney Duke Groover had no comments.

City Treasurer/Interim City Clerk Daniels had no comments.

Councilman Brown congratulated the newly elected, Brandon Chain, and Re-elected Tess Godfrey and Sara Kolbie, and stated that he looks forward to what the new year will bring.

Councilman Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated the importance of decision making to help Dublin grow and that he is looking forward to working with Brandon Chain, and returning members, Tess Godfrey, and Sara Kolbie. He reminded everyone that the Black History Banners are up and new applications will start next week until March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. There are no application or Banner fees for 2026 and he explained the ways to get an application.

Council Member Godfrey thanked the Mayor and citizens as well as Pastor Corey Baker and First Lady Linda Baker for the invocation. She showed her excitement to work with newly elected Brandon Chain and thanked the constituents for their votes.

Council Member Kolbie recognized the incredible leadership across the community. She stated that she is proud to be a part of the City of Dublin and is thankful for another four years of service. Also, she added that she is proud to be with this team and newly elected Brandon Chain and sends prayers for hope and energy.

Councilman Griggs thanked everyone for coming. He welcomed Brandon Chain and commented that he was happy for Tess Godfrey and Sara Kolbie to return.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone coming and congratulated Brandon Chain. He stated it was nice to have Tess Godfrey and Sara Kolbie back. He also offered words of advice to Brandon

Chain: listen thoroughly, learn all you can, and take action for the people.

Councilman Chain thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he is looking forward to touching this community in a positive way. Also, he commented that he intends to use his youth and fellowship to touch everyone in the community at large.

Mayor Kight stated that elected officials do work with fear, favor, or affection. He further said making decisions in the public interest is not an easy job and comes with pressure. He commented that he believes this council has done a good job of improving the community and they will leave Dublin as a better place and they will improve the lives of citizens. He stated that he looks forward to working with Brandon Chain and the whole team. He commented that it is his honor to serve the community and wishes everyone a great 2026.

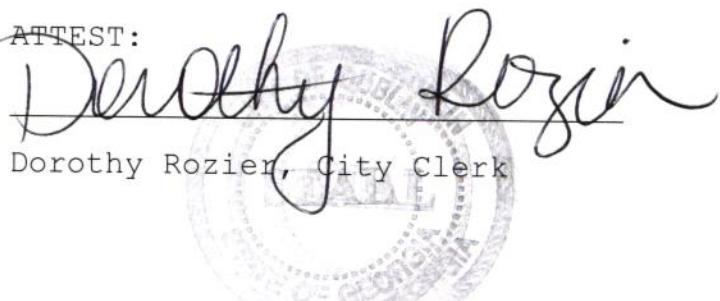
#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kight adjourned the council meeting at 5:13pm.



*Joshua E. Kight* - Mayor

ATTEST:



*Dorothy Rozier*

Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk