

## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the East Dublin Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor George H. Gornto.

Invocation was led by Councilman Brown followed by pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Williams. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion to add to the agenda "Financial Statements" was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Williams. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the financial statements. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The Election Agreements were presented to the Council as follows:

1. Agreement with Ginger Boland with Laurens County Registrars' Office to be the Election Superintendent for the City of East Dublin.
2. Agreement with Laurens County Registrars' Office to handle Early and Absentee Voting for the City of East Dublin.

After discussion, a motion to approve both election agreements was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Carolyn Norris of 312 Jackson Street East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns about drivers speeding on Attaway Street from Buckeye Road to Jordan Street. She asked if it would be possible to have speed bumps placed along Attaway to deter the speeders. Mayor Gornto advised that the City will have police patrol the area more to help with this issue. He asked Mrs. Norris to let the him and the Council know if the extra patrol did not help and they would look at different measures.

Mrs. Norris also asked the Mayor and Council if there were any potential plans to add franchise businesses to East Dublin. Mayor Gornto advised that there had been a few of these types of businesses show interest in East Dublin in the past, but, each had not committed to place their business in East Dublin.

Mildred Jackson of 330 Branham Street East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council with a

request to designate May 1<sup>st</sup> as Dent Jackson, Jr. Day in honor of the late Mr. Jackson who served on City Council for nearly 40 years and who had recently passed away. Mayor Gornto and Council agreed to do this at the next regular Council meeting in April.

Mrs. Jackson also had a concern about the ambulance service in East Dublin. She has had numerous issues with the service not responding in a timely manner due to them not being able to locate her address. Mayor Gornto advised her that the City was working with the Laurens County 911 Director to get a more consistent addressing to help emergency services in the future.

Chad Bayles of 104 South Elm Street, East Dublin addressed the Council with a request to have South Elm Street annexed into the City limits. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Bayles that the City would need to have all the property owners and residents of South Elm Street agree to be annexed into the city. The signatures would need to be presented to the Mayor and Council. Once this has been done the Council would take the annexation into consideration.

Mr. Bayles also asked the Council for an update on the improvements to Warnock Park. Mayor Gornto advised him that a few things had been done, but, this would be an ongoing project.

Dwayne Edge of Middle Georgia Mechanical located at 317 Central Drive and owner of rental properties in East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council with an update to his request from January 14, 2019 to have the curb and gutter on Northside Drive and surrounding neighborhood cleaned, which has not been done. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Edge that he would check with the Public Works department on this issue, but, advised also that due to recent storm damage cleanup, the cleanup of Northside Drive and neighborhood is not on the priority list.

Mr. Edge also asked about cleaned up along Central Drive; Mr. Edge understood that this was also a state highway, but, would like to see more done in keeping it clean. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Edge that the Public Works Department regularly cuts the grass along Central Drive and that the City had someone that picks up trash as well.

Mr. Edge also addressed the Mayor and Council on their plans to fill the City Administrator's position that was vacated due to the retirement of Larry Drew. Mayor Gornto advised that the City does not plan to hire anyone at this time. Mayor Gornto also advised Mr. Edge that he could contact any of the City's Department Heads to have any issues taken care of, but, the Department Heads were advised to contact the Mayor if there was an issue they were unclear on the solution.

Mr. Edge also expressed an issue with the building next his being painted pink and asked the Mayor and Council if there was a way through zoning to keep businesses along Central Drive from painting their businesses like this one. Mr. Edge mentioned that the City of Dublin's downtown area did not have such colorfully painted business. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Edge that Dublin's downtown area was an historical area and therefore the Dublin Historical Society controlled what business owners did to the exterior of the building and that East Dublin is not old

enough to be considered an historical area. Therefore, East Dublin nor its zoning laws could not dictate to business owners on the color used to paint the exterior of their buildings.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown. All voted in favor with none opposed.

Approved: 04/08/2019

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Attending:

Mayor George H. Gornto  
City Attorney Charles Butler  
City Clerk Melissa Bassett

Council Members:

Braxton Brown, Jr.  
Len Tanner, Jr.  
Al Williams