

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 8, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to add to the agenda; "115 Virginia Ave Sewer Issue". All voted in favor with none opposed.

After discussion of the 115 Virginia Avenue Sewer Issue, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to give the property owner a choice of either a road bore that will include another sewer tap or installing a mini sewer lift station at the location. The motion included that the property owner will be responsible for all costs for the option they choose. A vote was called for with Councilmen Brown, Sheppard and Williams voting in favor and Councilwoman Roberson and Councilman Tanner opposing.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Tanner to approve the pole attachment agreement with Georgia Power Company. All voted in favor with none opposed.

The bids for the Drive-thru Upgrades were presented to the Council as follows:

Southern Bank Equipment	\$6,575.00
FEMAC Security Equipment	\$7,070.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilwoman Roberson to approve the lowest bid of \$6,575.00 from Southern Bank Equipment for the drive-thru upgrades in the Clerk's office. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copies)

At this time, Mayor Gornto opened the floor for "Recognition of Citizens".

Clifford Stanley of 123 Attwood Drive, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council asking that the water and electricity at Warnock Park be turned on. He advised that he coaches a traveling football team and they have been practicing at the park and were in need of having a source of water for him and his team and soon will need the lights for evening practices. He also asked that the bathrooms at Warnock Park be opened as well. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Stanley that the City, along with the East Dublin Recreation Board, has been working on the concessions building and the bathrooms and the work should be completed within the next thirty days. Mayor Gornto also stated that the next thing to be worked on at Warnock Park were some of the field lights and hoped to have them up and running soon.

Mayor Gornto also asked Mr. Stanley if he may be interested in being on the East Dublin Recreation Board. Mr. Stanley said he would check his schedule and then let the City know.

Shirley Stanley of 123 Attwood Drive, East Dublin addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns about the new four-way stop signs that were installed at the intersection of Attaway, Joyner, and Jackson Streets. She asked that the stop signs be moved to Jordan and Attaway Streets. Mayor Gornto advised Mrs. Stanley that another citizen in her area is the one who asked that the four-way stop be placed at that particular intersection due to speeding traffic in the area.

The next item that Mrs. Stanley addressed the Mayor and Council was that the stripping that DOT did on the Buckeye Road side was good, but, could there be a turn signal installed for those coming out of the grocery store parking lot turning left onto Central. Mayor Gornto stated that the City will contact the Georgia Department of Transportation to see if there is anything that could be done.

Mrs. Stanley then asked the Mayor and Council about the need for eating establishments in East Dublin. Mayor Gornto stated that East Dublin, just like most small cities, struggles to get and keep businesses like restaurants.

Mrs. Stanley then stated that she lives at the dead-end of Attwood and asked if something could be done about having the security light, which she pays for each month, that is located in her yard be moved where the light would still light up the area around her house and city be responsible for the monthly cost. Mayor Gornto stated that he would talk with someone with Georgia Power to see what could be done.

Anthony Stanley, Shirley Stanley's son, then addressed the Mayor and Council on what could be done to grow East Dublin. Mayor Gornto stated that when Forstmann and other factories that were located on Nathaniel Drive in East Dublin closed down it devastated East Dublin. And the City, like other small cities, has struggled to recover from the loss of these businesses.

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

Approved: 9/12/2022

Mayor

City Clerk

Attending:

Mayor George H. Gornto
City Attorney Buddy Butler
Police Chief Bill Luecke
City Clerk Melissa Bassett

Council Members:

Braxton Brown, Jr.
Brenda Roberson
John Sheppard
Len Tanner, Jr.
Al Williams, Jr.