

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

August 12, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion was held on the bank account. It was noted that the Waste Water Pond Restricted account was set up in compliance with the USDA Rural Development's requirement to set aside 12 months' worth of USDA Bond payments. As of 7/31/2024, the city has met this requirement and in order to get a better interest rate, it was discussed to close the account and move the funds into a certificate of deposit.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Brown to give City Clerk Melissa Bassett authorization to close the Waste Water Pond Restricted bank account and move all funds to a certificate of deposit. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A quote from Municipal Emergency Services for a rescue tool for the fire department in the amount of \$15,600.93 was presented to the Mayor and Council.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Roberson and seconded by Councilman Sheppard to approve the quote from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$15,600.93 for the rescue tool for the fire department. The motion also included that the tool would be purchased with SPLOST funds. All voted in favor with none opposed.

A list of property taxes to be written off was presented to the Mayor and Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tanner and seconded by Councilman Williams to approve to write off the list of taxes. All voted in favor with none opposed. (See Attached Copy)

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

Sebastian Williams, 120 Marion Street, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council about the need for sidewalks on Buckeye Road. He presented a petition to the Council with signatures of citizens in agreement on the sidewalks. Mayor Gornto advised Mr. Williams that the city has put the Buckeye sidewalks in the list of projects in the new TSPLOST and it will take up to ten years

before the project would be done. Mr. Williams asked that the city look into the American Disabilities Act to see if there is possible funding through the Act to help get the sidewalks installed sooner. Mayor Gornto asked City Attorney Buddy Butler to look into the ADA provisions. (See Attached Copy of Petition)

Janice Wilcher, 111 Mary Drive, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council with a complaint about all the cars and trucks in the parking lot of the upcoming new restaurant that is soon to open on Central Drive. She stated that it was an eyesore along Central Drive. Mayor Gornto advised Mrs. Wilcher that Police Chief Bill Luecke will make contact with the owner of the vehicles to have them moved.

Livenia Axson, 202 Anaye Drive, Oakcreek Mobile Home Park, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council to see about getting information from Mayor Gornto, who is a former owner of the Oakcreek Mobile Home Park. She asked Mayor Gornto who maintained the roads within the park when he owned it. He stated that he and co-owners did the work themselves. Mayor Gornto asked Ms. Axson to meet with him after the council meeting to discuss the matter.

Felechia Harris, resident of East Dublin for 49 years, addressed the Mayor and Council with a complaint about not being notified as to why she was unable to get a business license for a mobile home rehab business to be located at 209 Soperton Avenue. She told the Mayor and Council that she had already received permission from the property owner that she could rent the lot and when she called to inquire about a business license, she was not getting any response as to why she could not put her business at the 209 Soperton Avenue location. Mayor Gornto advised her that the area was not zoned for her type of business. She then asked if she could get a copy of the City's Zoning Ordinance and zoning map. Mayor Gornto asked her to get with City Clerk Melissa Bassett to get those items after the meeting.

Rosie Jackson, 304 West Drive, East Dublin, addressed the Mayor and Council with a complaint about the garbage collectors not emptying her cart. She stated that the men on the truck are not putting her cart on the mechanical arms on the truck so it can be lifted up and to be completely dumped into the truck. But instead, they are reaching into her cart by hand and getting the only bags on top and leaving the bags on the bottom. When she goes to get her cart to pull it back to her house, the trash left in the cart is smelling badly and bugs are all in it. Mayor Gornto stated that the city will check on the issue.

At this time Mayor Gornto opened the floor for Council Comments. No one made any comments.

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

Approved: 9/09/2024

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Attending:**

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

**Council Members:**

- Braxton Brown, Jr.
- John Sheppard
- Len Tanner, Jr.
- Al Williams