

**Town of Dublin
Council Minutes
June 20, 2024**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers. Present: Council members, Vice-Mayor Steve Crigger, Debbie Hager, Edith Hampton, Debbie Lyons, Doug Poe and Wayne Seagle. Others present: Town Attorney Samuel Campbell, Superintendent of Utilities Darrin Cullip, Treasurer Rebecca Wright, Assistant Treasurer Kimberly Dalton, Chief of Police Dennis Lambert, Lieutenant David King, Administrative Assistant Deanna Marshall and guest.

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Crigger welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Mayor Crigger asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of May 16, 2024

Vice-Mayor Crigger asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the May 16, 2024 minutes. Mrs. Hampton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Seagle seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Doug Poe Abstain

Debbie Hager Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Abstain

Open Public Hearing for “Proposed Water, Sewer and Garbage Service Rates and Fee Increases”

Vice-Mayor Crigger opened the public hearing and asked anyone speaking to give their name and address. Citizens would be given 5 minutes to speak.

Debra Pedigo of 110 Linkous Avenue Apt. E303 asked for a motion to table the increase until a full audit of the water billing system was conducted. Her bills have fluctuated over the past several months and she is using the same amount of water and hasn't seen a credit. Darrin Cullip explained there are still some kinks in the new system with the replacement of the new meters and billing process that the town is working out with Neptune 360. Darrin explained the town started upgrading/replacing meters in January and how the system works. The price of material has gone up.

Donna Cram of 5702 Tanglewood Drive asked where does the money go? Why hasn't money been set aside? She hasn't seen a huge credit like she was suppose to. There are grants the town can apply for to have the water line replaced. Darrin Cullip replied the town has applied for numerous grants and been turned down. There is only so much grant money out there and hundreds of towns/cities are in the same situation. Mr. Campbell noted the town is seeking grants and has received some; the town now has a grant writer. State grants from VDH have guidelines you have to follow.

Thomas Akers of 101 3rd Street stated he bought his house in December, 2023. His May bill stated he used 2,400 gallons and June 5,600 gallons; the bill needs to be consistent. What is the percentage? He also mentioned citizens shouldn't have to pay for their trash to be picked up if they can haul it off themselves, they should be given an option. I was told it's mandatory.

Patricia Stewart of 28 Town Center asked if the rate increase was for a set time or continual/all over maintenance? Darrin Cullip stated if cost continue to climb, then yes, the town will continue to raise rates.

Susan Burroughs of 5442 Sheppard Drive asked why she pays more than customers in town. Darrin Cullip explained because of services provided through the town.

Bill Watson of 5518 Riggs Street stated he pays Pulaski per 1,000 gallons for water, averages 2,500-2,600 gallons per month; \$35.00 to \$65.00 water only and then gets billed for 3,800-3,900 gallons and they are not changing what they do. Kim Dalton stated rates are \$3.43 thousand; \$7.35 in-town rate and \$9.20 out-of-town rate.

Ricky Roberts of 5248 Sheppard Drive stated if there is a truckdriver accident why does town/customers get charged? Why not charge the truck driver or insurance company? Why does the \$3.50 fee have to go up; why keep increasing fees? Water rates go up why does sewer rates go up? Use to be a hose that you could get that would deduct what you use. Kim Dalton stated the town does not have those type of meters. Darrin Cullip explained the water that goes through the sewer increases the sewer amount.

Wiley Goble of 478 Roseberry Street stated his bill for 3 months with 3 people was 8,000 gallons, \$180.00. The majority are senior citizens living on retirement. Mr. Coble commented on the excellent mowing job at the Dublin Cemetery.

Thomas Akers of 101 3rd Street asked if the town could look into the hose that will deduct what goes into the sewer.

Close Public Hearing for “Proposed Water, Sewer and Garbage Service Rates and Fee Increases”

There were no more comments, Vice-Mayor Crigger closed the public hearing.

Reports of Officials

Chief Lambert stated the 4th of July parade was coming along. The town should have a good turnout.

Darrin Cullip stated the town should have the Borman meter services completed and paved before school starts. Dublin Park Road (Town Hall) is in the process of being paved today then the pavers will move on to Borman/Locust tomorrow. The front of Town Hall has been pressure cleaned.

Committee Reports/Authority Reports

NRV Airport Commission Report-Nothing to report

Pepper’s Ferry-Mr. Crigger stated there was nothing to report

Virginia’s First-Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Hampton-Debbie Lyons stated they meet June 1st and the 2024/2025 budget was approved. Next meeting is in 3 months.

Pulaski County Public Safety (REMSI)-Mrs. Hager stated there was nothing new to report.

NRRA-Mr. Kirkner- Darrin Cullip stated he had spoken to Joe Levine at the landfill today and things were quiet.

Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board-Mr. Kirkner-Darrin Cullip stated everything was the same and on track.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Motion to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Vice-Mayor Crigger asked for a motion to approve the FY2024-2025 budget. Debbie Lyons made a motion to approve the budget. Wayne Seagle seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons <u>Yes</u>	Steve Crigger <u>Yes</u>
Doug Poe <u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager <u>Yes</u>
Edith Hampton <u>Yes</u>	Wayne Seagle <u>Yes</u>

Vote: All were in favor

Motion to approve the “Proposed Water, Sewer and Garbage Service Rates and Fee Increases”. Rates effective as of 7/1/2024

Darrin Cullip stated the proposed ordinance was advertised in the Patriot newspaper of general circulation in Pulaski County on May 31, 2024 and June 7, 2024 in accordance with VA Code. Vice-Mayor Crigger asked for a motion to approve the “Proposed Water, Sewer and Garbage Service Rates and Fee Increases”. Debbie Lyons made a motion to approve the rate increase. Wayne Seagle seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons <u>Yes</u>	Steve Crigger <u>Yes</u>
Doug Poe <u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager <u>Yes</u>
Edith Hampton <u>Yes</u>	Wayne Seagle <u>Yes</u>

Vote: All were in favor

4th of July Parade

Deanna Marshall stated everything was set for the Flag Ceremony for July 4th at 9 am.

Budget Report

Contracts in Progress (CIP)		General Fund		Enterprise Fund		
Month Reporting		Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	
31-May-24						
May	budget	2,278,114	2,278,114	3,606,000	3,606,000	
		1,822,041	1,875,505	3,596,272	4,721,655	
	Actual		80%	100%	131%	
	Budgeted		92%	92%	92%	
			-12%	-10%	8%	
		Below Est	Below Est	Above Est	Above Est	
Contracts in Progress (CIP)		Reserve Adjusted		Enterprise fu		Gen Fund
Month Reporting		Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Reserves
31-May-24						Current
May	budget	2,278,114	2,278,114	3,606,000	3,606,000	Gar/imp
		1,822,041	1,875,505	3,596,272	3,296,655	
	Actual		80%	100%	91%	
	Budgeted		92%	92%	92%	
			-12%	-10%	8%	-1%
		Below Est	Below Est	Above Est	Above Est	
						\$ 1,025,000
						\$ 400,000
						\$ 1,425,000
						94,636
						4,721,655
						1,745,491
						\$ 3,296,655
						1,650,855

Things “Well Done” by staff and departments

Darrin Cullip stated the well done went to Deanna Marshall and Shirley Perkins this month.

Public Comments

Debra Pedigo asked about the hole in the road at the corner of Linkous Avenue and Rt 11, and if the town could make repairs. Darrin Cullip stated there was a cave underneath and the town has been filling it for the past year. Hopefully the paving company can fill it in the next few days.

Adjournment

Vice-Mayor Crigger adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Town Manager
Darrin T. Cullip