

**Town of Dublin
Council Minutes
September 19, 2024**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers. Present: Council members, Vice-Mayor Steve Crigger, Edith Hampton, Debbie Lyons, Doug Poe and Wayne Seagle. Absent: Debbie Hager. Others present: Town Attorney Samuel Campbell, Superintendent of Utilities Darrin Cullip, Chief of Police Dennis Lambert, Assistant Treasurer Kimberly Dalton; Utility Department Earl Hagee, Administrative Assistant Deanna Marshall and guest.

Call to Order

Mayor Skeens welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Skeens asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance in honor of Dallas Cox.

Minutes of August 15, 2024

Mayor Skeens asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the August 15, 2024 minutes. Steve Crigger made a motion to approve the minutes. Doug Poe seconded.

Roll call:

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

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Mr. Kirkner presented Mayor Skeens with a plaque and resolution for his 30 years of service to the town. Also, a 16x20 portrait of the mayor was presented and will be hung in the Council Chambers.

Reports of Officials

Chief Lambert stated the Homecoming Parade has been set for Monday, October 14th at 6 pm, starting at the old Dublin Middle School on Giles Avenue. The Drug-Take-Back will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 10 am to 2 pm at Martin Pharmacy's.

Darrin Cullip stated the Utility Department has finished Dunlap Road and are now on Jordan Street. VDOT cleanup right-a-ways.

Committee Reports/Authority Reports

NRV airport Commission Report-Nothing to report.

Pepper's Ferry-Steve Crigger stated there are no issues at this time.

Virginia's First-Mrs. Lyons stated they meet two weeks ago and there is nothing new to report.

Pulaski County Public Safety (REMSI)-Nothing to report.

NRRA-Nothing to report.

Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board-Nothing to report.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Christmas Parade Info. December 7th

Mayor Skeens stated Saturday, December 7th was the only date the band would be able to participate. Council set the Christmas Parade for Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 am, starting at the old Dublin Middle School and ending at the Dublin Church of God on Old Rt. 11.

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular October 26th

The Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular has been set for Saturday, October 26th from 4-7 pm at Randolph Park. The town has already registered to participate and will have a booth set up.

Update on upcoming Grant submissions

Mr. Kirkner stated he will be submitting a half-million dollar grant by October 18, 2024. This will be for the Industrial Park plant.

Budget

Contracts in Progress (CIP)							
	Month Reporting	General Fund		Enterprise Fund			
	8/31/2024	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures		
	August	budget	2,325,856	2,325,856	3,961,400	3,961,400	
			158,088	482,650	673,445	737,331	
		Actual	7%	21%	17%	19%	
		Budgeted	17%	17%	17%	17%	
			-10%	4%	0%	2%	
		Below Est.		Above Est	Est.	Above Est	

Closed session per Code of Virginia Section § 2.2-3711. Titles “Closed meeting authorized for certain limited purposes”. To address

- Consultation with Legal Counsel Section 2.2-3711 A (8)
- Discussion of Personnel Matters 2.2-3711 A (1)

Mayor Skeens stated he would entertain a motion to go into closed session per Code of Virginia Section § 2.2-3711. Titles “Closed meeting authorized for certain limited purposes”. Debbie Lyons made a motion to go into closed session. Steve Crigger seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

5-Yes; 1-Absent

Re-enter from closed session Section § 2.2-3712 D

Mayor Skeens stated he would entertain a motion to call the meeting back to order per Code of Virginia Section § 2.2-3712 D. Titles “Closed meeting procedures; certification of proceedings”. Which certifies “that to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body”. Only legal consultation by attorney. Steve Crigger made a motion that only those items listed were discussed. Doug Poe seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

5-Yes; 1-Absent

Resolution on Darrin Cullip as new Town Manager as of 10/1/2024

Mr. Campbell read the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia, in public session on the date hereof, approves, ratifies, and confirms the appointment of Darrin Cullip as manager of the Town of Dublin for an initial term of three and one-half months, commencing October 1, 2024, through January 16, 2025. Resolved and adopted this September 19, 2024.

Steve Crigger made a motion to approve the resolution. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

5-Yes; 1-Absent

Resolution on Darrin Cullip as the new NRRA representative

Mr. Campbell read the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia, in public session on the date hereof, unanimously appoint Darrin Cullip, to the Board of Directors of the afore mentioned Authority as the representative of/for the Town of Dublin on the NRRA board of directors, in place of Tyler Kirkner who will not be completing his term. Resolved and adopted this September 19, 2024.

Debbie Lyons made a motion to approve the resolution. Doug Poe seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

5-Yes; 1-Absent

Things “Well Done”

Darrin Cullip stated this months “Well Done” goes to Tye Kirkner and Mark Vaughn.

Public Comment

Laura Walters, Chair of the Board of Directors thanked Benny Skeens for his service to the Town and Pulaski County. A productive working relationship and presented him with a challenge coin token.

Rachel Honaker asked how the water bills were calculated and how the sewer is charged. Darrin Cullip explained how customers were now charged for only what they use and how the sewer is calculated on water usage.

Adjournment

Mayor Skeens adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler F. Kirkner
Clerk of Council