

**Town of Dublin
Council Minutes
November 21, 2024**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor, Benny Skeens. Council members, Debbie Hager, Edith Hampton, Debbie Lyons, Doug Poe and Wayne Seagle. Others present: Town Attorney Samuel Campbell, Town Manager Darrin Cullip, Lieutenant David King, Assistant Treasurer Kimberly Dalton, Treasurer Rebecca Wright, 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.

Minutes-October 17, 2024

Mayor Skeens asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the October 17, 2024 minutes. Debbie Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

All were in favor

Reports of Officials

Rebecca Wright, Treasurer

Edith Hampton asked when Personal Property taxes will come out. Rebecca stated they were finalized today with the printer and will go out next week.

Dennis Lambert, Police Chief

Lt. King stated the department collected 103.3 pounds of drugs during the recent Drug-Take-Back. The Halloween event at the speedway went well. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 7th at 11 am and the Veterans Wreath Ceremony will be held December 14th at 1 pm. The flock cameras have helped in several cases over the past month. DCJS came and completed the 2023 audit on the Police Department.

Darrin Cullip, Utility Superintendent

Mr. Cullip stated Jordan Street has been completed and is now on the new system.

Dean Russell, Fire Chief

Mr. Russell thanked council for their support and stated the department would like to fill the vacant position.

Committee Reports/Authority Reports

NRV airport Commission – Mr. Cullip stated this position needs to be filled.

Pepper’s Ferry – Mr. Crigger stated the equipment was being monitored.

Virginia’s First – Mrs. Lyons stated they would meet again in December.

Pulaski County Public Safety (REMSI) – Ms. Hager stated they are no longer meeting.

NRRA – Mr. Cullip stated auditors were there at the last meeting.

Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board – Mr. Cullip stated things were good.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Speaker from Dublin Ruritan Club

Charles Black, president of the Dublin Ruritan Club introduced himself and stated members of the club were dwindling/getting older and the club needed assistant in placing flags in the medium of Rt 100 during the holidays. The flags are now being stored at the corner of Dunlap and Galway. Council agreed to have a flyer put out for any interest.

Budget Report 2024

Mr. Cullip stated he’s watching street spending. ARPA money is gone so spending has to be watched. Edith Hampton questioned line item 07 under eligible VDOT Street Department, what the \$39,000 was for. Mr. Cullip stated the electrical cabinet at the corner of Rt 11 and Giles Avenue was damaged from vehicles hitting it and water leaking inside. This had to be contracted out.

Open Public Hearing-for presentations by candidates desiring to be appointed to the council to fill vacant council seat, until a special election on November 4, 2025

Sam Campbell read Steve Crigger’ s resignation as of November 13, 2024. Mr. Crigger recently moved out of town. Mr. Campbell stated this has created a vacancy to be filled tonight. Mr. Crigger’ s term has two years left but the appointment will only be for one year, there will have to be a special election on November 4, 2025. If the appointed person tonight wishes to stay they will have to qualify and get on the ballet for the special election on November 4, 2025 to run until November 4, 2026. The public hearing has been duly advertised in the Patriot newspaper on November 15, 2024; posted on the town’s web page and at the clerk’s office.

Mayor Skeens opened the floor. Mr. Jared Smith introduced himself and stated he was with the recreation department and cross country at Pulaski County High School. Mr. Smith expressed his interest in being on Dublin Town Council. Mr. Doug Poe stated he would consider continuing on council. Mr. Campbell stated Doug would be ineligible for this appointment.

Closed Public Hearing

Mayor Skeens closed the Public Hearing.

Vote on Candidates to fill vacant council seat

Mr. Poe nominated Jared Smith to fill the vacancy of Steve Crigger’ s seat on council for a one-year term. Ms. Hager seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

All were in favor

Request to Join New River Regional Commission

Mr. Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of New River Valley Regional Commission did a presentation on what the commission does and the advantages of being a member of the commission. Described how they help deliver Federal and State projects and do the ground work for their members. Mr. Cullip stated the commission would be a valuable asset to the town with the EPA/Brownsfield Grant and next year with the new Comprehensive Plan; review zoning. The annual fee is based on population. Mr. Campbell stated there would need to be a resolution appointing an elected member of council to be a representative. Mr. Campbell read the resolution and suggested adopting the resolution leaving the representative open until the appointment process in January. Edith Hampton made a motion to approve joining the New River Valley Regional Commission now and deferred appointment until later. Debbie Lyons seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

All were in favor

Resolution to extend deadline date for 2025 Personal Property Tax and license/decal fee

Sam Campbell read a resolution extending the 2024 Personal Property Tax and license/decal fee from December 5, 2024 until December 20, 2024 due to computer problems. Also, suggested to put a notice in the paper on November 22, 2024 and December 5, 2024. Debbie Lyons made a motion to accept the resolution. Doug Poe seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Doug Poe Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

All were in favor

Status Report on Pulaski County handling building inspections

Mr. Cullip stated Scott McDonald Building Inspector for the county is doing the towns inspections until January 17, 2025 on an hourly rate. At that time the town will come up with another option.

Christmas Parade Info. December 7th 10:00 am, Line up at 10:00 am

Deanna Marshall stated the town had 15 entries signed up so far with more anticipated as time gets closer.

Christmas Dinner December 19th @ 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:15 pm

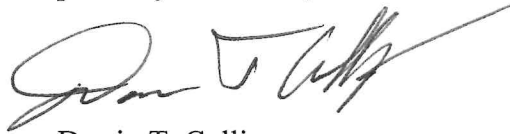
Mr. Cullip stated the town dinner will be held at the Dublin Lyons Building and Becky Cullip would be preparing the meal. Invitations and sign-up sheets have gone out. Everyone planning to attend needs to RSVP by December 3rd.

Mr. Cullip presented Steve Crigger with a plaque and expressed appreciation for his 18 years of exceptional service and dedication to the Town of Dublin. Mr. Crigger has served on multiple committees and boards through his years as council member and vice-mayor.

Public Comment

There were no public comments. Mayor Skeens stated this would be his last official council meeting before his stepping down effective December 31, 2024. He thanked everyone and the town citizens for their support over the years.

Respectfully submitted,



Darrin T. Cullip
Clerk of Council