Town of Dublin Council Minutes September 18, 2025

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Debbie Lyons. Council members present: Juliana Cox, Debbie Hager, Edith Hampton, Doug Poe, Wayne Seagle and Jared Smith. Others present: Town Manager and Clerk of Council Darrin Cullip, Town Attorney Trent Crewe, Chief of Police David King, Jr., Treasurer Rebecca Wright, Administrative Assistant Deanna Marshall and guest.

Call to Order

Mayor Lyons welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lyons asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes-August 21, 2025

Mayor Lyons asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the August 21, 2025 minutes. There being none Edith Hampton made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne Seagle seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Juliana Cox Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Jared Smith Yes

All were in favor

Reports of Officials

David King, Jr Police Chief

Chief King stated a priority was to change the departments duty weapons. There has been a long-standing issue with the ones being carried. The current fire arms have been involved

in several incidents with other departments discharging while holstered; injuring law officers in other jurisdictions. Several law suits have been filed. The department will be going with the Glock G45. This is a similar fire arm the sheriff's department carries and the magazines can be inter changed. Chief King stated Sherri Bralley has been contacting businesses regarding the Trick or Treat Trail. A final map will be completed by the end of September and given to the businesses to hand out. The Treat Trail is set for Friday, October 31, 2025.

Darrin Cullip, Utility

Mr. Cullip stated the Utility Department has started working on a building located on Marcy Road to be storage for road salt. Roof trusses have been installed and a permit has been applied and approved form the county. The building is approximately 16,000 sq. ft. Wayne Seagle asked if there were any water breaks for this month. Mr. Cullip stated there weren't any, water usage was up some.

Steve Crigger Lieutenant with the Fire Department stated they were gearing up for Fire Prevention week in October.

Committee Reports/Authority Reports

NRV Airport Commission Report

Mrs. Cox stated the airport would be having a book reading "Chasing the Squirrel" on Saturday, September 27th from 2pm to 5pm. This will replace the fall fly in.

Pepper's Ferry-PFRWTA

Mr. Seagle stated the authority is starting to see some returns on claims. Things are going well.

Virginia's First-VFRIFA

Mrs. Hampton stated the meeting was canceled, everything was running well so they rescheduled for December.

NRRA

Mayor Lyons stated there was nothing new to add. The board will meet next Wednesday, September 24^{th} .

Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board

Mr. Cullip stated everything was good.

New River Regional Commission

Mr. Seagle stated they have not meet yet. Everything was good last month.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Presentation of Framed Dublin Seal Kim Matthews

Mayor Lyons presented a framed copy of the town logo to Dean and Kim Matthews. Dean's dad, William Matthews entered a logo contest held August, 1985, won the contest and was awarded a \$50 savings bond at the December, 1985 Town Council Meeting. Mr. Cullip stated the town logo has recently been refreshed. A framed copy of the old logo will be hung in the foyer at Town Hall.

Retirement Recognition for Mark Vaughn

Mayor Lyons presented Mark Vaughn with a card and gift certificate for his years of service with the town, stating he has been a valuable asset with his contracting knowledge on getting the new Utility Department built and work at the Industrial Park.

Budget Report August, 2025

Mr. Cullip stated the budget was only two months in and looking good. It was noted the Fire Department had zero put in on telephone, electric and gasoline. What is spent is roll over from the transition. VDOT is a little high, paving was done at the end of last year to fall into this year. Darst Avenue and Jordan Street were paved.

Grant Update/Brownfield Grant

Mr. Cullip stated he and Leo Priddy had a little trouble with the advertising on the EVA order. The right channels were not gone through, which didn't post. All bids have to be in the first week of October. There have been a couple of engineering firms reach out. Once everything comes in the reviewing process will start.

DEQ Grant Update

Mr. Cullip stated Sandy with CHA is working to finalize the grant that was \$9,000 and they were requesting the town to pay it back because it was showing it hadn't been spent. The money has been spent, it's just a matter of getting the records to them showing where it went.

Giles Ave Restriction to Truck Traffic Update

Mr. Cullip stated he received an email last week stating the town and county will have to hold a public hearing again. Mr. Cullip stated he will get with the county to see how they want to proceed.

Water Improvement Grant/Pulaski County

Mr. Cullip stated there is another meeting scheduled for next week. With this grant there are procedures that have to be met; material has to be made in the USA etc. In talking with Jonathan Sweet and Todd Day we're thinking about purchasing materials with the grant.

Treat Trail Update

Chief King stated Sherri was working with town businesses to complete the map. The hours will be 4 pm to 7 pm.

Christmas Dinner

Mr. Cullip stated council has briefly talked about having an inhouse dinner during work hours for the employees instead of the annual Christmas Dinner held at the Lions Building. Council members were in favor with Mr. Poe stating the town could try it this way and if things didn't work out the town can go back to the dinner at the Lions Building.

Christmas Parade

Mr. Cullip stated the Golden Marching Band would not be available on December 13th, their All-District auditions are scheduled for that date. Council agreed on December 6th at 11 am, line up beginning at 10 am.

Chamber Event November 20, 2025

Mr. Cullip stated the chamber needs a head count of council members/spouses for the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, November 20, 2025. Council members were instructed to let Deanna know by Wednesday, September 24th.

Public Comment

There were no public comments. Mayor Lyons adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrin T. Cullip Clerk of Council