

**Town of Dublin  
Council Minutes  
January 15, 2026**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers. Present: Mayor Debbie Lyons. Council members present: Juliana Cox, Edith Hampton, Doug Poe, Jared Smith and Wayne Seagle. Absent: Debbie Hager. Others present: Town Manager and Clerk of Council Darrin Cullip, Chief of Police David King, Jr. Assistant Treasurer Kimberly Dalton, 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.

**Open Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Lyons introduced guest Leona Reed, a student of Pulaski County High School. Miss Reed would like to observe and learn the ropes on how the meetings are conducted.

**Minutes of November 19, 2025**

Mayor Lyons asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the November 19, 2025 minutes. Edith Hampton made a motion to accept the minutes. Wayne Seagle seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

**Reports of Officials**

Rebecca J. Wright, Treasurer

Mr. Cullip stated Rebecca had retired from the town effective January 15, 2026. She didn't have anything to report.

David A. King, Jr., Police Chief

Chief King stated the department was actively working on a case. The department lost Corporal Ethan Akers as of January 11<sup>th</sup>, he went to work at the sheriff's office. Corporal Gravely is out of work with back issues temporary. Wayne Seagle asked, "How are these other organizations; County, State Police helping us or are they helping us". Chief King stated currently the Virginia State Police has been helping for a while; they are strapped as well. Chief King stated he has reached out to the County and they stated they would not assist unless the town paid them a sufficient amount of money. Chief King stated he has talked with five other jurisdictions that are similar to our department size that have had to have assistance from other agencies for coverage and all the jurisdictions has assistance from their sheriff's office.

Darrin, Utility

Mr. Cullip stated there were a couple of water breaks today off Newbern Road. Matt Nester has been moved to the street department. The water numbers for the past couple months are showing twenty percent loss.

**Committee Reports**

NRV Airport Commission

Mrs. Cox stated things were going well. The new entrance sign will be coming in the next week or two and be installed.

Pepper's Ferry-(PFRWTA)

Mr. Seagle stated there was no December meeting.

Virginia's First-(VFRIFA)

Mrs. Hampton stated she didn't attend the December meeting because of the employee dinner.

NRRA

Mr. Cullip stated the meeting was scheduled for next Thursday.

Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board

Mr. Cullip stated the next meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>.

New River Regional Commission

Mr. Seagle stated there was no December meeting.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

Motion for 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: Section 2.2-3711 A (1)

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion to enter closed session. Doug Poe made a motion to enter into closed session under Consultation with Legal Counsel and amend discussion of Personnel Matters to include Treasury. Jared Smith seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe	<u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager	<u>Absent</u>
Juliana Cox	<u>Yes</u>	Jared Smith	<u>Yes</u>
Edith Hampton	<u>Yes</u>	Wayne Seagle	<u>Yes</u>

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Mayor Lyons 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”. Doug Poe made the motion. Jared Smith seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion that only those items listed were discussed in closed session. Doug Poe made the motion. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Appointments information – Appointments are new from 1/15/2026 to 1/21/2027 unless otherwise indicated for appointed Town Employees

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion to re-appoint Mr. Trenton G. Crewe as Town Attorney. Wayne Seagle made the motion. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Selection of Accounting Firm to serve as Auditors for 2026-2027. (RFP) Robinson, Farmer and Cox

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion to re-appoint Robinson, Farmer and Cox as Auditors for 2026-2027. Jared Smith made the motion. Juliana Cox seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe <u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager <u>Absent</u>
Juliana Cox <u>Yes</u>	Jared Smith <u>Yes</u>
Edith Hampton <u>Yes</u>	Wayne Seagle <u>Yes</u>

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Re-appointment of Town Officers:

- Treasurer . . . . .
- Assistant Treasurer . . . . .
- Town Manager . . . . . Darrin Cullip
- Clerk of Council . . . . . Darrin Cullip
- Chief of Police . . . . . David King, Jr.

Mayor Lyons stated the current Treasurer retired today with 42 years of service and thanked Rebecca Wright for her years of service to the Town of Dublin. Mayor Lyons asked for a motion to select a Treasurer. Jared Smith made a motion to select Kimberly Dalton. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe <u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager <u>Absent</u>
Juliana Cox <u>Yes</u>	Jared Smith <u>Yes</u>
Edith Hampton <u>Yes</u>	Wayne Seagle <u>Yes</u>

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion to re-appoint Darrin Cullip as Town Manager and Clerk of Council. Also, re-appoint David King, Jr. as Chief of Police. Edith Hampton made a motion to re-appoint Darrin Cullip and David King Jr. Jared Smith seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe <u>Yes</u>	Debbie Hager <u>Absent</u>
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Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Approval of Officers-Chief, Line and Executive Officers as approved by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department. *Current officers were voted in June of 2025. The new officers will be voted in on June of 2026. The Action required is to affirm the officers in place until the new officers are voted in on June of 2026.*

Mayor Lyons asked for a motion. Doug Poe made a motion to approve current officers. Juliana Cox seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

#### Committee Appointments

- NRRA
- Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board

Mayor Lyons stated she was the current member appointed and would like to continue. Mr. Cullip stated he was the alternate to the NRRA and main member to the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board and would like to continue unless someone else would like to be considered. Mr. Poe made a motion to continue with who was on the board now. Juliana Cox seconded.

Roll call:

Doug Poe Yes

Debbie Hager Absent

Juliana Cox Yes

Jared Smith Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

Budget Report December 2025

Mr. Cullip stated the General Fund Revenue is a little low at 46%. Everything is below 50% on Expenditures, the Street Department is equaling out. Total General Fund Expenditures are 45%. Revenues are 54% for Enterprise Fund and 36% on Expenditures.

Public Comment

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

Respectfully submitted.

  
Darrin T. Cullip  
Clerk of Council