

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
July 10, 2000**

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the W. Harold Snead Public Safety Building on July 10, 2000. In the absence of a mayor, the meeting was called to order by the city manager at 7:30 p.m. All councilpersons were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Van McCarter, Odell Hamden, Bill Dickerson, Willie Green, and Johnny Lemons.

City Manager Campbell administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilman McCarter.

City Manager Campbell stated that this meeting is the reorganization meeting for City Council and called for nominations for mayor. Councilman Hamden nominated C. M. Mitchell. Councilman Wilson motioned that the nominations be closed. Councilman Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. On a unanimous vote, C. M. Mitchell was reappointed as mayor for another term.

Councilman McCarter nominated Councilman Wilson as vice mayor. Councilman Hamden motioned to close the nominations. The motion received a second and unanimous approval. On a unanimous vote, Councilman Wilson was reappointed to serve another term as vice mayor.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the June 12 and July 3 city council meetings and to approve them as distributed. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following the first reading of a Uniform Meals Tax Ordinance at the last regularly schedule council meeting, Councilman Lemons motioned to declare the second reading and immediate adoption of said ordinance. The motion received a second and unanimous approval.

Councilman McCarter motioned to accept the first reading of the proposed Tattoo Ordinance. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The amendments to Section 66.2 and 66.3 of the City Code relating to Weeds, Brush and Other Growth received a second reading and unanimous approval on a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman Green. Councilman Lemons stated that he would like to have the ordinance strongly enforced.

Crystal Jones, the recently appointed Chamber of Commerce director, was at tonight's meeting to introduce herself.

City Council received a request from Attorney Marty Parks, who is representing Dennis Dillon with Galax Farm Supply, to vacate an alley between Meadow Street and Givens

Street. The owner of Galax Farm supply would like to build a new farm supply building on the property. City Manager Campbell outlined the vacation process. Councilman McCarter motioned to proceed with the vacation process and to advertise a public hearing. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Following presentation of a *Resolution to Approve Membership Composition of the Community Criminal Justice Board* Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the resolution as presented and to reappoint City Manager Campbell to another term on said board. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 148-2. This would allow for any vehicle or traffic law changes made by the General Assembly during the last year to be incorporated in Galax City Code. Councilman Green made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell presented and discussed three Mount Rogers Planning District Transportation resolutions. These resolutions relate to proposed road construction on Rt. 58 through Grayson County and other areas. Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the resolutions as presented. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. Councilmen Hamden, McCarter, Wilson, Mitchell, Dickerson and Green each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Lemons tendered a nay vote.

City Manager Campbell advised members of Council that Mrs. Irene Turner's second term on the Library Board has expired. Councilman Lemons motioned to appoint Mrs. Norma Basic to the Library Board contingent upon her establishing a residence in Galax. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

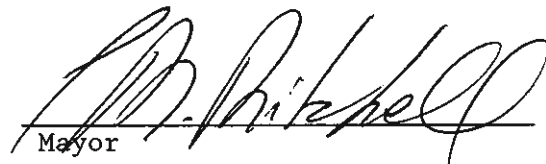
Councilman Wilson motioned to appoint City Manager Campbell to another term on the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

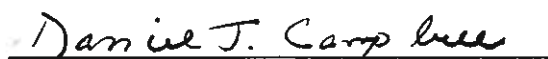
City Manager Campbell advised that the executive director of the Mount Rogers Partnership had resigned and plans are being formulated for hiring another director.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman Dickerson, Councilman Hamden was unanimously appointed to be council's representative on the Galax City Transportation Board.

Council was advised that since the delinquent tax notice had been published, \$29,000 has been collected.

At 8:16 p.m., the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk