

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes  
September 10, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on September 10, 2001, in the conference room of the new Galax Public Library. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:34 p.m. The following councilmen were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. George Valdez was out of town and absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and to dispense with the reading. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion, it was decided to have a ceremony to unveil the plaque naming the Recreation Center gym the A. Glenn Pless Memorial Gymnasium on October 8, 2001 at 7 pm.

Council members discussed the VML Conference to be held in October and they also agreed that they would convene only one council meeting in October.

Wally Cline from the Mt. Rogers Community Services Board was present at tonight's meeting to discuss CSB programs and he also requested formal Council approval for the Board's Annual Performance Contract with the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. Councilman McCarter motioned to approval the Annual Contract. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. City Manager Campbell stated that this is a good program.

A VDOT representative was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the 2020 Transportation Plan for the City. Following discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the 2020 Transportation Plan as presented. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the Statewide Mutual Aid Program. Councilman Wilson motioned to join and to adopt the resolution calling for the City to become a member of the program. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of an ordinance and agreement for the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority it was decided to carry action concerning the two documents over to the October meeting.

Councilman Hamden motioned to appoint Director of Finance, Doris Bedwell, to another four year term which will begin January, 2002. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the purchase and installation of a surveillance camera at the intersection of Main Street and Grayson Street. A discussion of problems on Main Street ensued. Following this discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to purchase and to install the camera. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Greene, Lemons and McCarter each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Hamden refrained from voting.

Council members agreed to hold a Fall Planning Meeting on October 20, 2001 at 8:00am in the Municipal Building Conference Room.

On unanimous approval, Council convened an Executive Session at 9:04 pm as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(7) Discussion of probable litigation pertaining to wastewater treatment operations.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman McCarter members of Council unanimously returned to regular session.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Back in regular session, discussion ensued on abolition of the City's Treasurer's office. On a motion by Councilman Wilson, a second by Councilman McCarter and all approving, the City Manager was authorized to contract with outside legal counsel in order to proceed with all steps necessary to abolish the Galax Treasurer's office.

Councilman Lemons provided an update on the relocation of the Webb house.

On a motion by Councilman McCarter and a second by Councilman Wilson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:45 pm.

  
Mayor

Danielle J. Campbell  
Clerk

MOTION: Councilman Wilson

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(7)

SECOND: Councilman McCarter

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, Greene, Lemons, McCarter

NAYS: None  
(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman Valdez

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman Valdez

Daniel J. Campbell  
Clerk of Galax City Council



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