

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
November 26, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 2, 2001, in the courtroom of the W. Harold Snead Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:35 p.m. with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, George Valdez, and Willie Greene. Johnny Lemons was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and to dispense with the reading. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reviewed the Downtown Planning Study. Following discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to proceed with the study. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dr. Alexander from Wytheville Community College was present at tonight's meeting to discuss a proposed project **Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute** which is an educational and economic development collaboration on a regional level.

Mr. Tom Taylor from Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission was present at tonight's meeting to review and ask approval of three Resolutions. Councilman Wilson motioned to support the resolution **Rural Prosperity**. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Following discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to delay approval on the **Tax Reform** resolution until more information is reviewed. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the **Tobacco Commission** resolution. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dave Nelson, director of Parks and Recreation, was present at this meeting to discuss a survey and facilities study to be conducted for the recreation department. The cost of this work is covered in this year's budget.

City Attorney Ward requested emergency approval of two ordinances. The first ordinance is to jointly establish a Regional Law Library with Grayson County at the Courthouse in Independence. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve said ordinance. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, McCarter, Greene and Valdez each offered a yeas vote. Councilman Hamden abstained.

The second proposed ordinance was to amend the current ordinance for assessing a \$2.00 fee on each civil case heard in the Galax General District Court. These fees would be used to maintain a

law library at the Courthouse in Independence. Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the ordinance as presented. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, McCarter, Greene and Valdez each voted yea. Councilman Hamden abstained.

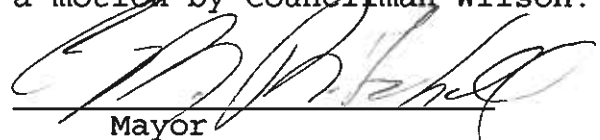
Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the state holiday schedule for city employees. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 9:10 pm Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(7) to discuss legal matters. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

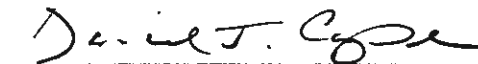
Councilman McCarter motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:30 pm on a motion by Councilman Wilson.



Mayor



Clerk

MOTION: Councilman McCarter

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

SECOND: Councilman Hamden

MEETING DATE: November 26, 2001

CERTIFICATION 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 Hamden, Wilson, McCarter, Mitchell, Greene and Valdez

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman Lemons

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman Lemons

David T. Coffey
Clerk of Galax City Council

