

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
January 14, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on January 14, 2002, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:36 pm with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, George Valdez, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. *Van McCarter was absent when the meeting was convened.

Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the minutes as presented and to dispense with their reading. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell extended a welcome to the newly appointed Chief of Police Rick Clark.

*Councilman McCarter arrived at 7:39 pm.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the second reading of the Home Occupation Ordinance. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, McCarter, Valdez and Lemons each offered a yea vote. Councilman Greene abstained. The ordinance will become effective thirty days from tonight's reading.

The Planning Commission was commended for its work and development on the Home Occupation Ordinance.

This was the date and time advertised for a public hearing to receive comments and input on future projects for Community Development Block Grant funding. City Manager Campbell reviewed recently completed projects including activities and LMI beneficiaries. He then called for public comments. There were none and the hearing was closed.

Zack Kyle reviewed an option agreement for property to construct the proposed assisted living/adult day care facility. Following a discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the agreement. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed a mobile health clinic operated by Radford University. The university proposes to operate the unit in Galax twice a month to serve the local population with little or no insurance. The proposal is for the mobile unit to be parked in the Farmers Market lot and there would be little if any expense for the City. Following a discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to invite Dr. McDaniel, a representative of the clinic, to a February council meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the university and city council. Dr. McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden discussed completion of the petitions relating to the abolition of the city treasurer's office. He believes the abolition is prudent due to the lack of activity in said office.


Mr. Campbell presented the 2001 city audit. He stated that there were no findings or irregularities. Councilman McCarter motioned to study the audit for a month. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised members of council that Susie Garner's term on the Galax School Board will be expiring and appointment will be made in March. Councilman Wilson motioned to advertise the expiration and solicit interested candidates. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to appoint Rick Clark to the Transportation and Safety Committee to replace Chief Melton who has retired. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell made reference to a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers. This letter related to the annual inspection of Chestnut Creek and the satisfactory maintenance schedule of the creek.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:34 pm.



Mayor



City Manager