

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
January 28, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on January 28, 2002 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:30 p.m. with all councilmen being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, George Valdez, Willie Greene, Johnny Lemons and Van McCarter.

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

Dr. Janet McDaniel of Radford University discussed a proposal from the university to bring a mobile health unit to the city twice a month. The proposal is to serve the medical needs of the uninsured and underinsured people living in our area. Councilman Lemons motioned to allow the mobile health unit to be parked in the Farmers Market lot on Main Street. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. Following a discussion, Councilman Lemons amended his motion to include the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Radford University and the City of Galax. Councilman Wilson concurred. The motion was unanimously approved.

A discussion relating to the petitions for abolishing the treasurer's office ensued.

Carried over from the last meeting was acceptance of the 2001 City Audit. Councilman Hamden commended Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Bedwell and staff for the good report. Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the 2001 audit. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan Clark, director of Social Services for the city, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss two resolutions and ask for their approval.

The first resolution was to request that consolidation of local social services agencies be opposed as is being proposed in Richmond. It is believed that combining the offices would have a negative effect on the services offered and be a financial burden to localities. On a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second, the resolution was unanimously approved.

The second resolution addressed the ability to pay formula for each locality as it relates to the Comprehensive Services Act. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the resolution as discussed. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Debbie Robinson, Director of Tourism for the City, was present at tonight's meeting. She presented a Marketing Plan and discussed some of the items in the Plan.

Councilman McCarter motioned to reappoint Dr. Clemons and Mr. Al Zachary to another term on the IDA. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

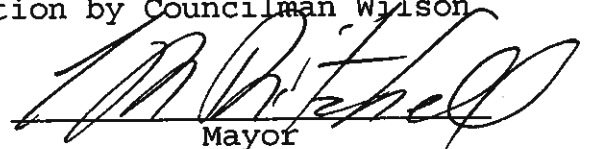
City Manager Campbell advised that Mr. Bill Blevins of Blevins Building Supply had made a request for vacation of an alley between his two lots on Main Street. Councilman Hamden motioned to set the public hearing for February 25, 2002, and to proceed with the vacation. Councilman Wilson offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:43 pm, Councilman Wilson motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(7) - briefing on actual wastewater operations litigation. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

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

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:05pm on a motion by Councilman Wilson


Mayor

Daniel J. Campbell
City Manager