

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Minutes  
June 10, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on June 10, 2002. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:34 pm. The following Councilmen were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Odell Hamden, Glenn Wilson, George Valdez, and Johnny Lemons. Councilmen McCarter\* and Greene\* were absent when the meeting was called to order.

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

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the tax rates for FY 2002-2003.

**Real Estate** - \$0.76 per 100. based upon 100% assessment (no change)  
**Personal Property** - \$1.42 per \$100. based upon 100% assessment (no change)

**Machinery & Tools** - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 50% assessment (no change)

**Bank Stock** - 80% of state rate of franchise tax (no change)

Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion.

\*7:38 pm Councilman McCarter arrives  
The motion received unanimous approval.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the FY 2002-2003 City Budget in the amount of \$12,751,885.00. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion.

\*Councilman Greene arrived at 7:39 pm.  
The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the Department of Social Services budget in the amount of \$1,290,724. Of that amount \$169,938.00 will come from local funds. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the Comprehensive Services Act in the amount of \$213,500. Of the total amount \$67,168.00 will be from local funds. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The city manager discussed plans to develop a Regional Industrial Facility Authority and an ordinance and agreement in support of such Authority. The localities involved would be Galax, Grayson County and Carroll County. He explained that the purpose of the Authority would be to stimulate economic development within the region. Mr. Campbell then called for a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Authority. No comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve said ordinance as discussed. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve said agreement as presented. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued concerning the vacancy created on the Planning Commission by the resignation of Julie Gillespie who is moving from the area. It was decided to advertise the vacancy in the local newspaper and consider an appointment at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Councilman Lemons motioned to reappoint Councilman Hamden to another term on the District Three Cooperative. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to reappoint Zack Kyle as an alternate to said Cooperative. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the Health Department Service Agreement. Following an overview of the agreement, Councilman Hamden motioned to execute said agreement. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell informed Council that the Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute project had received Block Grant funding and now the proposed project can become a reality.

Councilman Wilson motioned that the City Manager and city staff begin the process to raise the compensation of those serving on City Council to \$1,000.00. He stated that the present amount is \$250.00 and he believes it should be increased to \$1,000.00. Following discussion, Councilman Hamden offered a seconded to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 7:51 pm Councilman Wilson motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) - Discussion of litigation regarding wastewater operations. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

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

In open session, Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the Resolution presented at this meeting and thereby agreeing to a Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and all members of City Council voted in favor of said Resolution.

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Councilman Greene and a second by Councilman Hamden.



Mayor

Dennis F. Cooper  
Clerk



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MOTION: Councilman Wilson

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(7)

SECOND: Councilman McCarter

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2002

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, McCarter, Wilson, Mitchell, Valdez, Greene, and Lemons

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

*Dorcas F. Campbell*

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Clerk of Galax City Council

