

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
April 12, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 12, 2004, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:30pm. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. George Valdez was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order which was followed by the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Willie Greene.

Councilman McCarter motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with their reading. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for review of the 2004-05 School Budget and to recommend changes. Local funding is requested in the amount of \$3,549,068.00 which is an increase of \$177,761 over last year's budget. No changes were voiced. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to advertise a public hearing to be held on April 26, 2004, on the proposed budget. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that he had researched the development of the Fire District and Dance Hall regulations. He could find no history or reason as to why this district was established. Following discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to draft an ordinance that would rescind the present ordinance that relates to the Fire District and Dance Hall regulations. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to authorize Mr. Campbell to grant the Branding Iron a special function permit until the new ordinance pertaining to dance halls can be adopted. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously passed.

City Manager Campbell advised that construction bids for Bridge 1800 had been received and that Lanford Brothers Company, Inc. from Roanoke is the apparent low bidder. Their bid was in the amount of \$370,428.90. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve and appropriate the construction of Bridge 1800. Councilman Lemons offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Council members were reminded of the intergovernmental meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19. Grayson County is hosting the meeting.

Susan Clark, Director of the Galax Social Services, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss child and adult abuse prevention and foster care.

Zack Kyle reviewed the Transportation Enhancement Project and requested approval of a Supplemental Agreement For Project Development and Administration for the Galax Trail. He advised that the City had applied for and been awarded an additional allocation in the amount of \$246,000. These monies will be used for signage, lighting, landscaping, crosswalks and a public restroom facility at the Farmers Market. Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the Supplemental Agreement. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell discussed the Water Treatment Plant Vulnerability Assessment and the proposed Engineering Agreement; the Water Treatment Plant Process Safety Management Plan including the proposed Engineering Agreement and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Process Safety Management Plan and proposed Engineering Agreement. These are unfunded mandates. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve each of the engineering proposals and to appropriate monies to fund the proposals. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15pm.



Mayor

Daniel T. Caplan
Clerk