

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
Minutes
March 27, 2006**

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on March 27, 2006, at 7:30pm. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

Vice Mayor Greene prayed the opening prayer that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene offered a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Carried over from the last meeting was a request for funding for Smoke on the Mountain festival. There were also two other agenda items related to festivals so the agenda was modified to hear the festival items together.

1. Discussed the funding request of \$5,000 for Smoke on the Mountain.
2. Chuck Steffes, representing the Steiff on the Mountain festival, requested \$2,500 for the Bear festival.
3. Tony Hatcher discussed the Leaf and String festival but did not ask for financial assistance for the festival. He also brought to Council's attention that the number of festivals has grown to the point of needing some defined policies and coordination.

A discussion ensued on the festivals and the fact that no money is in this year's budget for festival funding. City Manager Campbell discussed the importance of coordinating the festivals and having policies that are defined for the good of all festivals.

Councilman Lazo motioned that the City help support and endorse the festivals and create a line item in the budget for festivals. Councilwoman Plichta stated that the City should support and encourage festival planning and procedures and not slow any thing associated with the centennial celebration. She seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Dr Barnes from Wytheville Community College presented the college's 2007 Budget Request and provided a brief update on enrollment and programs at the college. He also talked about how valuable the Crossroads Institute is to our area and what a fantastic project it is.

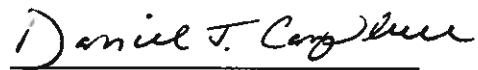
Mr. Cook, Galax City Schools Superintendent, presented the schools proposed budget for 2006-07.

Following a discussion on an agreement from the Virginia Department of Health for the local health department, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no other business to come before Council the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28pm.



Mayor



Clerk