

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 10, 2006**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 10, 2006 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:35pm with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and George Valdez. Helen Kyle was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Lazo prayed the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Clark introduced Mr. Leonard Cook who is the director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Mr. Cook thanked Chief Clark for the City's hospitality and then recognized the City as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. He explained the criteria that is required to attain the designation and that Galax is one of only twelve localities in the Commonwealth to receive this designation. Mayor Mitchell was given a plaque and a large outdoor sign stating the designation was also presented.

Mr. Cook, Galax City School Superintendent, presented the proposed 2006-07 School Budget. The total amount is \$ 12,337,701 and of that amount \$3,694,885 is requested in local funds. Mayor Mitchell called for questions and there were none. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to set a public hearing for the proposed 2006-2007 Galax City School Budget on April 24, 2006, the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook discussed a Literary Loan Application in the amount of \$4,750,000. He advised that the monies would be used for renovation at Galax High School. Councilman Greene motioned to set a public hearing on May 8 to receive comments on the Literary Loan Application. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan Clark, Director of Social Services, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and Foster Parent Appreciation.

City Manager Campbell advised that maintenance work must be done on the Hayzee Hollow Water Tank. Through the procurement process, Southern Corrosion Inc. from Roanoke Rapids, NC was the firm selected to do the work. The approximate cost of the work will be \$88,717, which has been budgeted. Councilman Valdez motioned to

approve the contract with Southern Corrosion Inc. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell discussed the construction work being done on the third floor of the Municipal Building. He advised that the leaking roof must to be replaced and a heating and cooling system needs to be installed. E & L Diamond has turned in a bid of \$34,423 for the HVAC system. Dunford Roofing submitted the roof replacement bid of \$30,000. Funds for these construction costs have been budgeted. Councilman Greene motioned to accept the bids to re-roof the building and to install the heating and cooling system. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reminded Council of the budget work session on April 20.

Councilman Greene motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(5)-Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry interest in locating in the community. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 8:12pm.


Councilman Lazo motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

The meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Kirby at 9:45pm.



Mayor



Clerk