

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**July 10, 2006**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on July 10, 2006, at 7:30pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building.

Judge Edward Turner administered the Oath of Office to C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and John Garner.

As this is the first meeting of the new year, Council members re-organize by selecting a new mayor and vice mayor.

City Manager Campbell called the meeting to order in the absence of a mayor. He, then, called for nominations for mayor. Councilman Lazo nominated Councilman Mitchell. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion. Councilman Kirby motioned to close the nominations and appoint C. M. Mitchell as mayor. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell expressed his gratitude for being selected mayor for another term.

Mayor Mitchell called for nominations of vice-mayor. Councilman Kirby nominated Councilman Greene. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion. Councilman Lazo motioned to close the nominations and appoint Willie Greene as vice mayor. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mayor Mitchell prayed the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mitchell recognized Boy Scout Troop 188 who were attending tonight's meeting.

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

Mayor Mitchell recognized and extended appreciation to Wanda and Tony Hatcher for their volunteer efforts in the city and particularly the Leaf and String Festival.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate the 2006-07 City School Budget in the amount of \$12,337,701.00. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kirby motioned to appropriate in a lump sum the 2006-07 City Budget in the amount of \$16,217,029.00. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Ruth Mattson to a term on the Regional Library Board. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion related to the importance of District III to our area, Councilman Garner motioned to appoint Keith Barker as an alternate to the District Three Governmental Cooperative. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Councilman Garner offered to be Council's representative on said Board. The offer was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the Carroll County Capital Access Program. He also advised that Chuck Riedhammer and Nikki Shank had attended the information meeting with him. He stated that he believes that the program should receive further study before a decision is made about whether or not the city should become a part of the program. He asked that Council appoint a member of Council to study the program further. Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Councilmen Garner and Kirby to work with the City Manager and any other staff to study the program. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell presented an ordinance to amend Section 148-2. This allows the City Code to incorporate any new laws, in particular traffic and highway laws, that have been made at the state level during the past year. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the ordinance on an emergency basis with this one reading and to make the ordinance retroactive to July 1, 2006. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to appoint Councilman Davis to a term on the E911 Commission. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Councilman Garner to a term on the Galax-Grayson Emergency Medical Services Board. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to appoint the mayor, vice mayor and the city manager to another term on the Carroll-Grayson-Galax Solid Waste Authority. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Councilman Garner motioned to appoint Councilman Lazo to the Galax Social Services Board. City Manager Campbell advised that Councilman Kirby had requested to be appointed to said Board. Councilman Lazo graciously yielded to Councilman Kirby and Councilman Garner retracted his nomination.

Councilman Lazo motioned to appoint Councilman Kirby to the Social Services Board. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

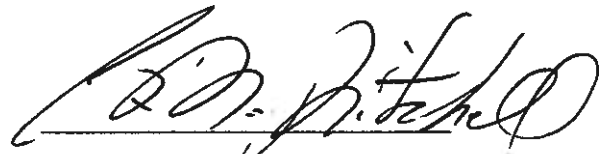
Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Jeff Sharpe to the Rural Technical Committee on the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

City Manager Campbell and Director of Public Works Joyce discussed the work and cost necessary to repair Academy Drive. The work is necessitated due to the recent heavy rains that have occurred in the City. Councilman Greene motioned to move forward with the work. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

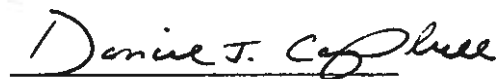
Mr. Campbell discussed the Auditor Proposal for Agreement Modification and asked that more time be used to study the proposal.

Chuck Riedhammer, Director of Tourism, presented a video of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40pm on a motion by Councilman Greene.



Mayor



Clerk

