

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

February 12, 2007

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on February 12, 2007, at 7:30 pm. The mayor called the meeting to order in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle.

Councilman Lazo offered the opening prayer. The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Councilman Garner motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell recognized two scouts and their scoutmasters who were attending tonight's meeting. The scouts are working on the Citizenship Merit Badge.

A public meeting was advertised for this date and time to solicit public comments on economic restructuring. The City and the Counties of Carroll and Grayson have applied for DHCD funding to hire a regional economic developer that will serve the three localities. This meeting is a requirement from DHCD. Council members entered into a discussion. No citizen comments were received.

Councilman Greene motioned to adopt a proclamation declaring the week of February 24 through March 3, 2007 as Entrepreneurship Week. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Acting City Manager Barker discussed becoming a Virginia Main Street affiliate. This is one of the criteria for the Downtown Planning Grant application. Councilman Davis motioned to adopt the resolution for the Affiliate Program. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

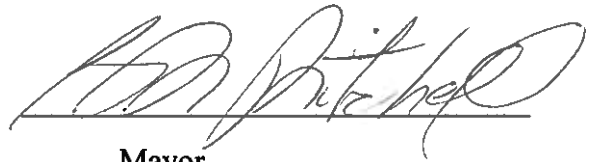
Following a discussion of a Rural Broadband Planning Initiative Management Team, Councilmen Davis and Kirby, Tony Truitt, Travis Haynes, Chuck Riedhammer and Jack Roberts were named to serve on the Team. A discussion ensued. Mark Gillespie and Benton McPeak were also suggested to serve on the Team if they would agree. Councilman Greene motioned to accept those named to serve on the RBPIMT. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion of the Budget Development Schedule it was agreed to change the Work Sessions time to 7pm. Approval of the Schedule was carried over to the next meeting.

Mr. Barker advised that a letter opposing the AEP Rate Change has been sent to the SCC. Councilman Garner initiated a discussion on the status of the new council chambers and the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts.

Councilman Davis commented on the exciting updates and changes being made to the buildings on South Main Street.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Lazo at 8:13pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk