

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
November 26, 2007

Following the dedication of the recently completed Council Chambers on November 26, 2007, Galax City Council convened in the Council Chambers for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 7:50pm with the following councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle. Robert Kirby was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Garner prayed the opening prayer and then led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Kyle motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Zoning Administrator Barker discussed the request from the Life Center for a Conditional Use Permit. The request is for a building expansion project which includes more beds and a kitchen expansion. If the permit is approved they have proffered to move the methadone clinic from Painter Street to Larkspur Lane. Mr. Barker advised that the Planning Commission has considered the request and recommends that the request be approved. Following a discussion, Councilwoman Kyle motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Conditional Use Permit request. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Neal Satterwhite, the recently employed Regional Entrepreneurial Director for Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority, addressed Council outlining the areas that he will pursue in economic development in our area.

Director of Finance Nikki Shank presented a quarterly budget amendment in the amount of \$154,354. This represents the amount needed to cover revenues and expenses that were not included in the current budget.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the request as presented. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. It was determined that the motion should include the word *appropriate*. Councilman Greene amended the motion to approve and appropriate \$154,354 as requested. Councilman Davis seconded the amended motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Manager Barker discussed the progress that is being made with the Broadband Project and advised that Council will need to appoint someone to serve on the Authority once it is established.

City Manager Holland advised that three terms on the Planning Commission will be expiring in January. He stated that an ad has run in *The Gazette* notifying city residents of the openings.

Councilman Lazo motioned to suspend the second regularly scheduled Council meeting for December. Councilwoman Kyle made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that the City had been awarded a Local Incentive Grant in the amount of \$200,000.

City Manager Holland reminded Council that the Christmas Parade will be December 7.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Greene and a second by Councilwoman Kyle at 8:30pm.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor