

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2008
Minutes

Galax City Council convened in regular session on January 14, 2008 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle.

Councilman Lazo prayed the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

A resolution endorsing a grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for funding, for the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program, to proceed with a Mill Creek sewer interceptor improvement project was presented. The grant would be one million dollars.

*Councilman Lazo was called from the meeting at 7:33 pm and he returned to the meeting at 7:40pm.

Councilman Garner motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion. Councilpersons Kirby, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Kyle each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Lazo was away from the meeting when the vote was taken.

City Manager Holland discussed a resolution, which would establish a revitalization district in the downtown revitalization project area.. This district would allow property owners to be eligible for low interest loans through the Virginia Department of Housing Authority to rehabilitate the upper floor of the building for mixed use housing, pending property zoning compliance. Following a discussion, Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the resolution. Councilman Garner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to set a public hearing for January 28 to receive comments on the application for a USDA Rural Development grant for \$26,000 that would be used to purchase new police vehicles. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to appoint City Manager Holland to the following boards, commissions and/or committees: Twin County E-911 Commission, the Galax Grayson Ambulance Services Board and the @ Corridor Economic Development Partnership. The motion also included an appointment to the MRPDC Rural Technical Committee to

replace Jeff Sharpe who asked to be replaced on said committee. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the budget work calendar as presented. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued related to propane tanks in the city and the need for barriers around some of the commercial tanks.

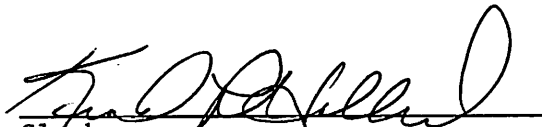
On a motion by Councilman Lazo and a second by Councilwoman Kyle the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53pm.

At 7:55 pm Councilwoman Kyle motioned to reconvene the meeting. Councilman Lazo offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Kyle motioned to appoint Councilman Garner to the Regional Broadband Authority. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 7:56 the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Lazo and a second by Councilman Kirby.


Mayor


Clerk