

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

April 28, 2008

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on this date at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Mayor Mitchell recognized Joe Brewer who has retired from the City with 25 years and 3 months service. He presented Mr. Brewer with a plaque and a watch.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, and Helen Kyle. * Robert Lazo and Derrick Davis were absent from the meeting.

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

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

A public hearing was set for 7:30pm on this date to receive public comments on the Wired Road Authority Resolution. Following discussion of the Resolution, action was tabled until the advertised time for the hearing.

Councilman Garner motioned to approve the 2008-2009 Galax City Schools budget. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total budget approved is \$13,731, 981. Local funding to the budget will be in the amount of \$3,834,885 which is a \$40,000 increase from last year.

Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.


Erin Riedhammer from the Downtown Association was present at tonight's meeting to discuss recent activities and upcoming plans for the downtown area. She also discussed advertising and other promotions for the merchants and businesses.

*Councilman Lazo arrived at 7:30pm.

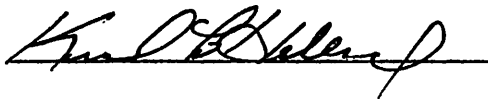
Council received a request from Tom Jones and Sam Patton to grant another 30-year lease for an easement for an encroachment on city property. Their property is located on the corner of Circle and Sunset Drives. Following discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to allow Mr. Jones and Mr. Patton to proceed with obtaining the required documents for Council to grant the easement. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell opened the floor to receive comments on the Wired Road Authority Resolution. Councilman Kirby asked if the resolution covered fiber optic broadband. Assistant City Manager Barker answered that The Code of Virginia permits both wireless and fiber optic services to be covered under the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act, Chapter 54.1 or Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. No other comments were received and the hearing was declared closed. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by Councilman Greene and a second by Councilwoman Kyle.



Mayor Vice



Clerk