

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**June 9, 2008**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers at 7:30pm on June 9, 2008.

Mayor Mitchell recognized city employees Pat Cole and Tony Scales who are retiring from the City.

At 7:45pm, Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order. Robert Kirby prayed the opening prayer that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed FY 2009 City budget. City Manager Holland advised that the general fund has been set at \$17,973, 614 and the utility fund has been set at \$4,448,448. The real estate tax rate has been reduced to \$0.55 per \$100.

Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open. No comments were heard and the hearing was declared closed at 7:50pm. A called meeting has been set for June 16 to adopt and appropriate budget funds.

The Life Center has applied to the Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit. This permit would allow them to use the house at 104 Painter Street for administrative offices. Zoning Administrator Keith Barker discussed the request and advised that the Planning Commission recommends that the Conditional Use Permit be issued. Councilman Greene motioned that Council accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Conditional Use Permit. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.


Following discussion of vacancies on the Planning Commission, the IDA and the Library Board, Councilman Garner motioned to appoint Jeff Sharpe(an unexpired term) and Derrick Davis to the Planning Commission (a second term); Bobby Kirby and Bill Davis to the IDA and Sharon Plichta to the Library Board (4 year term). Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell presented a resolution from VML that supports funding for transportation that does not rely on General Fund monies. After discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to approve the resolution with the following amendment *AND FURTHER RESOLVE, that any such legislation not adversely impact local government revenues.* Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of a resolution requesting that the Twin County Airport Commission review its Charter and membership, Councilman Kirby motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

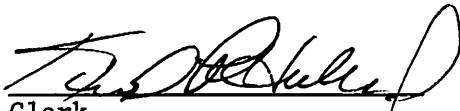
Andy Kegley of HOPE Inc. was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the home ownership program for low-income individuals and to also ask that the city transfer the last four building lots on Knob Hill to HOPE. After discussion, Councilman Lazo motioned to transfer the properties with good stewardship to HOPE, Inc. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Another discussion ensued after which the motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on at motion by Councilman Lazo at 8:28pm.



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Mayor



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Clerk