

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
February 09, 2009

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on February 09, 2009 at 7:30pm in Galax City Council Chambers. All members of Council were present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis, and Bill Webb.

Mayor Mitchell presented a Resolution recognizing the golf team from Galax High School as the winners of the VHSL Group A State Championship. Coaches and members of the golf team were present for the presentation. Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the Resolution as presented. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb unanimously approved the motion on aye votes.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order and Councilman Garner prayed the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was given by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea.

Following discussion of an appointment to an expiring term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Councilman Garner motioned that the City Manager set a meeting to talk with both Roger Neal and Michael Blackburn who have each expressed an interest in serving a term on the Board if appointed. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell presented a resolution, which approves a support and lease agreement with the Wired Road Authority related to bank financing for the Broadband project. Councilman Webb motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion. Unanimous approval was given by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Councilman Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea.

Chief of Police Clark gave an annual report for the police department and introduced the members of the Galax Police Department. Mayor Mitchell expressed his appreciation to the department. Councilman Greene was very complimentary of the respect and dignity they displayed during the funeral of former Fire Chief Joe Crockett.

Councilman Greene motion to set a public hearing for school board appointments on February 23, 2009 at 7:30pm. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion. Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Webb motioned to set a public hearing for an amendment to the FY 2009 budget for mid-year adjustment. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell wished Nikki Shank, Director of Finance, well in her new job. Her resignation is effective February 27, 2009.

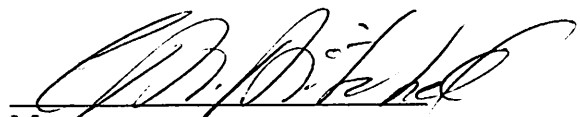
At 8:14pm, Councilman Greene motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711A.1 – Personnel Matter. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb. The motion was unanimously approved. At 9:25pm, Councilman Davis motioned to return to regular session. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. Councilman Lazo-yea; Councilwoman Plichta-yea; Councilman Garner-yea; Mayor Mitchell-yea; Councilman Greene-yea; Councilman Davis-yea; Councilman Webb-yea.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Upon entering into open session, Mayor Mitchell asked for a motion to amend the budget to discuss planning for Leaf and String. Motion made by Willie Greene, second by John Garner. For the record, Councilman Davis had excused himself from the meeting. Chuck Riedhammer discusses some ideas to accommodate the 200 block of S. Main Street to allow for limited festival area whicl trying to accommodate the srevice staton. Cuoncilmenbers were in general consensus with the Tourism Director's recommendations.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made at 9:45pm by Councilman Lazo, seconded by Councilwoman Plichta and approved on yea votes by Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C.M.Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb.


Clerk


Mayor

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting Section 2.2-3711 A.1 – Personnel Matter.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Upon motion by Councilmember Davis seconded by Councilmember Plichta

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Subject matter _____ N/A _____

Departure _____ N/A _____

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Garner, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, Davis, Lazo, and Webb

Nays: None

This Certification Resolution was adopted February 09, 2009.



Clerk/City Manager