

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

March 9, 2009

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on March 9, 2009 at 7:30pm in Galax City Council Chambers. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with all council members being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb.

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

Councilman Greene motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 A.1 Personnel Matter at 7:30pm. At 7:35pm, Council returned to regular session.

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

Mayor Mitchell called for nominations for two appointments to the Galax City School Board. Brandon Boyles, Doug Brannock, Ray Kohl, Helen Kyle, Jacqueline Roberts and Doug Williams were place in nomination. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to close the nominations. Councilman Greene offered a second and the motion received unanimous approval on the following yea votes offered by Councilman Lazo, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Garner, Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Greene, Councilman Davis and Councilman Webb. There were no nay votes. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo (Ray Kohl; Helen Kyle); Councilwoman Plichta (Helen Kyle; Doug Williams); Councilman Garner(Ray Kohl; Helen Kyle); Mayor Mitchell(Helen Kyle; Ray Kohl); Councilman Greene(Helen Kyle Doug Brannock); Councilman Davis(Brandon Boyles; Jacqueline Roberts); Councilman Webb(Ray Kohl ,Jacqueline Roberts). Helen Kyle was appointed to the Galax City School Board with five votes and Ray Kohl was reappointed to the School Board with four votes.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following yea votes: Councilpersons Lazo, Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. There were no nay votes.

Dr. Lazo was called away from the meeting and did not return.

Dr. Charles White, President of Wytheville Community College, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update on offerings and enrollment at the college and to make the FY 2010 budget request.

Kim Brown from the Twin County Prevention Coalition requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for a federal grant application. Following a discussion, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to support the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greene and approved by the following yea votes: Councilpersons Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. There were no nay votes. Councilman Lazo was absent from the vote.

Vickie Meyers from Rooftop of Virginia was present at tonight's meeting to request that the city waive rent on the Rosenwald Felt Community Center for FY 2010. Rooftop operates a Head Start program in the building. Head Start is applying for federal stimulus monies for weatherization improvements to the building, which would be an advantage for the City. Rooftop will continue to pay the utility bills. Following a discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to support the effort and give approval to Head Start, waive the rent for the ensuing budget year to help secure funding for the project. The motion was seconded and approved by the following yea votes: Councilpersons Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. There were no nay votes and Councilman Lazo was absent from the vote.

Sandy Mass from the Downtown Association was present at tonight's meeting to request that the Downtown Association be allowed to sell adult beverages during the Leaf and String festival. Following a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned not to allow the sale of alcohol at the festival. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. Council members Greene, Webb and Davis voted to approve the motion. Councilpersons Mitchell, Garner and Plichta voted against the motion. Councilman Lazo was absent. The matter will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

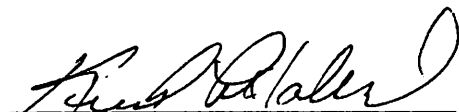
Dave Barrett from Mount Rogers Planning District Commission addressed Council with an offer to help the City with any projects that MRPDC could help with.

Councilman Garner motioned to extend the deadline for payment of city vehicle license fees to May 15, 2009. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. Councilpersons voting yea were Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. There were no nay votes. Councilman Lazo was absent during the vote.

City Manager Holland discussed a Sole Source Procurement request for the City to be the fiscal agent for a Department of Criminal Justice Grant. The grant monies would be used to establish an information-sharing network for the Counties of Carroll, Grayson and Wythe and the City of Galax. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the request. Councilman Davis offered a second. The motion was approved by the following yea votes: Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. No nay votes were offered. Councilman Lazo was absent during the vote.

Councilman Webb discussed a Job Fair planned for Crossroads on April 16th. He requested that the City contribute \$600.00 to the endeavor and that the City serve as the fiscal agent for the project. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the request. Councilman Garner seconded the motion. The following yea votes were tendered: Councilpersons Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Webb. No nay votes were cast. Councilman Lazo was absent for the vote.

With no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.


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 _____

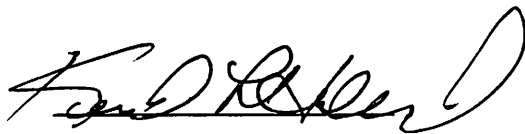
Departure _____ N/A _____

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 March 09, 2009.



Clerk/City Manager