

Galax CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

March 23, 2009

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on March 23, 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 Webb prayed the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Debbie Bolen, marketing director of the Wired Road, was present at tonight's meeting to give an informative update on the progress of the Wired Road.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Councilpersons Lazo, Plichta, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis, and Webb.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint the following persons to a Galax Heritage Commission and they are as listed: Joe Wilson, Dale Morris, Debbie Stringer, David Arnold, Bobby Patterson, Oscar Hall, Harold Mitchell, Tommy Barr, Ken Landreth, Eddie Bond, Mary Guynn, Trish Fore, Laura Bryant, Jon Lohman and Tom Mylet. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. The following votes were tendered by Councilpersons Lazo-yea, Plichta-yea, Garner-yea, Mitchell-yea, Greene-yea, Davis-yea and Webb-yea. The motion passed unanimously.

School Superintendent Bill Sturgill briefed Council on the FY 2010 Galax City School Budget. Following his presentation, Councilman Greene motioned to set April 13 as a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2010 School Budget. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and the following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously passed.

Assistant City Manager Keith Barker presented a resolution for approval of upgrades and improvements to the Fries Road water line. He explained that stimulus money would be used to fund this project and that the resolution is required by the Virginia Dept of Health. Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Davis seconded the motion, which received unanimous approval by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Councilman Webb motion to approve a resolution that will allow the city to receive historic tax credits for the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts building project. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-

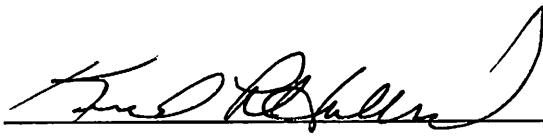
yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, Councilman Webb-yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Greene motioned to send VDOT a letter in opposition to the proposed closing of the Hillsville Residency Office. Councilman Davis seconded the motion that was unanimously approved 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.


Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the Resolution for Sole Source Procurement. This will allow for a contract with Northrop Grumman for system installation, hardware, software, data entry maintenance and future upgrade for a law enforcement exchange. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The following votes were offered: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Davis motioned to set April 13 as the date to advertise a public hearing to receive comments on the city's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. The following votes were noted: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Davis and a second by Councilman Webb.



Clerk



Mayor