

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
April 13, 2009

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 13, 2009 at 7:35pm in the 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 Davis prayed the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mayor Mitchell presented a resolution from Rooftop declaring May as National Community Action Awareness Month in Galax. Following the presentation, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Webb seconded the motion. The following votes were cast: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Mitchell-yea, Councilman Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, Councilman Webb-yea. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with said reading. Councilman Greene 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.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on FY 10 Galax City School Budget. Mayor Mitchell gave an overview of the proposed budget stating that city funding is in the amount of \$3,959,885. This is an increase of \$125,000 over last year's budget. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing open and called for public comment. No comments were heard and the hearing was declared closed.

This date and time were advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY 10-14 Capital Improvement Plan for the City. The amount for the General Fund is \$9,673,100 and the Utility Fund is \$10,369,900. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing open for public comments; none were received and the hearing was closed.

Councilman Webb motioned to appoint Judy Taylor-Gallimore as Director of Finance. Councilman Lazo offered a second to the motion. She was unanimously appointed 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.

Susan Clark, Director of Galax Social Services, was present to discuss Child Protective Services and to advise that the month of April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Laura Bryant, Galax Public Library Director, gave an informative presentation on the importance of libraries in communities and advised that this is National Library Week.


Councilwoman Plichta gave an update on the needs of having an assisted living facility in the City. She has been in touch with two developers but neither is interested in locating in Galax at this time.

Assistant City Manager Barker discussed the possibility of making some changes to the sign ordinance. He advised that the Planning Commission is willing to undertake the process.

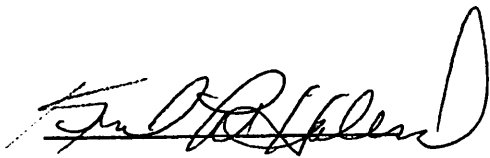
City Manager Holland advised that the term of Bill Davis on the SREC Board is expiring and according to the Board's by-laws he isn't eligible for reappointment due to serving previous terms. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to advertise the upcoming appointment in the Gazette. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it 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, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Charles Cecil discussed a business venture and asked the City for 2.5 million dollars to help with funding. Following discussion, the request was taken under advisement.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:10pm.



Mayor



Clerk