

# GALAX CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes

March 26, 2012

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on March 26, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following council persons present and they are as listed: Mayor Mitchell, Vice-Mayor Greene, Councilman Garner, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse, Councilwoman Plichta, and Councilman Lazo.

Councilwoman Crouse prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mitchell recognized the Galax High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, the Galax High School Golf Team, and Galax High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team. Resolutions recognizing each team were read. Rose Houk was also recognized with a resolution for her 31 years as GHS Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach. Councilman Garner motioned to adopt the resolutions as presented. Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse - yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2012. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse - yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

This was the date originally set to consider the FY2013 Galax School Budget. Bill Sturgill, School Superintendent discussed the schools budget work to date. He stated he hopes to present a budget for consideration in the near future. Council was asked to permit the school to submit a budget after April 1. Vice-Mayor Greene motioned to allow the school to submit their budget after April 1, 2012. Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse - yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

This was the date that was advertised for the public hearing on the Bottom Area Project. Craig Wilson presented the project, the planning to date, the proposed budget and the submittal to DHCD. City Council was asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the preparation and filing of an application for Community Improvement Grant Funds through the Virginia Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor Mitchell opened the floor for comment. After hearing none, he stated the public hearing closed. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the resolution as presented to prepare and file the application. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse - yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Keith Barker informed City Council that they may request changes on the Comprehensive Plan. He stated if Council does not wish to make changes, staff would begin the public advertising process and hold a joint City Council - Planning Commission meeting for public input and possible


adoption of the comprehensive plan. No additions were made or changes recommended. No action was required of council.

Keith Barker informed council that the lawyer handling the property transfer for TCRH and Duke/LifePoint discovered that TCRH never conveyed the street "Doctors Park" to the City. In talking with the Public Works Department, they have typically not performed maintenance on this road until the last couple of years. The attorney for the hospital is working with the City Attorney to prepare documents allowing the conveyance to proceed. The road meets the city's standards for width and right of way and is in good condition. City Council was asked to consider approving the conveyance contingent upon final paperwork being approved by the city's attorney. Once council has accepted the road, a resolution will be prepared along with paperwork for submission to VDOT to add this as a secondary road. City Council was asked to consider accepting the conveyance of the street "Doctors Park" to the City and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to complete all necessary documents. Councilman Webb motioned to accept the conveyance of the street "Doctors Park" and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to complete all necessary documents. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse - yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Keith Baker reminded council that April 2 is the first budget work session.

Keith Barker reminded council of the Empty Bowls Day event. The Arts & Cultural Council of the Twin Counties is the organization supporting the event. Last year over \$2000 was raised to support the efforts of the Backpack Buddies program. The hope is to raise additional funds this year to support Backpack Buddies and the Woods River Chapter of the American Red Cross food pantry.

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor