

Galax City Council
Minutes
January 27, 2014

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on January 27, 2014 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.

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

Mayor Mitchell recognized several Galax High School students for several awards which included: Stephen Peoples, a GHS Football player, for his achievements this year including setting a Virginia state record for rushing in a game; the Galax Cross Country Team for winning the state championship; Dustin Matthews for earning All-State recognition in Cross Country; and Cliff Conley for winning the State Single A champion in Cross-Country.

Resolutions recognizing the team and individuals were read aloud by Mayor Mitchell. Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to adopt the resolutions as presented. 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.

Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2014. Vice Mayor Greene 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 Plichta - yea, and Councilman Lazo - yea.

Keith Barker informed Council that this is the date that City Council set as the public hearing for a Deed of Trust which would preserve the use of the new CCSA Woodworking Shop, or similar use, for 20 years. He told Council that this is a requirement of ARC and DHCD in order to protect their funds and prevent re-use of the facility into some other use without the written agreement of DHCD & ARC. He noted that the agreement required a public hearing since it affected public property. The Deed of Trust was prepared by the City Attorney and reviewed by DHCD. The public hearing was opened by Mayor Mitchell and not comments were presented. After Mayor Mitchell closed the public hearing Vice Mayor Greene made the motion to approve the Deed of Trust 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 - yea, Councilwoman Plichta - yea, and Councilman Lazo - yea.

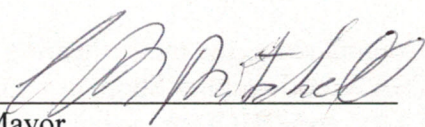
Keith Barker updated Council on the Galax Downtown Association Festival. He said that we are still waiting for additional information from the GDA for the proposed festival and no further information was provided at the time of the agenda preparation.

Corbin Stone, from Robinson, Farmer & Cox presented information to Council regarding the FY2013 audit. Mr. Stone commended Ms. Taylor-Gallimore and her staff in their assistance during the audit. Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to approve the audit as presented. Vice Mayor Greene 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 Plichta – yea, and Councilman Lazo – yea.

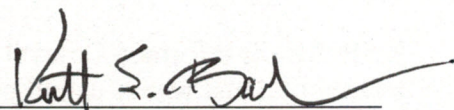
Keith Barker informed Council of a Galax School Board vacancy. He told Council that the appointment of Donna Garland to the Galax School Board is set to expire on June 30, 2014. He asked that City Council set February 24, 2014 as the meeting where council can interview prospective candidates. He noted that staff will run an ad seeking letters of interest for the appointment and that Council would make the appointment at the March 10, 2014 meeting. Mr. Barker told Council that the term is for three years, effective July 1, 2014. Council was asked to set February 24, 2014 as the time when Council can interview citizens interested in being appointed to the Galax School Board and authorize the City Manager to advertise the appointment. Councilman Webb made the motion to approve February 24, 2014 as the time when Council can interview citizens interested in being appointed to the Galax School Board and authorize Keith Barker to advertise the appointment. 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 Plichta – yea, and Councilman Lazo – yea.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk