

Galax City Council
Minutes
March 23, 2015

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on March 23, 2015 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, Councilwoman Crouse, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Lazo, and Councilman Davis.

Vice-Mayor Greene prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 9, 2015. 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, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

Keith Barker announced that the public hearing for the school budget revision was now scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Chris Pollins-Shackelford - Director of Chestnut Creek School of the Arts gave an update on CCSA activities as well as an update on the Woodworking Shop. Ms. Pollins-Shackelford explained to Council that the sales from the Holiday Artists Market had increased from \$1,169 to \$7,419.82 in the past year. She also said that the consignment and art supply sales had increased from \$11,907 for FY14 vs. \$23,435 for FY15. Ms. Pollins-Shackelford said that the school has looked closely at their class registrations, interest lists and those who have already taken classes at the school. She noted that as a result, more classes are going forward and taking place. Ms. Pollins-Shackelford closed by saying that there was an increase of 16% of visitors to CCSA from FY14 to FY15. She stated that the area's youth were continuing to be served by the JAM music & CRE8 programs. Ms. Pollins-Shackelford thanked City Council on behalf of CCSA.

Mayor Mitchell informed Council that Mr. Frank Plichta who represented the Veterans Memorial Committee, had requested that portions of the parade route from downtown to the Veterans Memorial be blocked during the upcoming parade and ceremony. Mayor Mitchell explained while the intent was to provide a rolling roadblock during the parade, the request had been amended to include closing W. Stuart Drive from Murphy Street to McArthur Street for approximately one hour. Keith Barker said that he had spoken to Chief Clark and asked that Council consider approving the request as well as assigning Chief Clark and himself to finalize the logistics with the committee.

Vice-Mayor Greene made the motion to approve the Veterans Memorial Committee request as well as assigning Chief Clark and Keith Barker to finalize the logistics with the committee. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

Keith Barker reminded Council that the first budget work session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 6 at the Galax Municipal Building.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Plichta to enter into closed session under the following Code of Virginia:

§ Personnel Matter §2.2-3711 A.1 of the *Code of Virginia* - Candidates for employment; the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, discipline, salaries, compensation, or resignation of employees. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

At 8:45 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Mitchell certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia code section were discussed and no action was taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 p.m.


Mayor

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