

Galax City Council

Minutes

April 11, 2016

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on April 11, 2016, 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.

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

Vice Mayor Greene made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 28, 2016. 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.

Mayor Mitchell asked Council if they felt there was a need to schedule a second FY2017 budget workshop meeting. He explained that Council could elect to hold the April 18th meeting, or if no additional changes were required, then work would begin to finalize the budget and prepare the required advertisements. There was a consensus among Council not to meet again.

Ray Kohl, Tourism Director, informed Council that he had been approached by Stevie Barr concerning a possible music event downtown on Saturday, September 24. The proposed event - "Rexfest", would start at 12:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. There would be no outside food vendors to encourage people to eat at the downtown restaurants. The cost would be \$25. He explained the event would feature 11 bands and be headlined by Rhonda Vincent. The stage would be on Grayson Street, at the corner of Grayson and Carroll (below the Rex Theater). Mr. Kohl said that Mr. Barr would be responsible for the setup, security, sales, etc. The event would be the same weekend as the CCSA Fall into Art event, however, CCSA staff felt this would be a complimentary event and both would draw off of each other. Keith Barker noted that the Lord's Acre Sale was also scheduled for the same date, but didn't see it be a conflict. Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to approve Rexfest. Councilwoman Plichta 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 explained that May 2017 was Building Safety Month and that Council had been asked to consider adopting a proclamation which would show support. He noted that Safety Month was an effort to remind the public about the critical role of our local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings. Mr. Barker closed by saying the local Building Officials for Galax, Carroll and Grayson were planning a contractor appreciation and information event during the month of May. Councilwoman Plichta made the motion to approve the proclamation for Building Safety Month. 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.

Mayor Mitchell announced that Safe Routes to School had been awarded a national award. He congratulated everyone involved, especially Linda Mock - SRTS Coordinator.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Lazo to enter into closed session under the following Codes of Virginia:

Prospective Business or Industry, § 2.2-3711.A.5 of the Code of Virginia - Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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 8:25 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 – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:25 p.m.



Vice Mayor



Clerk