

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
January 13, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2003, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. All councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, George Valdez, Willie Greene, and Johnny Lemons.

Councilman Hamden offered the opening prayer and then led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman McCarter motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Corbin Stone, representing the city's auditing firm, was present at tonight's meeting to give Council an overview of the city's recently completed 2002 audit. He stated that the audit went well and that the city is in good financial condition. Following his discussion of the audit he outlined the mandated changes that are being made in governmental accounting for 2003.

Following a review of increasing Council compensation, Councilman Lemons motioned to set the new amount at \$1,000.00 to become effective July, 2006. Councilman Hamden motioned to amend the motion to remove the dollar amount. Councilman Lemons agreed to accept Councilman Hamden's amendment. Councilman Hamden seconded the amended motion and it was unanimously approved that Council would receive an adjustment in compensation with the amount to be determined nearer to the effective date. The motion was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Clark was present at tonight's meeting to highlight statistics on activities in the department for 2002; and he also introduced Officer Spence and the recently acquired narcotics dog J-Hawk. Mayor Mitchell extended appreciation to Police Chief Clark and his department for their excellent work.

Zack Kyle presented an overview of the Galax Trail project and advised that the grant funds did not cover the cost of the construction bid. Following an overview of the cost of the project by the city manager, Councilman McCarter motioned to award the construction contract. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a review of the General Property Reassessment Contract Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the four year reassessment contract with Wampler-Eanes in the amount of \$65,000.00. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to advertise two expiring school board terms. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

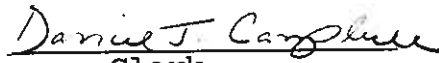
Councilman McCarter motioned to reappoint City Manager Campbell to another term on the Mt. Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

No action could be taken, but Council discussed the continuing rate increases by Adelphia Cable Company.

Councilman McCarter motioned to reappoint City Manager Campbell to another term as Clerk of Council. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:54pm.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk