

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
January 24, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on January 24, 2000, at 7:30 pm. The meeting was called to order with the following councilpersons present: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Willie Greene and Mary Guynn. John Turbyfill and Van McCarter were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes from the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell welcomed members and leaders of Scout Troop 834. Attending a city council meeting is one of the requirements for the Citizen in the Community badge.

Zack Kyle was present at tonight's meeting to advise council of the Planning Commission's recommendations following the public hearings on zoning change requests at the last council meeting.

The recommendations were:

- to deny Mr. Trenton Huffman's rezoning request off of Cranberry Road request because it would constitute spot zoning and the driveway was not designed for additional traffic.
- to approve the conditional use permit request from Doug Vaught to construct an apartment on the second floor of the business located at 115 W. Grayson Street.

Councilman Hamden motioned to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the realignment of the downtown connecting route of the New River Trail for the reapplication of the ISTEAA grant. Representatives of Hill Studio gave a detailed review of the proposed route and presented a resolution which states that the city requests that the Department of Transportation establish a project to improve the Galax Pedestrian/Bike Greenway. Following a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Guynn offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell stated the application process is very competitive for the grant monies and that not all applications

will receive funding.

Mr. Cook, school superintendent, was present to discuss the school system's revised budget. The total projected increase is \$476,555. Following a discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to appropriate \$476,555 more in the school budget. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Council was advised that the IDA has recommended that Galax City Council approve the issuance of bonds, not to exceed \$2,000,000, for the purpose of assisting Twin County Regional Healthcare, Inc. in financing MRI diagnostic equipment. Following comments and discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of Bonds by the IDA which would permit the Authority to assist in financing the MRI project. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES

Mitchell
Wilson
Greene
Gynn

NAYS

ABSTAINED

Hamden

Members of council discussed the schedule for receiving applications and making appointments to the school board for two terms that will expire in June. The appointments will be made at the first regularly scheduled meeting in March.

On a motion by Councilman Hamden and a second by Councilman Greene, Ron Catron, Dan Rector and Jim Adams were unanimously appointed to serve another four year term on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Mitchell complimented the efficient work of the city's snow removal crew.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Mayor


Clerk