

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
March 22, 2010

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on March 22, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following council persons present and they are as listed: Councilman Lazo, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Greene, and Councilman Davis. Councilman Webb was not in attendance.

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

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 8, 2010. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, and Councilman Davis-yea.

At 7:40 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Davis to enter into closed session under §2.2-3711 A.7 of the *Code of Virginia*.

At 7:45 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Mitchell certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia Code section was discussed and no action taken, with the following affirmation: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene-yea, and Councilman Davis-yea.

Back in open session, Councilman Davis motioned to agree to enter the order presented by the attorney in regards to the Veterans Memorial fund. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, and Councilman Davis-yea.

Keith Barker presented council a draft agreement regarding the 107 W. Oldtown Street property, Chestnut Creek School of the Arts. The executive committee for CCSA will take a look at this document at their meeting on March 23. This is similar to the Deed of Trust the City is currently using on the Galax Downtown Façade program. After reviewing the document Councilman Garner moved to revise the document to reflect that subsequent to a five year period, the City can purchase the property back for any cost of improvements that CCSA has done to the property. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, and Councilman Davis-yea.

Keith Barker updated Council on the Felts Park Performance Stage. He stated that the contractor has been given the notice to proceed with the construction. The construction is scheduled to be completed by July 20, 2010.

Dave Nelson, Director of the Recreation Center Director gave council a brief update on the recreation center activities and usage.

Council was reminded that the Mount Rogers PDC Dinner-Joint Annual Spring Dinner will be held at the Crossroads Institute on April 1, 2010.

Councilman Davis thanked the fire department, police department, and City employees for their joint effort in containing the fire that started in a downtown building on March 19. Each department played a valuable role during and after the fire.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilman Davis motioned to adjourn the Council meeting to the Visitors Center for a tour of the new facility. Vice-Mayor Greene seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk