

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 26, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on March 26, 2001, in the courtroom of the WMS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 7:35 pm. with all councilmen being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Bill Dickerson, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on a request by Vaughan Furniture to close approximately one-half block of the T. George Vaughan Road (old Railroad Avenue). This street is adjacent to the T. G. Vaughan Plant. Vaughan Furniture attorney Dwight Compton advised that all legal procedure for advertising the public hearing had been followed. Taylor Vaughan presented an outline of the portion of the proposed closure. Councilman Wilson asked about the traffic impact on Madison Street. City Manager Campbell opened the public hearing for comments.

Warren Williams who operates a snack bar asked if there are any plans for the building he rents. Mr. Vaughan had no comment. This building is located on the proposed section of the street to be closed.

John Hammond who owns the snack bar building stated that he is against closing the street while he still owns the building. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Wilson motioned that a traffic impact study be done on the immediate streets adjoining T. George Vaughan Street. Councilman Hamden made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the sale of city owned property adjacent to Academy Drive. The public hearing was opened. Mr. Blevins, owner of Blevins Building Supply, stated the reason for purchasing the property is to enlarge their parking and materials storage area. He advised that the company had bought the adjoining house and property and plans are to donate the house to an organization or group and have it moved from the lot. Councilman Hamden stated that the superintendent of schools had a concern about the city selling property that adjoins school property. Mr. Cook provided his thoughts and stated that he has no time frame in which the school system might have a need for

the land. Councilman Hamden motioned that the public hearing be closed and any action on the request be deferred for two weeks. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilman Dickerson reiterated that there were no true conflicts with the school system and Mr. Blevins request to purchase said property. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmen considered a second reading for an amendment to Chapter 160-93. This amendment will allow storage warehouses as a conditional use. Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the proposed amendment on its second reading. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and stated that the previous landscaping ordinance would still apply to the amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time advertised for a joint public hearing between City Council and the Planning Commission. Ron Catron, chairman of the Planning Commission outlined the request of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dotson to have their property at 222 Carroll Street rezoned from B-2 to M-2 to bring their property into compliance with its use and the zoning of the area. With no comments received from the public the hearing was closed. A Planning Commission recommendation will be made to Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Members of the Planning Commission present for the hearing are as listed: Ron Catron, C. M. Mitchell, Dan Rector, Roger Martin and Jim Adams.

Mr. Cook, Galax City Schools Superintendent, presented the 2001-02 School Operating Budget which will require an approximate increase of \$236,000.00 in City funding.

City Manager Campbell presented a resolution for the New River Criminal Justice Service Board. This joint resolution allows for the implementation of the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and Pretrial Services and establishment of the New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board and appoints Dan Campbell to serve as the city's member representative.

Council members were reminded of the budget work session scheduled for April 7.

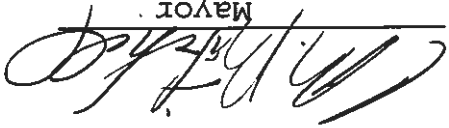
Mr. Campbell requested that council members review the VDOT Plan for the City of Galax so that if there are questions or concerns to advise prior to scheduling a public hearing on the plan.

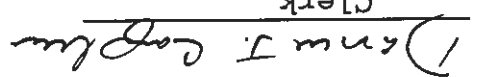
At 8:48 members of council unanimously convened in an executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(1).

Councilman Hamden motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The Certificate of Executive Session is a part of these minutes.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was
unanimously adjourned at 9:00 pm.


Mayor


Clerk

