

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 12, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the W. Harold Snead Public Safety Building on June 12, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. All council persons were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Bill Dickerson, Willie Green and Mary Guynn.

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

This was the date and time duly advertised for a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public on a request from Herman Stamper to rezone a particular piece of property on Meadow Street. The request is to rezone approximately 3.2 acres from R-2 to M-2 to allow for the construction of a building to store construction equipment.

Bill Halsey stated that it would be in the best interest of the city and all concerned if the request were approved. Planning Commission member Roger Martin tendered a question to Mr. Stamper about dirt removal. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed and the Commission moved to another meeting room to consider the request and report back to Council at this meeting.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the following tax rates:

Real Estate - \$.76 per \$100 based upon 100% assessment
Personal Property - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 100% assessment (no change)
Machinery & Tools - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 50% assessment (no change)
Bank Stock - 80% of state rate of franchise tax (no change)

Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it received unanimous approval.

Councilman Wilson motioned to adopt and approve the budget as presented in the amount of \$11,361,496 which will be satisfied with state and local funds. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the Social Services budget in the amount of \$1,235,836. with the amount of local funds being \$150,770. Councilman Green made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to appropriate the Social Services budget in the amount of \$1,235,836. Councilman Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the Comprehensive Services Act in the amount of \$168, 500 with local funds being \$52,730. Councilman Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Guynn motioned to appropriate the Comprehensive Services budget in the amount of \$168, 500. The motioned was seconded and received unanimous approval.

Dr. John Kapp addressed Council with concerns relating to a small group gathering on the corner of Main and Grayson Streets and yelling to the top of their voices. He stated that the noise is very disruptive to businesses, they are obstructing the sidewalk, and intimidating to the people on the sidewalk. It is just a very detrimental issue for the downtown area. Dr. Kapp also gave each councilperson a handout on a Supreme Court case, which is relative to this issue. Following a discussion, the matter was tabled for further study.

The Planning Commission returned to the council meeting. Ray Kohl motioned to approve Mr. Stamper's rezoning request. Dan Rector seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mr. Mitchell abstaining.

Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Downtown Association presented a petition from downtown businesses requesting that no parking on both sides of Main Street be changed to 10pm-5am and that two (2) hour parking be changed to four (4) hour parking. Following discussion, Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the request for three months. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. A discussion on signage ensued and then the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve a subdivision of property on Poplar Grove Road. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis own the property. The property will be divided into three lots and sold. Councilman Green made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reviewed proposed revisions to the Meals Tax Ordinance. These changes were brought about by General Assembly action during its recent session. Following discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to declare the first reading of said ordinance. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of a proposed ordinance to regulate tattoo parlors in the city, action was tabled until the next meeting.

Zack Kyle discussed proposed changes to the ordinance which addresses weeds, brush and other growth. Following discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to consider this

as the first reading for the proposed changes. Councilwoman Guynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.


Councilman Wilson motioned to appoint Mayor Mitchell to another term on the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Guynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to appoint Councilman Hamden to another term on the District III board and that Zack Kyle serve as the alternate. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk

