

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
August 9, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the W. H. Snead Public Safety Building on August 9, 2004. The mayor called the meeting to order at 8pm with all councilpersons present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez, Helen Kyle, Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby and Sharon Plichta.

Councilman Valdez prayed the opening prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Catron, chairman of the Planning Commission was present at tonight's meeting to state the Commission's recommendation on recent zoning change requests.

1. The Commission recommends that the Gladeville United Methodist Church request from R-2 to B-2 be approved. This will bring the property into city code compliance. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the zoning change from R-2 to B-2. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
2. The second report concerned the request from Camp Zion Church. Their request was to change the zoning from R-2 to B-2 so that the church can construct a picnic shelter. Mr. Catron stated that the Commission did not feel that the zoning should be changed but that a Conditional Use permit would be proper. The church officials were advised of this and agreed to the Conditional Use permit status.
3. The third report was on the request that Dr. Dannelly's property on West Stuart Drive be changed from R-2 to B-3 so that the property can be sold. The sale of the property is based on whether or not the existing office building can be enlarged and the purchase of a strip of city property. Mr. Catron stated that the Commission had studied the request at length and recommends that the request be denied. A discussion followed but Council did not take any action.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes for the last council meeting as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

In considering an appointment to the Planning Commission, Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Alan Funk to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Two appointments needed to be made to the Parks and Recreation Commission. On a motion by Councilman Valdez and a second, Tony Truitt was unanimously appointed to fill one of the openings. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint Ben Ansley to fill

the second opening. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reminded Council of the VML meeting to be held in October.

Wally Cline from the Mt. Rogers Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the annual Performance Contract and to also request approval of said contract. Following Mr. Cline's review of the contract and a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the contract. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the addition of an afternoon loop route to the City's public transit service that is provided by District Three. Mr. Campbell advised that he believes the new route will be beneficial to those who use the transit system. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept District Three's routing change. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following the presentation of a resolution that would allow Police Chief Clark and Captain Cox to sign checks for the Crimestopper's checking account, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Clark introduced Chris Hines who began work as an officer in the police department on July 1, 2004. Chief Clark stated that Officer Hines was the honor graduate of his class at the Academy.

City Manager Campbell provided an update on VDOT's Glendale Road project. He advised that the new date to advertise for construction of Phase I of the project has been moved to November 2008 and that the cost of the project has been revised from 3.5 million to 5.6 million. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Campbell initiated a discussion on the CEO Group Inc. Prison Proposal. Council will review the information for further consideration or comments.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint Mayor Mitchell to the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell invited members of Council to a City Facility Orientation. Following discussion, it was decided that members of Council will call Mr. Campbell with the time and date that is best and then Mr. Campbell will advise each member of the date and time that has been set for the tour.

Mr. Campbell informed Council that the City had received an ARC grant to produce a CD and guidebook for the *Crooked Road* project. The *Crooked Road* is to be a part of Virginia's *Heritage Music Trail*.

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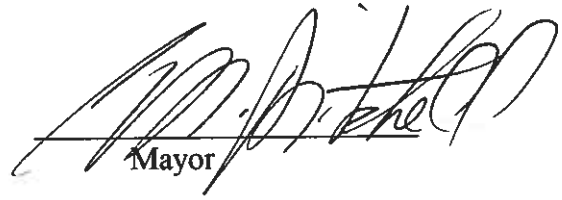
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With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:20pm.



Mayor

Denise J. Campbell
Clerk