

GALAX CITY CUONCIL

Minutes

August 14, 2006

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on August 14, 2006. The meeting was called to order by the mayor in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:30pm with the following councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and Derrick Davis. Helen Kyle was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Davis prayed the opening prayer which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Garner motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and they were unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell briefly discussed Communication Services Taxes, which is an additional audit service that is required by new state legislation. The fee for this service will be \$1,500. Councilman Garner motioned to accept the auditor's proposal. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the Mount Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Performance Contract with the Commonwealth of Virginia. He stated that the document is very lengthy but he does have it on a disc if any member of Council would like to review it. Councilman Lazo motioned to accept the contract as described. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion on the Regional Water Supply Planning Resolution, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. This resolution states that the City of Galax authorizes the MRPDC to develop an application for water supply planning grant funds and to develop a regional water supply plan that will meet the mandated regulations; and that the City Manager is authorized to sign the DEQ grant contract and any other documents related to the water planning grant and the regional water source supply plan.

Following presentation of the Fair Housing Resolution, Councilman Greene motioned to accept the Fair Housing Resolution as written. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell discussed The Economic Development Studio at Virginia Tech. This program is offered through the Office of Economic Development. They will develop a market analysis used to link urban and rural communities for outsourcing. There will be an opportunity for regional participation in this analysis. Councilman Garner motioned to participate in this analysis. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion. A discussion

ensued as to the procedure that would be used in developing this analysis and to the benefits of participation in this program. The motion was unanimously passed.

Councilman Lazo mentioned the possibility of having an ambassador for Galax - someone who would work only for Galax.

Following discussion for a Council Planning Retreat it was decided that Wednesday, October 25 would be the date of choice and Saturday, October 21 the alternate date.

Mr. Campbell advised that the VCDBG planning grant assistance has been increased to \$35,000 and also the amount of work that will have to be done before the March 2007 deadline. He stated that a public meeting is scheduled for August 29 at the Rex Theater. He requested that Council appoint at least one member of Council to serve on the project management team.

Councilman Kirby motioned to appoint Councilmen Davis and Lazo to serve on said management team. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Assistant City Manager Barker discussed the last phase of the T-21 Enhancement Project which is the completion of the bike trail extension from the New River Trail to the Farmers Market. No local funding is involved in the completion of the project.

Councilman Garner motioned to recommend Haile Landscape Design to VDOT to complete the final phase of the project. The motion received a second and was unanimously passed.

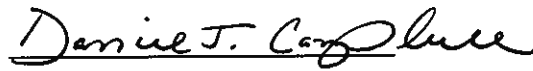
City Manager Campbell discussed the prospect of negotiating a contract with Comcast for cable TV service. Comcast is the company providing cable service to our area as of August 1, 2006.

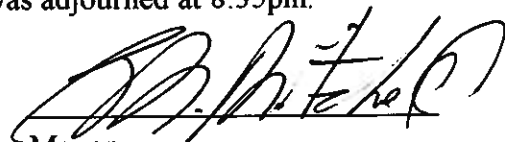
City Manager Campbell discussed the fall paving schedule and stated that bids are due on August 17. He expressed concern that due to fuel cost it may not be possible to re-surface all of the targeted streets.

August 28 was the date set for City Council members to tour city facilities.

Dr. Lazo commented that we experienced another great Fiddlers Convention.

On a unanimously approved motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.


Clerk


Mayor