

Galax City Council  
Minutes  
September 11, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety building on September 11, 2000, at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell recognized City Manager Dan Campbell for having received the Mount Rogers Planning District's Regional Service Award.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Van McCarter, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. Bill Dickerson and Odell Hamden were absent from the meeting.

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

This was the date duly advertised for a joint public hearing for the Galax City Council and the Planning Commission. Members of the Planning Commission present were C. M. Mitchell, Ray Kohl, Roger Martin, Ron Catron and Dan Rector. Anne Vaughan and Jim Adams were absent from the hearing.

Chairman of the Planning Commission Ron Catron presided at the hearing. He explained that the purpose of the hearing was to consider a rezoning request from Twin County HealthCare. The request was to rezone a specific piece of property (known as the Terry property) off of Glendale Road from R-3 to Business Medical 3. The proposed use is to use the house for non-medical offices - computer training and perhaps sleep studies. Mr. Catron opened the hearing to receive comments from the public. Mr. Jake Mink, an adjoining property owner, stated that he believed that anything that would help the hospital would help the citizens of Galax. No other comments were received and the public hearing was closed. The Planning Commission adjourned to another meeting room to consider a recommendation for Council.

Councilman McCarter motioned to accept the second reading of the ordinance to vacate an unconstructed alley and to approve said ordinance to allow for the construction of a farm supply building in the Meadow Street area. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that waterline bids for the Valley Street area had been received and opened. Following consideration of the bids, he recommended that Cherokee Construction Company be awarded the bid in the amount of \$103,204. Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the bid of Cherokee Construction Company. Councilman Wilson seconded the

motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell advised that some modifications need to be made to the current Business and Professional License ordinance. The current ordinance does not address penalties and legal action for businesses who do not conform to the ordinance. Councilman McCarter motioned to set the next meeting as a date to consider the proposed changes to the BPOL ordinance. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Because of general assembly action in deregulating electrical rates, some rate changes will affect the local level. Mr. Campbell advised that a public hearing on the proposed ordinance addressing the rate change would need to be held at Council's next regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, 2000. Following discussion of the proposed changes, Councilman McCarter motioned to advertise a public hearing on said ordinance for October 9, 2000. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell advised that Keith Martin has requested that Council consider adopting a bicycle helmet ordinance. Following discussion, it was decided that an ordinance at this time would not be necessary and it would also be difficult to enforce. Ways to increase bicycle and helmet safety were discussed. Councilman Wilson motioned to increase awareness of bicycle safety. Councilman Greene made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 7:58 the Planning Commission returned to the Council meeting. The Commission was recognized and Mr. Martin motioned to approve the Twin County HealthCare request to change the zoning of the Terry property from R3 to Business Medical 3. Mr. Rector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Council was advised that two terms on the Parks Commission were expiring. Mr. Campbell advised that Horace Cochran, the Moose representative does not wish to be reappointed but Bernie Rector will serve another term if Council so chooses. Councilman McCarter motioned to reappoint Bernie Rector to another term and to appoint Barney Holder as the Moose representative to the Commission. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell advised that Dr. Arnold had resigned from the Transportation Safety Commission and that he requested that Jeff Sharpe be appointed to replace him on the Commission. Councilman McCarter motioned to appoint Jeff Sharpe to the Transportation Safety Commission. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell reminded Council that the VML would be meeting in Arlington in October.

At 8:08 pm, Councilman Wilson motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344(A)(7) to discuss probable litigation of wastewater treatment operations. Councilman Greene made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman McCarter, Council unanimously returned to regular session.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman McCarter.

  
Mayor

Daniel T. Campbell  
Clerk



MOTION: Glenn Wilson

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(7)

SECOND: Willie Greene

MEETING DATE September 11, 2000

**CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

**VOTE**

AYES: Mitchell, Wilson, McCarter, Greene, Lemons

**NAYS:**

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Dickerson, Hamden

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Danielle J. Coplan  
Clerk of Galax City Council



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