

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
October 8, 2007

The Galax City Council convened in Council Chambers on October 8, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 7:35pm with all Councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle.

Vice-Mayor Greene prayed the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Greene motioned to accept the minutes as presented and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A public hearing and first reading of a proposed ordinance, *Historic Properties Tax Abatement Program*, was properly advertised for this date and time. City Manager Holland discussed the Program. Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open. A discussion ensued. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing closed. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the first reading of a proposed *Water and Sewer Use Ordinance*. This ordinance allows for setting a new policy on how base fees are set and new metering requirements for city utilities. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Judy Brannock from the Chamber of Commerce was present at tonight's meeting to give a report on "Smoke on the Mountain" and an update on Chamber activities and upcoming events.

Councilman Garner motioned to approve a resolution naming Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group as the professional Galax City Property Assessor. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to recommend to the Circuit Court that Ruth Hall, Sam Patton and David Wilson be appointed to serve on the Board of Equalization for the City of Galax. Councilman Davis made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman Garner and a second by Councilwoman Kyle, Barbara Baxley and Sandra Hankley were unanimously appointed to the Galax Parks and Recreation Board. Their terms will expire June 30, 2009.

Following a discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to approve a resolution allowing Police Chief Clark to receive financial assistance (\$26,000) from Rural Development to

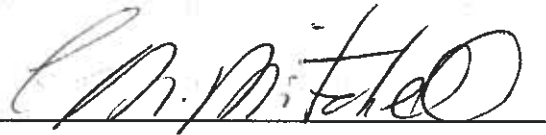
Following a discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to approve a resolution allowing Police Chief Clark to receive financial assistance (\$26,000) from Rural Development to apply to the purchase of new department vehicles. The purchase of these vehicles was approved in the 2007-08 city budget. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Clark discussed controlled deer harvesting in the city.

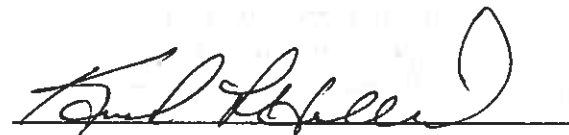
On a motion by Councilman Davis and a second by Councilman Greene, it was unanimously approved to set the week of November 26-30 for Fall Leaf pickup.

In observance of Veterans Day, Galax City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 13. This was approved by unanimous decision on a motion by Councilman Davis and a second by Councilwoman Kyle.

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



Mayor



Clerk