

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
October 13, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on October 13, 2003 at 7:30pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor with the following councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons. Van McCarter was absent from the meeting.

Councilwoman Plichta prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the second reading of the Transient Room Rental Tax ordinance and to approve the ordinance. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the \$.75 local tax on cell phones. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion. Councilpersons Hamden, Plichta, Mitchell, Valdez and Lemons each offered a yeay vote. Councilman Greene tendered a nay vote. The motion carried.

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the Dogs and Other Animals ordinance. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. Councilman Hamden pointed out that under the section related to goats there is a land size requirement. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that more time is needed for negotiating the contract for the construction of the Recreation Center project.

Councilman Hamden asked about the Bond Counsel services for the Recreation Center.. Following discussion, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept Webster Day's bond proposal. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Carried over from the last meeting was a discussion of the four hour parking in the downtown area. Tony Truitt, president of the Downtown Association, stated that the Downtown Association had met and that the consensus of the Association is to leave the four hour areas as they are. Stu Shank also spoke in favor of the four hour areas. Following a discussion, Councilman Valdez motioned to let the Downtown Association resolve any differences and that Council would review the situation again in six months. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously

approved.

Tim Brown from the Twin County Airport was present to discuss activities and projects at the airport.

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the By-Laws that have been adopted by the E-911 Commission. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Edwin Ward, City Engineer, gave a detailed report on the implementation of requirements for a permit to dispose of grease and oil. All city motor vehicle businesses that use grease or oil and food processing establishments will be required to secure a permit. He also discussed how this relates to the Capacity, Management, Maintenance and Operation Program (CMOM) that is being mandated. City Manager Campbell stated that this project has required a tremendous amount of work.

Leaf Collection Week was set for November 17-21, 2003.

Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt a resolution that appoints Gary Eanes as the City's General Appraiser. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell reminded Council that a Board of Equalization will need to be appointed.

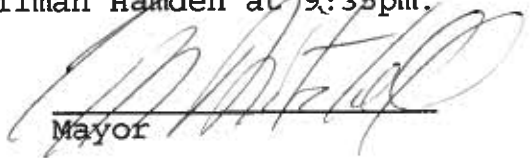
Councilman Lemons asked questions about the completion of the Trail and the Wonderknight project.

On a motion by Councilman Hamden and a second by Councilman Valdez, Council convened in an executive session as authorized in Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia.


Councilman Lemons motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Certificate 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 Hamden at 9:35pm.



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Mayor



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Clerk

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(3)

MOTION: Councilman Lemons

SECOND: Councilman Hamden

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2003

CERTIFICATION 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: Councilpersons Hamden, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, Valdez and Lemons

NAYS: None

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Van McCarter

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Van McCarter

Donald J. Camp  
Clerk of Galax City Council

