

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 8, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 8, 2004. The meeting was called to order in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:35pm with all Council members being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

Councilman Kirby prayed the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes of the October 11 and 25 meetings and to dispense with their reading. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Carried over from the last meeting was an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Todd Cannaday and Sylvia Richardson have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Commission. The following votes were tendered:

Sylvia Richardson

Mr. Greene
Mr. Valdez
Mrs. Kyle

Todd Cannaday

Mr. Mitchell
Mrs. Plichta
Mr. Kirby
Dr. Lazo

Mr. Cannaday was appointed to said Commission.

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented for approval. This document is an agreement between the City of Galax and Grayson County to jointly fund a Director of Economic Development position to serve both localities. Mr. Tom Elliott has been appointed to fill the director's position. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell introduced Mr. Elliott. Mr. Elliott talked about his professional background and then he outlined his priorities for attracting businesses and industries to the area.

Mayor Mitchell stated that he was excited to have Mr. Elliott employed and that he felt he would sustain economic development for our area.

Dr. David Johnson from the Crossroads Institute gave Council an update on the Crossroads project and requested that Council adopt A Resolution in Support of State Funding for the Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute. Councilman Greene motioned to adopt said Resolution. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that the TEA21 Grant Funding Contract for the Galax Trail Project would be presented at a future meeting.

Following discussion of an Interstate 74 Resolution, Dr. Lazo motioned to adopt said Resolution. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued related to the Twin County Airport Bylaws. No action was taken.

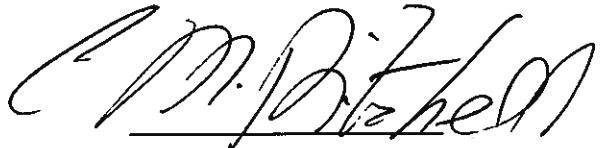
After discussing the parking congestion, and possible solution, on Murphy and Painter Streets, Councilman Kirby suggested that the Transportation Safety Commission study parking restriction from Oldtown Street to MacArthur Street.

City Manager Campbell presented the governor's holiday work schedule. Councilman Valdez motioned that the City adopt the same schedule. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that the regional governmental meeting has been set for December 2, 2004.

Council members discussed the 2004 statewide comparison of water and wastewater rates and all agreed that the City has some of the lower rates throughout the state.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8.25pm.



Mayor



Clerk