

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes  
November 24, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 24, 2003, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. In the absence of the mayor, the meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Willie Greene with the following councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, Willie Greene, George Valdez. Councilmen Mitchell and Lemons were absent from the meeting.

Vice Mayor Greene opened the meeting with a prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the bond issue for the Recreation Center improvements. City Manager Campbell outlined the information for the public hearing and advised that the bond issue would be up to two (2) million dollars. Mr. Campbell opened the public hearing. Councilman Hamden asked that Mr. Campbell explain how the bond money became available. With no further comments, the public hearing was declared closed. Following a discussion on the bond issue resolution titled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY OF GALAX, VIRGINIA, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS**, Councilman McCarter motioned to accept the resolution. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell advised that it is time for Equalization Board appointments and that the qualifications for serving on the Board have changed.

City Manager Campbell requested approval for the Regional Industrial Park By-Laws. He and Councilman Lemons serve on this Board. Councilman Hamden pointed out a typo in the document. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the document as presented. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Penny Mosley and Jeff Sebens were present to outline the proposed Chestnut Creek Art School and grant application and to request that the City be the fiscal agent for the project. Following a discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned that the City be the fiscal agent for the proposed project. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. Debbie Robinson, Director of Tourism, noted that the school would

provide a great potential for tourism.

City Manager Campbell provided an update of the flood assessment.

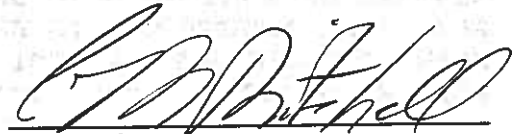
City Manager Campbell presented a **Resolution in Opposition to Natural Resource Funding Based on Fees**. After a discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion, on a **Resolution in Support of Tax Reform Commonwealth of Virginia** it was decided to table the approval of said resolution.

City Manager Campbell led a discussion on the Adelphia franchise. City Attorney Ward advised that because Adelphia is in bankruptcy litigation there are legal issues to be considered. Mr. Campbell will write a letter requesting legal clarification on the franchise.

Debbie Robinson, Director of Tourism, presented the Centennial Celebration Budget and requested \$10,000 to get the celebration project started. Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the request of \$10,000.00 for the project. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:54pm business matters were complete and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Manager