

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Meeting
November 24, 2008

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on November 24, 2008, at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb.

Mayor Mitchell presented a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Shawn Brooms who represented the Water Treatment Plant. This award came from maintaining optimum fluoride levels for 12 months in 2007.

City Manager Holland introduced Chris Young who is the city's new Information Technology & Network Administrator.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Councilman Webb prayed the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the minutes of the November 20th meeting and to dispense with reading of said minutes. Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following an outline of the Southern Rivers Grant by City Manager Holland, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve a resolution declaring City Council's intention to reimburse itself for expenses incurred during a project at the wastewater treatment facility including an equalization basin and sewer pump station and related construction and work. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a lengthy discussion on the options available for employee health insurance, Councilwoman Plichta motioned to select Option C. Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Webb motioned to set December 8 as the date for a public hearing on city charter amendments. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland informed Council that Councilwoman Plichta's term on the Mt. Rogers Community Mental Health and Retardation Services Board is expiring and she does not wish to be reappointed due to other commitments. Following discussion, Councilman Garner motioned to defer the appointment and to take measures to seek interested citizens to fill the vacancy. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to re-appropriate \$9,893 to the Department of Social Services. This is state reimbursed funds for software that wasn't delivered due to a vendor's broken contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City Manger Holland discussed a proposed Heritage Music Commission for the City. The purpose of the Commission would be to promote and preserve the musical heritage and sites of our area. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the concept of the commission. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion, it was decided that the School Board and City Council would join in a meeting on December 18 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to tour the newly renovated high school building and to discuss state revenues and budget cuts that may affect the school system's next year's budget.

Andrew Blackburn, a city resident, discussed concerns he is having with stray cats, restrictions on yard sale signs, and the need for a left turn lane off of Glendale Road onto Hospital Drive.

At 8:35pm, Councilman Greene motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia under Sections 2.2-3711 A.3 – Real Property and 2.2-3711 A.7 – Consultation with Legal Counsel. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

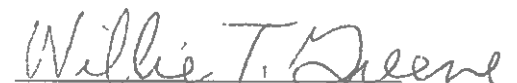
At 9:30pm, Councilman Garner motioned to return to regular session. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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.



Clerk


Mayor VICE MAYOR

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting Sections 2.2-3711 A.3 Real Property and 2.2-3711 A.7 – Consultation with Legal Counsel.

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Upon motion by Councilmember Greene seconded by Councilmember Plichta

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Subject matter _____ N/A _____

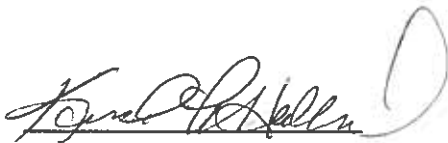
Departure _____ N/A _____

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Garner, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, Davis, Lazo, and Webb

Nays: None

This Certification Resolution was adopted November 24, 2008.



Clerk/City Manager



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