

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
December 9, 2002
Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in regular session December 9, 2002, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Greene at 7:35pm. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Sharon Plichta, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons. C. M. Mitchell and Van McCarter were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Lemons prayed an opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion of the water/wastewater rates revision, Councilman Lemons motioned to implement a rate increase to begin April, 2003 and to continue billing on a quarterly system. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At the last council meeting, City Attorney Ward was asked to review the E911 Bylaws and Agreement as they relate to the City. Mr. Ward advised that the Agreement adequately addresses the City's interest in the Agreement. He did make some suggestions for changes in the Bylaws. Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the Agreement and to defer action on the Bylaws until a later meeting. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that the IDA had met and approved the inducement resolution for Twin County Regional Healthcare, Inc. to pursue \$1,139,00 in tax-exempt financing through the Galax IDA. This money will be used for capital equipment ie. digital x-ray equipment. It was also stated that this financing would be no obligation to the city or the IDA.

Councilman Lemons motioned to approve a resolution endorsing the IDA's tax exempt financing for the Twin County Regional Healthcare updates. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. Councilpersons Plichta, Greene, Valdez and Lemons each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Hamden abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Each councilperson received a copy of the city's latest audit. City Manager Campbell advised that the city's auditor would be present at the next meeting to discuss any questions that might arise.

Council compensation was discussed. Further consideration will come before council at its next meeting.

Councilman Lemons motioned to cancel the next regularly scheduled Council meeting for December. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

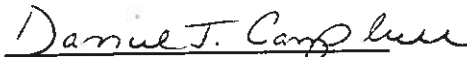
On a motion at 8:02pm by Councilman Lemons and a second by Councilwoman Plichta, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session as authorized in Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) - Discussion of proposed acquisition of real property for adult care facility project.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden 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 at 8:35pm.


Mayor


Clerk

MOTION: Councilwoamn Plichta

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

SECOND: Councilman Hamden

MEETING DATE: December 09, 2002

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: Plichta, Hamden, 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: Mitchell and McCarter

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Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council

