

Galax City Council  
Minutes  
December 10, 2007

The Galax City Council convened and was called to order on December 10, 2007 in the Council Chambers at 7:32pm. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle. Willie Greene was absent.

Councilwoman Kyle motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland advised that three terms on the Planning Commission are expiring and that they were advertised in *The Gazette*. He stated that the three members whose terms are expiring have expressed an interest in being reappointed and that Odell Hampton is also interested. Following a discussion, Ruth Hall, Ron Catron, and Jim Adams were each reappointed to serve terms that will end June 30, 2011.

\*Councilman Greene arrived at 7:45pm.

David Hankley, Commissioner of the Revenue, discussed the recently completed real estate reassessment for the City and the process of appeal through the Board of Equalization. He advised that Sam Patton, Ruth Hall and David Wilson will be the members of the Board of Equalization.

Mr. Hankley also discussed making changes in the formula that is used for determining tax relief for the elderly.

City Manager Holland discussed a *Southern Rivers Water Quality Improvement Grant*. He advised that the city had received a \$20,000 grant from MRPDC and \$20,000 from DHCD. These monies will be used to perform a preliminary engineering report for upgrades and improvements to the Mill Creek sewer interceptor and a possible equalization basin.

Councilman Kirby motioned to adopt a proclamation recognizing Vaughan-Bassett for a 1-4-1 program for reforestation. This means for every tree they cut a new one will be planted. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:07pm, Councilman Greene motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711 A.3 – Acquisition of real property for public purpose; the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County's or Town's bargaining or negotiating position.

Councilman Garner motioned to return to regular session. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Certificate of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

While back in regular session Councilman Kirby motioned to go into executive session under §2.2-3711 A.1 of the Code of Virginia – Candidates for employment, the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, discipline, salaries, compensation, or resignation of employees. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved

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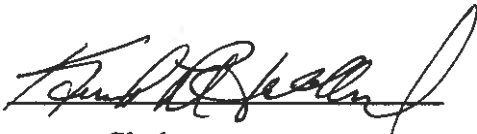
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With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk