

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 11, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on December 11, 2000, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:30 p.m. with the following council members present: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. Bill Dickerson was absent from the meeting.

Police Chief Melton introduced a recently hired police officer, Jeffrey Ross. Chief Melton noted that Officer Ross was the recipient of the "Director's Award" while in training at the Police Academy.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve a fee in the amount of \$2,731, as a line item, to VML for contract negotiation due to electric deregulation. Councilman Wilson offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to recommend to the circuit court judge the appointment of Tommy Dotson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the Regional Dispatch Center resolution as presented. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to appoint City Manager Campbell, Councilmen Lemons and Wilson to the newly established Regional Industrial Development Committee. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Nicely and Mr. Matthews, representatives from Goodwill Industries, was present at tonight's meeting to ask that Council pass a resolution approving the purchase of two tracts of land near the Wal-Mart property on East Stuart Drive. This property will be used for the construction of a new Goodwill facility. Following a discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned to pass said resolution. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

City Manager Campbell advised that the signalization project on East Stuart Drive has been delayed until the end of January because of a delay in the delivery of the mast arms and poles.

Councilman Wilson motioned to reappoint Ron Catron to another

term on the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.
Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to notify the realty company that is handling the sale of the old post office building, that the city is not interested in purchasing the building. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to cancel the second council meeting scheduled in December. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

City Manager Campbell advised that the Valley Street waterline project is completed and also reminded council members of the City Employee Christmas dinner scheduled for December 16.

Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.1-344.1-(A)
Discussion of Personnel - City Treasurer and Director of Finance positions.

Councilman Hamden motioned to return to regular session.
Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

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

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Hamden at 9:25 pm.



Mayor

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk

MOTION: Councilman Hamden

CODE SECTION:2.1-344.1-(A)

SECOND: Councilman Wilson

MEETING DATE:12/11/2000

CERTIFICATE 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: Councilmen Mitchell, Wilson, Hamden, McCarter, Greene and Lemons

NAYS:

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman Dickerson

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman Dickerson

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council

