

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
December 22, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on December 22, 2003, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the mayor with all council members present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons.

Councilman Valdez prayed the opening prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the following qualified persons to serve on the Equalization Board and they are as listed: Ruth Hall, Sam Patton, David Wilson and Ford Greer. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Charles Kleinke addressed Council with concerns he has about the rates increase with Adelphia Cable. He does not believe they are fair or just. Following a discussion, Councilman Hamden pointed out that the City has very little legal power in controlling the rates increase.

Director of Tourism Debbie Robinson had requested \$1500 for a hotel feasibility study. This study will be coordinated through Virginia Tech. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to support the study. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that the apparent low bidder for the Recreation project is James R. Vannoy & Sons with a contract amount of \$3,562,000.00. Following a discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the bid from Vannoy Construction. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it received unanimous approval.

City Manager Campbell stated that the school composite index had gone from .3378 to .3239. This decrease in the index means that more state money will be allotted to the local school division.

Mr. Campbell reminded Council that a flu report from Dr. Smith was included in the packet.

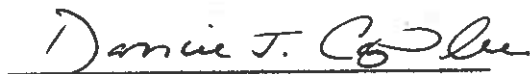
Due to the resignation of Councilman Hamden from the District III Board another council member needs to be appointed to fill his term. Councilman Lemons motioned to postpone the appointment until a latter meeting. Councilman McCarter offered a second to

the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Other items discussed were a Stormwater Assessment meeting; recent snow removal costs; report from the Police Department; and the new health insurance carrier - Anthem. Councilman Hamden strongly objects to the costs associated with health insurance.

With no further business to be considered, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:22pm.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk