

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Greene called the meeting to order with the following Council persons present and they are as listed: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

Councilman Warr prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL ACTION

City Manager, Barry N. Moore, recognized Kevin Hooven, for his outstanding service as a Maintenance Technician at the Galax Wastewater Plant. Mr. Hooven has been a City of Galax employee for over 23 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Haynes made the motion to approve the November 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Vice Mayor White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of "yea": Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

OLD BUSINESS

Rosenwald Felts School Building Update

Barry N. Moore gave a brief update on the requirements for the former school building to be added to the National Registry of Historical Places. He said we were pressing forward on the matter hoping for good news in the near future.

Twin County Recovery Court

Representative from TCRC gave an informative overview of their program at the November meeting. A discussion will continue with the representatives at a future Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

William Bottomley, High Country Lights

Mr. Bottomley gave an update on the High-Country Light Show at Felts Park for the 2022 season. He said that it was a big hit with everyone and people came from many locations to visit the light show. He said Santa arriving by helicopter was the highlight of the season. Mr. Bottomley thanked the City for their support.

Wytheville Community College – Board Appointment

Barry N. Moore informed Council that Dr. Dean Sprinkle, President of WCC requested for City Council to appoint a citizen of the City of Galax to fill the unexpired term of Roger Perez. The term will expire on 6-3-22. There was a consensus to advertise the vacancy and make an appointment at the January meeting.

Mount Rogers PDC Rural Technical Committee "RTC" Board Appointment

Mr. Moore informed Council of a request from MRPDC Rural Technical Committee in seeking a membership appointment after the absence of Charles Joyce, who was retiring the end of December. Mr. Moore explained the

Councilman Larrowe

- Previewed agenda items on upcoming 12-15-22 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting
- Workforce Development Board
 - Youth-Build Program
 - Discussion of Recovery-Ready Region
 - Strategic Planning
 - On-The-Job Training & Apprenticeships
- District Three
 - Local Utilization Improvement
 - Farm Fresh Coupon Books Senior Program – Coupons accepted at Galax Farmer’s Market
- BRCEDA
 - Wildwood Discussion
 - Strategic Planning
- Galax Development Corporation
 - Vaughan Restoration Group
 - Development Team Met 9-19-22 with VA Dept. of Historic Resources
 - Potential for Kipling Lane Development
 - Update on Developer/Optionee progress
 - Small Area Plan Update Draft – Discussion
 - Tax Exempt Status Filed
 - Establishment of Bank Accounts
- Galax Volunteer Fire Department
 - GVFD Length of Service Award Plan draft received

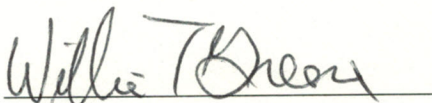
Mayor Greene

- CPMT (Dept. of Soc. Service)
- Grants & Scholarships at Crossroads Meeting
- Airport Commission Meeting
- SEC Meeting (DSS Program) in Richmond
- Enjoyed Christmas Parade, Lights, & Christmas Festival

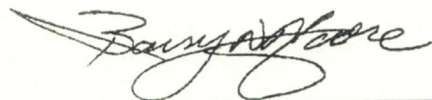
ADJOURN

With no further business or comments, Vice Mayor White made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Ritchie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Henck.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk