

Galax City Council
Called Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2023

Galax City Council convened in a called closed meeting in the City Council Chamber area on February 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:03 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, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

Councilwoman Ritchie, and Councilman Larrowe requested to join the meeting via phone. Mayor Greene asked the reason for their absence and where they were located. He approved their request to join.

Vice Mayor White delivered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Greene accepted a motion made by Councilman Henck at 1:05 p.m. to enter into closed session under the following Codes of Virginia:

Personnel Matter – § 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.

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.

At 1:15 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Greene certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia code section were discussed and no action was taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Warr, Councilman Larrowe, and Councilman Henck.

Mayor Greene announced that due to City Manager, Barry Moore’s recent absence regarding a personal matter, Council was in agreement to offer a contract to former City Manager, Keith Barker. Mr. Barker will serve as Interim/Acting City Manager in Mr. Moore’s absence. There was discussion of the contract which will be eligible to renew after 30 days with an option to extend if needed. Mr. Barker informed Council that after his retirement, he said that if the City ever needed his assistance, he would be glad to help. Mayor Greene noted Council’s appreciation of Mr. Barker’s willingness to serve the City of Galax in this capacity.

Vice Mayor White made the motion to approve contract and hiring of Keith Barker as Interim/Acting City Manager. Councilman Warr seconded the motion and it was approved by the following votes of “yea”: Mayor Greene, Vice Mayor White, Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Ritchie, Councilman Larrowe, Councilman Warr, and Councilman Henck.

Councilman Henck excused himself from the meeting at 1:15 p.m. due to a previously scheduled event.

Mayor Greene declared the meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT at 1:35 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk