

## GALAX CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes

March 12, 2012

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on March 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following council persons present and they are as listed: Mayor Mitchell, Vice-Mayor Greene, Councilman Garner, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta, and Councilman Lazo. Councilwoman Crouse was not present.

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

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 27, 2012. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

At 7:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Plichta to enter into closed **Closed Session - 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.

At 7:40 p.m. Councilwoman Crouse arrived to meeting.

At 7:45 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Mitchell certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia Code section were discussed and no action taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea and Councilman Lazo.

Mayor Mitchell asked that each councilmember place their vote for each school board candidate. Ray Kohl received 6 votes, Helen Kyle received 7 votes, and Jerrold Bennett received 1 vote. Mayor Mitchell recognized Ray Kohl and Helen Kyle as being reappointed to the Galax City School Board for the term beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

This is the date that had been set as the public hearing to for a budget amendment to the FY2012 budget. Ms. Taylor-Gallimore presented a budget amendment to address the grants received during FY2012, as well as some other additions to the FY2012 budget. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing, after hearing no comments he declared the public hearing closed. Councilman Webb motioned to adopt the FY2012 budget amendment as presented for the total amendment of \$ 2,580,075 and which increased the overall budget to \$ 15,967,333. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene -yea, Councilman Garner -yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea and Councilman Lazo.

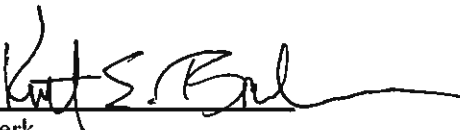
This is the date that had been set as the public hearing to add a project to the VDOT 6-year projects for Galax. Keith Barker informed council that with the reallocation of funds from the Glendale Road Project, staff was able to plan for additional projects in Galax over the last 3 years. With the completion of some, and near completion of others, there is still a surplus of funds (\$1,876,088) that

can be put towards ongoing projects. As part of the Bottom Area Project, the storm water work is estimated at \$1,141,500. Staff is budgeting \$474,000 from DHCD CDBJ funds, \$167,500 from City force account and VDOT yearly maintenance funds and would request that \$500,000 be allocated from the 6-year funds for the project. This will still provide a fund in excess of \$1,000,000 to move forward with other transportation needs. Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing, after hearing no comments he declared the public hearing closed. City Council was asked to approve a resolution and adopt the Bottom Area Storm Improvements Project as a 6-year VDOT project. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner –yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilwoman Crouse–yea and Councilman Lazo.

Keith Barker requested council to adopt a resolution which will petition VDOT to add the Creekview Road to the city's secondary streets that receive maintenance funds. In the review for the VDOT funding of the Albany industries Economic Development Access Road Project, VDOT made staff aware that Creekview Road is not listed on the City streets receiving VDOT maintenance funds. This will correct this matter. Councilman Webb motioned to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene –yea, Councilman Garner –yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilwoman Crouse–yea and Councilman Lazo.

Keith Barker presented a draft policy and resolution with the intent to develop a policy whereby the city can dispose of surplus property on a timely and routine basis rather than the one time a year auction typically held. Following a discussion council requested that staff post notices on the city website and bulletin board notifying the public of the GovDeals sight. Vice Mayor Greene motioned to adopt the resolution. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice-Mayor Greene –yea, Councilman Garner –yea, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilwoman Crouse–yea and Councilman Lazo.

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor