

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
February 8, 2010

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on February 8, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

At 7:35 Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following council persons present and they are as listed: Councilman Lazo, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Greene, Councilman Davis and Councilman Webb.

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

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 25, 2010. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Ken McFadyen, Entrepreneurial Director for BRCEDA presented Council with a proclamation for National Entrepreneurship Week, February 21-27, 2010 and asked that it be adopted. He spoke about the proclamation and also informed council of activities he has been involved with on behalf of BRCEDA. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the proclamation. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Judy Brannock of the Twin County Chamber of Commerce presented information on the NC Motor Coach Association. This is an effort by the Chamber of Commerce, GDA and the City to recruit day tours, weekend planners, etc. from different bus/tour companies to our area. Our portion of the costs for participating in the event was \$400 and will be paid out of the Tourism budget. Randy Kegley presented Council with a 5 minute DVD presentation showing what was presented to the Motor Coach Association.

The MRPDC has requested that the City appoint someone to serve on the Transportation Rural Technical Committee. The term would expire December 2011. They also request that an alternate be named. Charlie Joyce, Public Works Director has been contacted, and if Council approves, agrees to sit on this Committee. An alternate has not been identified yet. Councilman Webb motioned to appoint Charlie Joyce to the committee. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Keith Barker informed Council that 2 seats are coming open on the Galax School Board. Council was asked to schedule a public hearing for February 22, 2010 for purposes of receiving comments from candidates interested in the seats. Appointments are typically made at the next

scheduled meeting which will be March 8. Councilman Davis motioned to schedule the public hearing for February 22, 2010. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Keith Barker asked that Council set February 22, 2010 as a public hearing for a mid-year FY10 Budget Amendment. The main purpose of this amendment will be to address comments by the auditors to remove pass through funding we currently show for various agencies where we act as fiscal agent only. Other line items throughout the budget will also be addressed including some costs and revenues within the utility budget. It is anticipated that we will bring a final budget amendment to council at a date closer to the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Davis motioned to schedule the public hearing on February 22, 2010. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Councilman Lazo-yea, Councilman Plichta-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Mayor Mitchell, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Davis-yea, and Councilman Webb-yea.

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. Chuck Riedhammer, Tourism Director, asked to speak briefly, and updated Council on the Crooked Road being named one of the Top 12 Distinctive Destinations by the National Historic Trust.

At 8:09 p.m., motion was made by Mayor Mitchell to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Plichta.

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Mayor

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Clerk