

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 28, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on February 28, 2000. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Willie Greene and Mary Guynn. John Turbyfill was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that two seats on the school board will be expiring. Ms. Galyen does not wish to be reappointed. Mr. Kohl would like to be reappointed for another term. Mrs. Karen Loftin and Mrs. Theresa Lazo have each expressed a desire to be appointed to the school board. Each candidate addressed Council with reasons why they would like to serve on the school board. Appointments will be made at the March 13, 2000 meeting.

This was the date set for the second reading of the Landscape Maintenance Ordinance. Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance and to adopt said ordinance. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to carry over to the next meeting appointments to the New River RC and D Plan Committees. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Emily Whitworth from the Center Street Arts discussed programs and future plans for the Center and asked Council to consider some funding in next year's budget for the organization.

City Manager Campbell outlined the city budget work schedule. Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the schedule as presented. Councilman Greene made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt a Fair Housing Resolution. Councilwoman Guynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. This resolution will assist in meeting a requirement of the Virginia Housing and Community Development relating to grant funding.

Following discussion of a proposed passenger rail service to connect the Bristol area to Richmond and Washington DC, Councilwoman Guynn motioned to support the TransDominion Resolution which endorses said rail service. Councilman McCarter made a

second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. Councilman Hamden initiated a discussion as to how valuable the service would be to local citizens.

John Adams, engineer from Adams-Heath, presented an update on the engineering design for the Hampton property. He advised that the Virginia Department of Health is requiring additional off-site engineering work which will require an addendum to the contract that the city has with his firm. The addendum is in the amount of \$8,800. Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the addendum. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of a water plant contract, Councilman Wilson motioned to approve a contract with Steve Martin Trenching in the amount of \$23,900. Councilwoman Guynn made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

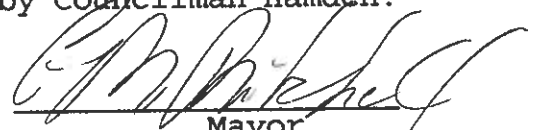
Councilwoman Guynn stated that she would not be seeking another term on Council and she hoped her not running would inspire some one to run for her vacated seat. She was most complimentary of the city manager stating that he is the best manager a city could hope to have.

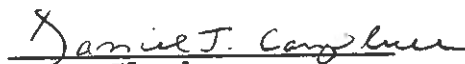
At 8:28 pm, Councilwoman Guynn motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Virginia Code Section 2.1-344-A-1 - School Board Appointments. Councilman Hamden made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:20 pm on a motion by Councilman Hamden.


Mayor


Clerk

MOTION: Mary Guynn

CODE SECTION: 2.1-344(A)(1)
School Board Appointments

SECOND: Odell Hamden

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

WHEREAS, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

VOTE

AYES: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Mary Guynn and Willie Greene

NAYS: ^{None}
(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: John Turbyfill

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Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk of Galax City Council

