

## GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

March 27, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on March 27, 2000. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mitchell. The following councilpersons were 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 Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Members of Council were advised that two bids were received for the traffic signalization project at the intersection of East Stuart Drive and Country Club Lane. The bids were from Richardson Wayland Electrical Corporation in the amount of \$118,409.55 and Gencor & Associates in the amount of \$112,640.00. Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the lowest bid in the amount of \$112,640.00. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. Councilman Hamden commented that the cost for installation of the traffic light was unbelievable. The motion received unanimous approval.

Superintendent of Galax City Public Schools Sam Cook presented the 2000-01 School Budget. After reviewing the budget he requested that it be approved as a lump sum in the amount of \$8,736,247.00 with the city's share being \$2,820,782.00 of the total amount.

Shawn Veltman from Olver, Inc. was present at tonight's meeting to discuss in detail the Alternative Water Source Study that he had done for the city. He provided each council member with complete copies of the study and findings and an executive summary of the project.

Chief Melton was present to discuss the Galax Transportation Committee Report of its last meeting. The No Left Turn on Red recommendation was discussed at length as well as the storage lane for Wal-Mart. Council requested that the committee look at other alternatives to the problems. Councilman Hamden stated that he had received concerns regarding trucks making improper lane changes and asked that this be controlled with enforcement.

Marcus Kuhn asked that he be replaced on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Virginia EMS Council with Dr. Scott Wright. Councilman Hamden motioned to appoint Dr. Wright to replace Marcus Kuhn on the EMS Council. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that John Turbyfill has tendered his resignation from Council due to a change in employment responsibilities. He further advised the Charter calls for an appointment to fill an unexpired term to be made within thirty (30) days.

Members of Council were reminded of the Budget Work Session to be held on April 1.

Councilman Hamden stated that he had been approached about the discharge from the incinerator on Glendale Road and that he is grossly unhappy about the discharge and the effects it is having on the residents of the area. City Manager Campbell explained that it is a DEQ air permitting matter and it has been an ongoing problem. Mr. Hamden requested that he again contact DEQ about the matter stating that it is a real concern for Galax City Council.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Daniel J. Campbell  
Clerk

C. P. Mitchell  
Mayor