

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 22, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:30 pm on May 22, 2000. The meeting was called to order by the mayor with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Van McCarter, Odell Hamden, Willie Greene and Mary Guynn. Glenn Wilson and Bill Dickerson were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the minutes as distributed and to dispense with the reading. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed Real Property Tax Increase. Mayor Mitchell explained the increase of approximately 5%. He advised that the current tax rate is \$.79 per \$100.00 of assessed value which will be reduced to \$.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value. The property tax increase is due to the property reassessment which increased property values. Overall, a 5% tax increase will result eventhough the rate is being reduced to \$.76. No comments were received from the public or members of council and the hearing was declared closed by Mayor Mitchell.

This date and time has been advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2000-2001 City Budget in the amount of \$11,330,150.00. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed. City Manager Campbell advised that he did not receive any comments relating to the proposed budget following its advertisement.

City Manager Campbell proposed some operational changes for the Recycling Center such as the hours and days of operation; require all users to sign a log stating name, address, and materials to be recycled; provide a confidential user suggestion box to make suggestions for operational improvements at the center; and requesting a reduction in the rental fees for the building. Councilwoman Guynn motioned to accept the city manager's recommendations and have the city manager report back to council in four months on the effectiveness of the changes. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman McCarter and a second by Councilman Greene, Council unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Southwest Regional Enterprise Center's \$51,915 application to the Regional Competitiveness Program.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the summer meeting schedule which would be the second Monday of June, July, August and September unless a called meeting becomes necessary. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

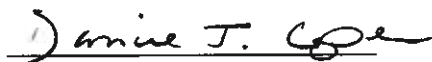
Councilman Hamden reminded council of its presence at the Galax High School graduation.

City Manager Campbell reminded members of Council of the orientation at Galax Middle School and the foster care dinner on Thursday evening.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Hamden.



Mayor



Clerk