

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2000

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on August 14, 2000 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following councilmen were present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, and Johnny Lemons. Those absent were Van McCarter, Willie Green and Bill Dickerson.

Councilman Wilson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes from the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was approved.

At 7:35pm Councilman McCarter arrived.

This was the date and time duly advertised to receive public comment on the vacation of a public alley. This alley is between Meadow and Givens Streets. It was noted that the adjoining property owners had been notified and that a sewer easement had been identified. The public hearing was declared open. With no comment received, the hearing was closed. On a motion by Councilman Hamden and a second it was unanimously approved to enact a vacation ordinance and consider the first reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

This was the date set for a final reading of the Tattoo Parlor Ordinance. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the Tattoo Parlor Ordinance as presented and to approve its second reading. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jack Gardin from the Mt. Rogers Planning District and representatives from engineering and consulting firms were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the results of a regional water study and to request that Council appoint someone to a working committee to develop a regional operational plan. Following a discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to take the request under advisement. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Wally Cline from the Mt. Rogers Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services was present at tonight's meeting to ask for approval of the Board's FY 2001 Performance Contract with the Commonwealth. Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the 2001 Performance Contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed the need to proceed with the Valley Street Water Line upgrade. This line will run from the pumping station near East Stuart Drive to the intersection of Valley and Clover Streets and is designed to cross East Stuart Drive near Wendy's. The purpose of the project is to provide Partridge Street residents with public

water and to improve the quality and quantity of the water for the entire area near the hospital.

Councilman Wilson motioned to accept Mr. Campbell's recommendation to proceed with the waterline upgrade and to send letters to VDOT and area legislators letters stating the City's objections in delaying the Glendale Road construction project. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Kathy Price, Director of Tourism, presented her quarterly report.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve a VDOT Resolution that requests that VDOT bring David Ridge Road and Hollytree Court, in Deerhaven Estates, into the City's street maintenance program. Councilman Wilson made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the property subdivision of the Cora Cole estate on Fries Road. Councilman Hamden made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden noted that the city had received the transportation grant in the amount of \$200,000 dollars and that he appreciated the efforts of those who had done the application. He also mentioned that Susan Clark, from Social Services, should be commended for controlling the costs of the CSA.

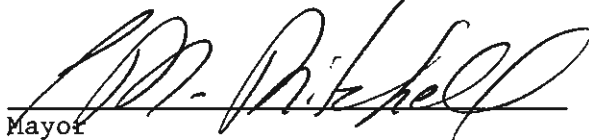
Mr. Hamden also expressed his disapproval of mown grass being blown in the streets and cigarettes butts being thrown down on the streets and roadsides. He stated that he would like to have an ordinance against the grass being in the streets and that citizens should be reminded not to throw cigarette butts onto public right of way.

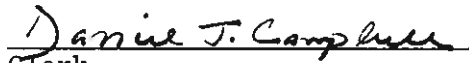
There was a question about when the creek bank would be mowed. Mr. Campbell advised that the mowing had been a project for the inmates from the Pulaski Correctional Unit and that he hoped they could mow it this fall.

Mayor Mitchell scheduled a city facilities tour for councilmen on August 28 at 5:30 pm.

Councilman Lemons stated that "Hughey", Mr. Hugh Adkins, was doing a good job for the city and that Downtown Fiddlefest was well organized and carried out.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Wilson.


Mayor


Clerk