

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
June 11, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on June 11, 2001, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:30 pm. with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. Councilmen Wilson and Valdez were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Lemons motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as distributed. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the 2001-2002 tax rates as follows:

- Real Estate \$0.76 per \$100 based on 100% assessment
- Personal Property \$1.42 per \$100 based on 100% assessment
- Machinery & Tools \$1.42 per \$100 based on 50% assessment
- Bank Stock 80% of state rate of franchise tax

Councilman Lemons offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to adopt the 2001-2002 City Budget in the amount of \$13,872,743. This budget will be met with state and local funds. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the 2001-2002 Social Services budget with a total of \$1,289,772. Of that amount \$169,938 will come from local funds. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the Comprehensive Services Act total budget of \$168,500 with \$52,730 coming from local monies. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate the Social Services Budget and the Comprehensive Services Act budget for 2001-2002. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the second reading of the revised E911 Ordinance. Councilman Lemons offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. This ordinance allows for an increase in the monthly charge from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

A discussion ensued about a partial street closing of the T. George Vaughan Road. Vaughan Furniture plans an expansion of their buildings and in order to accommodate the construction a portion of the road needs to be closed. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, whose residence

will be affected by the closing, are opposed to the street being closed. Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the first reading of said ordinance to close a portion of the T. George Vaughan Road. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion. Councilman Lemons stated that he hoped an understanding could be worked out between the Hammonds and Vaughan Furniture representatives. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman McCarter motioned to appoint Councilman Hamden to another term of the District Three Board and Zack Kyle as his alternate. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

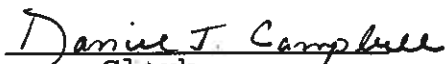
Following a discussion on a request from VML for \$3,100 to be used for negotiations with American Electric Power, Councilman McCarter motioned to fund the request in the amount of \$3,100. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that he had just received an application to close Gray Street which is an unconstructed street between Long Street and West Avenue. Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the application and schedule a public hearing to receive comments from the public on the vacation of Gray Street. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

At 8:02pm the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Lemons.



Mayor



Clerk