

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Meeting
July 9, 2001

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on July 9, 2001, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with the following councilmen present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Glenn Wilson, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, George Valdez, Johnny Lemons, and Willie Greene*.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 11th and July 2nd meetings as distributed and to dispense with their reading. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the closing of a portion of Gray Street which is unconstructed. Larry Edwards has requested this abandonment so he can construct duplex apartments. Attorney Caudell advised that adjoining property owners had signed consents agreeing to the closing of said street. Mr. Edwards advised that he proposed to build three duplex units which will be targeted for the elderly.

* Councilman Greene arrived at 7:49 pm.

City Manager Campbell opened the public hearing and called for comments. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Mr. Campbell advised that the Ordinance of Vacation was hand delivered to this meeting.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the first reading of the Ordinance of Vacation for the unconstructed Gray Street. Councilman McCarter made a second to the motion. A discussion of the location of the entrance to the property ensued which was followed by unanimous approval.


Following a discussion of the partial closing of the T. George Vaughan Road, Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the second reading of the Ordinance of Vacation. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion. Councilman Hamden stated that the road should not be closed until the deed is recorded. Councilman Lemons questioned if a time limit should be placed on the road closing. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the city to remove, repair or secure neglected buildings and to charge the owner with any charges incurred. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wilson motioned to adopt the Section 148-2 Ordinance. Councilman McCarter made a ~~second~~ second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reviewed the bids for the two wastewater projects. He advised that Steve Martin had the lowest bid for the Ballards Branch Sewer Shed Improvements in the amount of \$667,928.00. William G. Simmons turned in the lowest bid for the Chlorine Contact Tank project in the amount of \$264,000. He further stated that the bids were within budget. Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the bids as presented. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Lemons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.



Mayor

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk