

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
Minutes
February 25, 2002

The Galax City Council convened and was called to order in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on February 25, 2002, at 7:40 pm. *Councilman McCarter was absent; all other councilmen were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Glenn Wilson, C. M. Mitchell, George Valdez, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons.

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.

*Councilman McCarter arrived at 7:43 pm.

Attorney "Marty" Parks addressed council with information related to the vacation of an unconstructed alley off of Main Street and adjacent to Blevins Building Supply.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing to receive comments on the vacation of the alley. There were no comments and the hearing was declared closed. Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the first reading of the Ordinance of Vacation of the unconstructed alley. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion on the traffic control problem at the intersection of Lafayette and Oldtown Streets, Councilman Lemons motioned to reactivate the signal light at said intersection and to remove the other signal lights that were involved in the traffic study. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Councilmen McCarter, Wilson, Mitchell, Valdez, Greene and Lemons each offered a yea vote. Councilman Hamden cast an opposing vote.

The request was made to paint a stop bar and the word **Stop** at the affected intersections.

Dr. Alexander, president of Wytheville Community College, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update on programs at the college and she outlined the activities and new programs at the Galax Education Center.

City Manager Campbell discussed the proposed Southwest Regional Enterprise Center and asked Council for its approval to serve as a co-applicant for funding through the US Economic Development Administration. The funding would be used for property acquisition and construction of a business incubator and learning/training center that will serve our region. Following a discussion, Councilman Wilson motioned to authorize the city

manager to execute the cover page and be a co-applicant for the funding process. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook, school superintendent, was present at tonight's meeting to request that Council approve a revision to the 2001-2002 school budget. Following an answer to Councilman Hamden's question, Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the revised budget. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time set for persons interested, in filling the expiring term of Susie Garner, to express their interest in being appointed to the Galax City School Board. Mrs. Garner stated that she would like to serve another term. Jim Matney and Harold Nelson each expressed a desire to serve on said board.

City Manager Campbell reviewed the purpose of the Regional Industrial Authority and advised that two appointments needed to be made to said Authority. Following a discussion, City Manager Campbell and Councilman Lemons were appointed to the Authority on a motion by Councilman McCarter. Councilmen Hamden, McCarter, Mitchell, Wilson, Valdez, and Greene each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Lemons abstained.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson and a second by Councilman Hamden, Greg Adkins was unanimously reappointed to serve another term on the Workforce Investment Board.

Following review of the Budget Schedule, Councilman Wilson motioned to accept the schedule as presented. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to go into Executive Session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) Discussion of candidates for appointment of school board. The motion received a second and then unanimous approval.

Councilman Wilson motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2002

MOTION: Councilman Wilson

SECOND: Councilman Hamden

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

Whereas, the City Council of Galax has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3711(A) (1) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Galax City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galax City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting at which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Galax City Council.

VOTE

AYES: Councilmen Hamden, Wilson, Mitchell, Valdez, Greene and Lemons

NAYS: None

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Councilman McCarter

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Councilman McCarter

Daniel T. Campbell
Clerk
Galax City Council

