

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
May 13, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on May 13, 2002 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the vice mayor at 7:35 pm. The following councilmen were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Glenn Wilson, George Valdez, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. C. M. Mitchell was out of town and absent from the meeting.

Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the minutes as distributed and to dispense with their reading. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for the adoption of the 2002-2003 Galax City School Budget. Councilman McCarter motioned to adopt said budget with the total amount being \$9,123,417. Of that total, \$3,243,307 will be in local funds. Councilman Lemons offered a second to the motion. Mr. Cook expressed his appreciation for Council's support of the budget. Following Mr. Cook's comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that Mr. Blevins had met the Planning Commission's requirements for rezoning his property on Main Street and had approved his rezoning request. Councilman McCarter motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to advertise for a public hearing on the City's proposed 2002-2003 budget. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan Clark, local Social Services Director, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss Foster Care and Adult Protective Services.

Chief of Police Clark was present and discussed a proposed Certified Crime Prevention Community Program. Councilman McCarter motioned to adopt a resolution of participation for the program. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion. A discussion ensued and Councilman McCarter and Councilman Greene withdrew their motion to allow the police department more time in getting the preliminary work done for the program.

Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt a resolution in support of EMS Week being observed May 19-25. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Members of Council were reminded that the next Council meeting would be May 28. Councilman Lemons stated that the city's

anniversary is four years away and he hopes the city will begin planning for this event.

Councilman Lemons expressed his appreciation to Councilman Hamden for his efforts in getting the question of abolishing the treasurer's office on the May ballot.

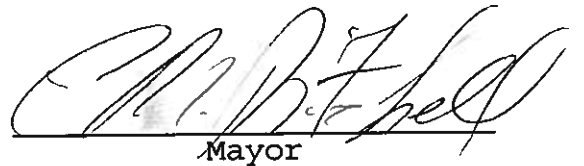
Attorney Alan Caudell questioned why the Ralph Patton Conditional Use request was not on the agenda. City Manager Campbell advised that he was not aware of any action to be taken by City Council or if Council could act on the request. A discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the Planning Commission minutes states that the request had been denied and that there was not action scheduled to be taken by Council.

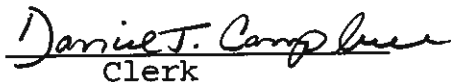
Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) - Discussion pertaining to actual wastewater operations litigation. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons 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 pm.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk