

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
October 14, 2002

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on October 14, 2002, at 7:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by the mayor with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons.

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the opening prayer.

Councilman McCarter motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to accept them as presented. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell led a discussion on the draft ordinance related to **Poolrooms and Places of Amusement**. Following a period of questions and discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned that a first reading of said ordinance be recorded. More discussion ensued after which Councilman McCarter seconded the motion. Upon further discussion Councilman Lemons amended the motion to set closing time at 10pm Sunday night through Thursday night any time school is in session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute (CREI). This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties who will be responsible for this CDBG project.

Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell gave an update on the CREI project and explained the City's role as a CDBG recipient and EDA co-applicant.

City Manager Campbell advised that Corbin Stone CPA, from the City's auditing firm, had advised that the City needs to approve an adjusting appropriation to the 2001-2002 general fund budget in the amount of \$394,436.65. Councilman Hamden motioned to appropriate \$394,436.65 additional monies to the 2001-2002 general fund budget. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief of Police Clark brought several points of interest and quarterly statistics to the attention of council members. He also discussed enacting an ordinance in which our locality would allow property owners to designate the local police as their agents to forbid a person from being on, remain on or go onto the

property of the owner. Councilman McCarter motioned to draft said ordinance. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons initiated a discussion related to the purchase of a Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Sweeper. Following the discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned to purchase the \$33,000 machine. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of the yearly Leaf Collection schedule, Councilman Lemons motioned to set the dates for November 18-26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greene and unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman McCarter and a second by Councilman Greene and unanimous approval, the first council meeting for November was moved to November 12, 2002. This change was made due to the observance of **Veterans Day**.

City Manager Campbell reminded Council of the information that they had received on the proposed adjustments for water and wastewater rates.

Councilman Hamden stated that there would be a large item trash pickup in the spring.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.



Mayor



Daniel J. Campbell
City Manager