

GALAX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 28, 2003 at 7:30pm. The mayor called the meeting to order in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. All councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons.

Councilman Hamden prayed the opening prayer and then he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman McCarter motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell advised that there was no recommendation to be made at this meeting from the Planning Commission on the rezoning of the property at 101 Taylorwood Road.

Councilman Lemons motioned for an executive session at the end of the meeting to make a school board appointment. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that this was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2003-04 School Budget; he then called for comments. None were received and he declared the hearing closed.

City Manager Campbell stated that no one had contacted him about serving on the Industrial Development Authority.

City Manager Campbell was asked to advertise two vacancies on the Transportation Safety Committee.

City Manager Campbell presented, for approval, a contract with the Galax Health Department. He advised that the contract was in order. Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the contract. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to appoint Anne Vaughan to another term on the Planning Commission. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman McCarter, a second by Councilwoman Plichta and unanimous approval, Councilman Greene was appointed to serve on the VML Human Development Committee and City Manager Campbell was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

At 7:40 pm Councilman Lemons motioned to go into executive

session as authorize by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) - discussion pertaining to school board appointment. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Back in regular session, Councilman Lemons placed all candidates for appointment to the School Board in nomination. A second to this motion was provided by Councilman Hamden.

Votes were rendered for each candidate as follows:

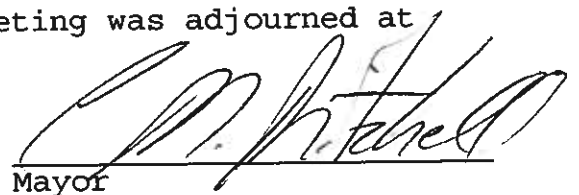
Jim Matney: Councilman Hamden  
Jim Adams: Councilmen Lemons, Valdez, Greene, Mitchell  
Lamar Hebert: Councilperson Plichta  
Chris Saunders:  
Jan Galyen: Councilman McCarter

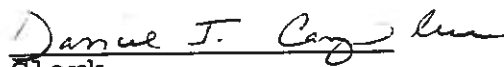
By a majority of votes cast Jim Adams was appointed to serve on the Galax School Board through June 30, 2004.

Councilperson Plichta was nominated for appointment to the VML Legislative Committee. This appointment was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter inquired about the mobile classrooms proposed for the Elementary School. School Superintendent Cook addressed the questions raised.

On a motion by Councilman Lemons the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk

MOTION: Councilman Lemons

CODE SECTION: 2.2-3711(A)(1)  
School Board Appointment

SECOND: Councilwoman Plichta

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2003

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, § 2.1-344.1 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 to 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: Councilpersons Mitchell, Hamden, McCarter, Plichta, Greene, Valdez, Lemons

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

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Daniel J. Campbell  
Clerk of Galax City Council

