

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
June 9, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on June 9, 2003, at 7:30 pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell with the following council persons present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Odell Hamden, Johnny Lemons, Willie Greene and Sharon Plichta. Van McCarter and George Valdez were absent from the meeting.

Councilman Greene prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Lemons motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the following tax rates:
Real Estate - \$.76 per \$100 based upon 100% assessment
Personal Property - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 100% assessment
Machinery & Tools - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 50% assessment
Bank Stock - 80% of the state rate of franchise tax
Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to adopt the City Budget in the amount of \$15,740,874. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the Department of Social Services Budget in the amount of \$1,288,028 and of that amount \$169,938 will come from local funds. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the Comprehensive Services Act budget in the amount \$252,500 with \$79,312 coming from local funds. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to adopt the Centennial Planning Committee list as presented and to add others if requested. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Andy Kegley from Mountain Shelter Inc. discussed a rural homelessness application that is being proposed to serve the City of Galax and surrounding area. He is seeking \$150,000 in funding. Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt the resolution supporting this application. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to reappoint Joyce Clark to another four

year term on the library board. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reviewed the proposed revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance and highlighted the major changes.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and unanimous approval, Councilman Hamden was appointed to another term on the District Three Board and Zack Kyle will serve as the alternate.

Mayor Mitchell was unanimously appointed to the CREI Board on a motion by Councilwoman Plichta and a second by Councilman Hamden.

Councilman Hamden commended the police department for its efforts in making our city a safer place to live.

On a motion by Councilwoman Plichta, a second to the motion, and unanimous approval the meeting was unanimously adjourned.



Mayor



City Manager