

## GALAX CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes

April 26, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 26, 2004 at 7:30pm. In the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The following councilpersons were present and they are as listed. Odell Hamden, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Johnny Lemons.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Councilman Valdez prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2004-05 School Budget. Mayor Mitchell opened the Public Hearing and called for public comments. With none to be received, he declared the hearing closed. The proposed budget will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting for approval.

Mayor Mitchell presented the proposed Fire District Ordinance for its first reading. This ordinance will eliminate existing fire limits located in a portion of the city. Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the first reading of the Fire District Ordinance. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Penny Moseley from the Arts & Cultural Council was present at tonight's meeting. She discussed programs sponsored by the Council and requested \$3,000.00 in additional funding for the Council's projects. Following discussion, action on the request was deferred until the budget work sessions are complete.

City Manager Campbell outlined the Landfill Gas Remediation Plan and requested approval of the initial phase of the project with the cost not to exceed \$7,290.00. Councilman Lemons motioned to approve the proposal. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell presented a resolution which recognized Mr. Dan Rector for his service and dedication to the Planning Commission. It was motioned, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution by acclamation. Councilman Hamden requested that two definitive clauses be made to the resolution before it is presented to Mr. Rector. All members of Council agreed to the addition.

On a motion by Councilwoman Plichta and unanimous approval, the following were elected to serve on next year's VML policy committees: Dan Campbell, Legislative; Willie Greene, Human Development and Education; George Valdez, Transportation.

City Manager Campbell discussed an EMS grant funding that will allow the City to purchase automatic defibrillator kits. These kits will be placed in different city departments.

City Manager Campbell reviewed the VPDES Permit which was recently issued to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Campbell recognized the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff for their diligence in maintaining compliance with the many requirements of the permit.

Zoning Administrator Zack Kyle presented a subdivision plat for John Brewer. The property is located on Partridge and Clover Streets. He advised that Mr. Brewer had met the requirements for approval. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the plat as presented. Councilman Lemons offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

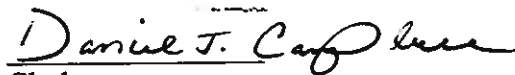
At 8:03pm Councilman Hamden motioned to go into executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(3)-Discussion of the disposition of publicly held property where negotiation is required. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mayor Mitchell requested that John Adams remain for the executive session.

Councilman Valdez motioned to return to regular session. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:35pm.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk