

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

June 14, 2004

The Galax City Council convened in regular session June 14, 2004, at 7:30 pm in the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez, and Johnny Lemons.

Councilwoman Plichta prayed the opening prayer and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the proposed sale of a 40'x193' section of property located behind the Galax Library. Mayor Mitchell declared the hearing open. City Manager Campbell stated that any drainage and landscaping issues would need to be addressed. No comments were received and the hearing was closed. The proposed sale is carried forward on the agenda.

Councilman Lemons motioned to accept the **2004-05 Tax Rates** as follows:

Real Estate - \$0.70 per \$100 based upon 100% of assessment

Personal Property - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 100% of assessment (no change)

Machinery & Tools - \$1.42 per \$100 based upon 50% of assessment (no change)

Bank Stock - 80% of the state rate of franchise tax (no change)

Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to adopt the 2004-05 City Budget, which totals \$17,217,853.00. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This date and time was properly advertised for a joint public hearing for Council and the Galax Planning Commission to receive public comments on a request to rezone the property at 134 Kenbrook Drive from R-2 to M-1. This zoning change is requested to allow for the expansion of Healing Springs Animal Hospital. Dr. Jenkins spoke at the hearing. She outlined the plans for the expansion. With no further comments to be heard the meeting was closed. Planning Commission Chairman Catron advised that the Commission would meet on June 16th to further consider the request.

The following Planning Commission members were present for the joint public hearing and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Ron Catron, Roger Martin, Anne Vaughan and Jim Adams. Linda Galyean and Darlene Coleman were absent from the meeting.

Councilman McCarter motioned to adopt the proposed 2004-05 budget for the Department of Social Services. The total budget is \$1,304,028 and of that amount

\$173,938 will come from local funds. Councilman Hamden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate the Galax Department of Social Services Budget in the amount of \$1,304,028. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman McCarter motioned to adopt the Comprehensives Services budget in the amount of \$252,500.00 with \$79,312 coming from local funds. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appropriate the Comprehensive Services budget in the amount of \$252,500.00. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Tim Brown from the Twin County Airport was present at tonight's meeting to request that the City give \$5,250 to help fund site work for a private hangar project at the airport. No action was taken on the request.


Police Chief Clark presented a resolution which would endorse the adoption of the Emergency Operation Plan. On a motion by Councilman Lemons and a second by Councilman Valdez the resolution was unanimously approved.


City Manager Campbell reminded members of Council that they had received an invitation from the Town of Pulaski to be guests at a Pulaski Bluejays baseball game.

On a motion by Councilman Lemons and a second by Councilman Valdez, it was unanimously approved to pay each Council member \$1,000.00 per year.

The mayor and other Council members expressed their deep appreciation and gratitude to Councilmen Hamden, McCarter and Lemons who are retiring from many years of service to the City and its citizens.

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25pm.


Mayor


City Manager