

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

April 25, 2005

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 25, 2005 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, George Valdez and Helen Kyle. Willie Greene was absent when the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Mitchell prayed the opening prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Willie Greene arrived at 7:43pm.

Councilman Kirby motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion. Councilpersons Lazo, Kirby, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene, and Valdez each cast a yea vote. Helen Kyle did not cast a vote.

This was the date and time advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the Galax City Schools' proposed budget for 2005-2006. Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open and called for comments. No comments were received; and, the meeting was declared closed.

Mayor Mitchell discussed the appointment of members to the Rex Theatre Advisory Board. City Council will appoint three members and the Galax Downtown Association will appoint three members thus making up the Advisory Board. Consideration of appointments will be given within the next month or so.

Dan Caldwell and Betsy White from the William King Arts Center in Abingdon were present at tonight's meeting to address Council with a request for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. They discussed the programs at the Center and explained how the students in Galax Elementary School benefit from its programs. No action was taken.

Following discussion of the agreement for the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, Councilman Greene motioned to incorporate Carroll County into the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority beginning July 1, 2005. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. As of July 1, 2005 the Authority will be comprised of the City of Galax, Grayson and Carroll Counties. City Manager Campbell advised that Tom Elliott will be the Regional Developer.

Mayor Mitchell reminded members of Council that they have received the Local Government Resource Manual compiled by City Attorney Cornwell and also the Comparative Report on Local Government Revenues and Expenditures. He stated that this report contains a great deal of comparative information.

City School Superintendent Mr. Cook invited all members of Council to the Southwest Regional Forum of the Virginia School Boards Association to be held on April 26, 2005.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Kirby at 8:12pm.



Mayor

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk