

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
January 22, 2007
Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on January 22, 2007, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Derrick Davis and Helen Kyle.

Councilwoman Kyle prayed the opening prayer. The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the prayer.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with said reading. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kirby motioned to appoint Keith Holland as City Manager. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. Mayor Mitchell stated that he feels very fortunate to find someone with the experience and reputation that Mr. Holland has. He believes he is a good fit with the community and staff and that he will carry forth the vision for the City.

Mr. Holland expressed his appreciation to Council for appointing him as the city manager for Galax.

Mayor Mitchell expressed his appreciation to Council for giving so freely of its time and thought to the selection process.

The motion to appoint Keith Holland as Galax City Manager was unanimously approved. Mr. Holland will begin work on March 5, 2007.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Ronald Sexton to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council, Inc. The motion was seconded Councilman Garner and unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell recognized Tyler Newman from Boy Scout Troop 824.

Police Chief Clark and members of the Galax Police Department were present at tonight's meeting. Chief Clark provided a yearly report on the department's activities and recognized each officer for distinguishing him/her self.

Mayor Mitchell expressed his appreciation to the police department for its dedication and service.

Acting City Manager Barker advised that Andy Messner's and Jim Adams' terms on the school board would expire in June. Mr. Barker outlined the schedule for making new appointments which will be made March 12 at Council's regularly scheduled meeting. Councilman Kirby motioned to accept the schedule with revised dates. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to accept a joint resolution authorizing Pulaski County as the fiscal agent for the New River Community Corrections and Pretrial Services. This is to comply with the Department of Criminal Justice Services or Code of Virginia. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

An appointment to the NRCCPS Board was carrier forward to another meeting.

Councilwoman Kyle questioned the status of a Chamber of Commerce request for funding for an upcoming project. Mr. Barker advised that the request is on hold at the present.

Councilmen Garner and Lazo discussed recent magazine articles on the climate of the economy in Galax.

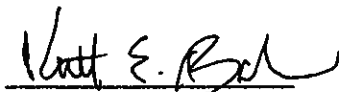
Councilman Lazo motioned to go into an executive session as authorized in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) 3 – Discussion or consideration of acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dr. Lazo motioned to return to regular session. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

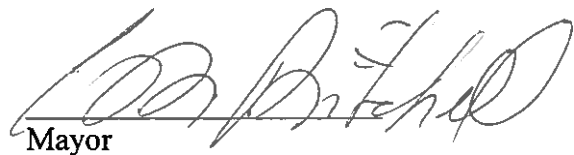
The Certification of Executive Session is made a part of these minutes.

Councilman Lazo motioned to proceed with the property exchange with Vaughan Bassett Furniture Company - Webb #2 and the Public Works lot. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion. Councilpersons Lazo, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Kyle each tendered a yea vote. Councilman Kirby abstained stating a conflict of interest.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.



Clerk


Mayor

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss real property for the purpose of exchange in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that City Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Upon motion by John Garner seconded by Derrick Davis.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or Number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Subject matter _____

Departure _____

Hearing no statement or statements, I call the question.

Ayes: Councilpersons Lazo, Kirby, Garner, Mitchell, Greene, Davis and Kyle

Nays:

This Certification Resolution was adopted January 22, 2007.

Walt E. Seal

Clerk/City Manager

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