

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**May 14, 2007**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on May 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:38 pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. Councilmen present for the meeting are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, John Garner, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene and Derrick Davis. Helen Kyle was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Kirby prayed the opening prayer that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes for the regular meeting on April 23, and the called meeting on May 2. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the exchange of public property with Vaughan-Bassett Furniture Company. Doug Brannock with Vaughan-Bassett has negotiated this exchange to develop more warehouse space for the company's needs. Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Brannock stated that he and the company appreciates the city working with Vaughan-Bassett as it will enable them to keep people employed and assist them as they make changes in the furniture manufacturing industry. No other comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

Councilman Garner motioned to approve the proposed property exchange. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The following councilmen each tendered a yea vote: Lazo, Kirby, Garner, Mitchell and Davis. Councilman Greene abstained.

A description of the exchange is made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Mitchell stated that this exchange is a good example of what happens when the city and industry cooperate.

Dr. Lazo motioned to approve the 2007-08 City School Budget in the amount of \$12,662,620 and of that total \$3,794,885 will come from local funding. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion at the April 23 Council meeting, Councilmen Lazo and Garner were assigned the task of developing a Steering Committee to assist with the planning and programming of the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts.

Councilman Garner motioned that the following people be appointed to the Steering Committee for establishing policies for planning, governance, and implementation of the Chestnut Creek School of the Arts and they are as listed:

Keith Barker, Terry Clark, Robin Fincher, Kathy James, Theresa Lazo, Brenda Marrah, Penny Moseley, Bobby Patterson, Erin Riedhammer, Jeff Sebens, Tim Smith, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Galyean, and Becky Guynn. He also stated that they reserve the right to add members to the committee as they deem appropriate. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

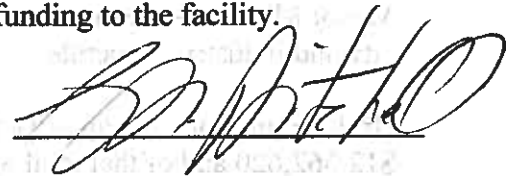
Following a discussion of a request from Eddie Hines to appropriate \$6,270 from city funds to cover shortfalls in April due to the reduction in state E-911 tax on telephones from \$2.00 a month to \$.75, Councilman Garner motioned that the appropriation in the amount of \$6,270 be granted. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. It was also requested that Mr. Hines be present at the next Council meeting to discuss the shortfall for May. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell recognized American Mirror Company for having just completed 50 years of operations in the City. Company representatives were present to receive a framed proclamation honoring the industry.

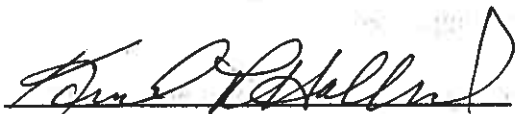
City Manager Holland requested that a list of city owned property be declared surplus public property so that the items can be disposed of at a public auction on May 19, 2007. Councilman Garner motioned that said items be declared as surplus. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Davis motioned to set a public hearing for May 29 to receive comment of the 2007-08 City budget. The total is \$15,663,919 for the General Fund and \$2,551,706 for the Utility Fund. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Lewis and Joannie Walker from Angel Flight gave a very informative presentation on a non-profit organization that provides air transport to needy patients for specialized medical care. They were also very complimentary of the Twin County Airport and expressed appreciation to Council for providing financial funding to the facility.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Keith Holland, City Manager  
From: Keith E. Barker, Asst. City Manager  
Date: April 27, 2007  
Subject: Vaughan-Bassett Property Exchange, Webb #2

Keith,

Attached are plats of the properties that we have been discussing exchanging with Vaughan-Bassett at the former Webb #2 plant. In discussions with Doug Brannock of Vaughan-Bassett, we have tentatively agreed, and I presented it to City Council on 1/22/07, to swap the 0.8182 acres parcel located behind our salt shed and owned by us for the 0.8182 acre parcel owned by Vaughan-Bassett and located to the east of our salt shed. We have also agreed to remove the small shed building on our parcel used for mower and traffic light storage. We would need a little time to relocate this equipment, set a time to demo the building and remove it from site, however we believe this can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time.

Secondly, we have discussed swapping the 1.4343 parcel (with 0.686 acres of usable property) South of the Animal Shelter for the 0.6082 parcel located southwest of the Webb Plant structure. As part of this exchange, we would also agree to the following:

- Relocate the entrance road as shown on the plat. This would entail moving the road closer to the utility line easement in order to maximize the useful property on the Webb parcel for a future warehouse addition. A surveyor would be required to layout the road and only a 30' easement would be provided.
- We will grade and stone the referenced road to the property lines of Webb as discussed. When we perform our next paving contract, we would then pave the road to the extent of the swapped parcels. Our costs - materials, equipment and labor - to perform this grading work and paving of this portion of the road is approximately \$28,300 making use of current asphalt millings and stone as a base.
- We would also agree to grade and stone the remaining road into the Webb property (from the swapped parcels to the existing parking lot). Our costs to perform this work - materials, equipment and labor - is approximately \$22,000.
- We would allow the paving contractor to pave the Webb #2 portion of the road and we would bill Vaughan-Bassett for the additional asphalt under our contract.
- All work and costs are based on work being performed within this calendar year. If Vaughan-Bassett elects to wait until a future time to grade or pave their portion

of the road, our costs would be locked in at prices we receive this year. This would limit the amount of cost increases due to inflation to this year only.

To recap, we are basically willing to perform the exchange on the first property pretty much even.

We are willing to perform the second property exchange for the additional 1.43 acre parcel in exchange for the 0.6082 parcel and the road construction at a cost to us of approximately \$50,000 (which includes material, labor and equipment charges). We will also allow Vaughan-Bassett to have their road paved under our paving contract for this years price, however all work would be limited to this years prices if they elect to wait until a future time to perform the work.

I hope this is helpful and lays out our thoughts. I think it is a good proposition for both parties and allows Vaughan-Bassett the opportunity to expand this facility as needed.