

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

July 09, 2007

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on July 09, 2007 at 7:30pm. The meeting was called to order by the mayor 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.

Councilman Kirby prayed the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the prayer.

Councilman Garner motioned to accept the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate \$17, 519.02 as requested by the Twin County E-911 Regional Commission. This is the amount needed to cover the shortfalls for the months of April, May and June. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate the 2007-08 City Budget in the amounts of: \$15,663,919.00 – General Fund; \$2,551,706.00 – Utility Funds. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate the 2007-08 City School Budget in the amount of \$12,662,620.00 which includes \$3,794,885.00. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Leo Rutledge, Mike Russell and Bob Beasley from VDOT were present at tonight's meeting to discuss options on improvements of Glendale Road. Mr. Rutledge discussed the options and stated that the project has been scaled back due to a large decrease in funding. Following a discussion and suggestions from Council members, the VDOT staff will consider these suggestions as they continue to develop an option that will be the best solution to the traffic flow problems.

Mayor Mitchell was called from the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Greene presided.

Zoning Administrator Keith Barker presented a subdivision request from James and Karen Williams for property they own on Stockyard Road. The request is to divide three parcels into ten parcels to allow for the construction of single-family housing. Mr. Barker further advised that the Planning Commission recommends to Council that the request be approved.

Mayor Mitchell returns to the meeting.

Following a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the subdivision request. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland presented an Adopt a Truck program. This program allows city residents to rent a dump truck overnight for household solid waste disposal. There will be a set rental fee per day payable in advance. The tipping fee will be added to the bi-monthly utility invoice. Following a discussion of the Guidelines, it was decided that item #12 of The Guidelines should be changed from a 24-hour cancellation policy to 5pm the day before the reservation. Councilman Garner motioned to accept the Adopt A Truck program as amended. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and a second by Councilman Davis, Captain James Cox from the Galax Police Department was unanimously appointed to serve on the New River Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Agency.


Councilman Greene motioned to approve a proclamation setting the night of August 7, 2007 as National Night Out 2007. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland discussed a Southern Rivers Grant Application. If awarded, the monies would be used to complete a preliminary engineering report for the Mill Creek Interceptor Improvement Project. Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the resolution in support of the Southern Rivers Watershed grant application. Councilwoman Kyle offered a second to the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Due to the completion of Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, Council will no longer be meeting in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. Mayor Mitchell suggested that a resolution be presented to the Judge expressing Council's appreciation for using the courtroom for Council meetings. The first Council meeting to be held in the courtroom was on November 9, 1992.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:43pm on a motion by Councilman Garner.


Clerk


Mayor