

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
March 10, 2008
Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in Council Chambers on March 10, 2008 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.

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

Councilman Garner motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene 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 amendment to the FY 2008 Budget. Nikki Shank, Director of Finance, explained that the amendment is needed to account for revenues and expenditures not included in the current budget. No comments were received and the hearing was declared closed.

Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the amendment request as presented. Councilman Garner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appropriate said budget amendment. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Holland introduced Ron Passmore as the newly hired EMS Director for the Galax Grayson Ambulance Service. Mr. Passmore apprised Council of his background.

Chris Shackelford was introduced as the Director for Chestnut Creek School of the Arts and Penny Moseley as the Associate Director. Each expressed her excitement about the School.

Mr. Cook, Galax City Schools Superintendent, requested that Council approve an amendment to the FY 2008 School Budget. He explained that the amendment was requested due to unexpected changes in revenues. He asked that \$72, 176 be approved for additional money and that said amount be reappropriated. Councilman Garner motioned to approve the amendment as requested. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Davis motioned to set a joint meeting with Carroll County and Grayson County on March 26 at 6:30pm at Crossroads. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chuck Reidhammer, Tourism Director, discussed becoming a member of the newly created Cascade Highlands which is a regional tourism organization among counties in Southwest Virginia and Northwest North Carolina. He requested that \$2500 be included in the FY 2009 Budget so that he can become a voting member of the organization. He also advised that a member of Council needs to be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors. A discussion ensued, but no action was taken.

City Manager Holland presented a resolution in support of a Virginia Community Development Block Grant Application for the Fries, Grayson Carroll Regional Economic Development Project. Councilman Davis motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilwoman Kyle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Deanna Cox from the City's audit firm was on the agenda to present the June 30, 2007 Annual Audit Report; however she did not arrive so Councilman Kirby motioned to have her give the report at the next Council meeting. Councilman Davis offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Brenda Stamey, proprietor of the Doctors Inn, invited members of Council to a forum with the May City Council candidates. This forum will be on April 17 from 6-8pm at the Crossroads Institute.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman Greene.



Mayor



Clerk

ADDENDUM:

Following adjournment and arrival of Deanna Cox, the meeting was reconvened to hear the report from Mrs. Cox. With no action to be taken the meeting was again adjourned.