

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
September 8, 2008

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on September 8, 2008 at 7:30pm. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order in Council Chambers with all council members present and they are as listed: C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, John Garner, Derrick Davis and Bill Webb.

Councilman Garner opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mitchell recognized a scout who attended tonight's meeting as part of a communication badge requirement.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes of the August 11 meeting and to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the minutes of the called meeting on August 25 and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing on the Regional Microenterprise Program managed by People, Inc. in Abingdon. This program provides loans up to \$35,000 and technical assistance for establishing small businesses. Brian Phipps and Rob Goldsmith were present to discuss the program. No comments were received from the public. Following a discussion, Councilman Greene motioned to adopt the resolution supporting the program. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Webb motioned to accept the second reading and to adopt an Ordinance to set a fee of \$10.00 to court costs of cases convicted in the General District or J&D courts. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. These monies will be used to enhance courtroom security.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the second reading and to adopt an Ordinance setting a \$2.00 fee to court costs for building maintenance and upkeep for the court facility. Councilman Webb offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Garner motioned to set a public hearing for October 13 to receive public comment on changes to the city's Six Year Transportation Improvement plan through VDOT. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that the strategic planning session is set for Sept. 30 at Crossroads.

Marty Holiday and Susan Seamore from the Region 2 Workforce Investment Board were present to discuss the GED Program and its importance for workforce development. Ms. Holiday requested that a proclamation be approved declaring Oct 15 as GED Day and October 12-18 As Adult Education Week.

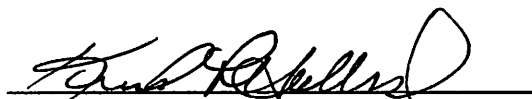
Judy Weigand from the "Big Blue Magazine" discussed the magazine's efforts in promoting the area.

Councilman Webb motioned to approve a resolution affirming authorization for the city to pay the employees contribution to VRS. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:35pm.



Mayor



Clerk