

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

December 10, 2012

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on December 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order with the following council persons present and they are as listed: Mayor Mitchell, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Plichta, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse, and Councilman Lazo. Vice Mayor Greene was absent.

Councilman Lazo prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Webb motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 26, 2012. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse, and Councilman Lazo-yea. Vice Mayor Greene was absent.

Vice-Mayor Greene entered the meeting.

Keith Barker informed council that he and Judy Taylor-Gallimore have been working with VML/VACO Financing to consider refinancing of some of the city's current bonds. VML/VACO suggested refinancing of the Recreation Center and Library loans to take advantage of better interest rates. VML/VACO solicited pricing from a number of banks they deal with and two local banks. Carter Bank submitted the best pricing which is:

Bond	Current Rate	New Rate	1st Year Savings	Ongoing Savings	Term
Galax Recreation Center	2.52%	2.35%	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	21 years
Library	4.76%	1.60%	\$ 38,800.00	\$ 5,000.00	8 years
			\$ 72,800.00	\$ 19,000.00	

He explained that the refinancing does not extend the term of either loan and all closing costs and bond council costs are included in the savings reflected above. In order to proceed with a closing before the end of December 2012, City Council was asked to approve a resolution approving the refinancing of the general obligation bond, Series 2012, in the amount not to exceed \$2,160,000, and to authorize the execution and preparation of certain documents as required to complete the financing. Councilman Garner motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Tom Jones from the Twin County Airport Commission requested that City Council consider adoption of a resolution which would authorize the remaining financing for the terminal building construction. He explained that bonds would be issued on behalf of the TCAC in the amount of \$325,500 from the Virginia Resource Authority (VRA). The remaining funding is coming from the FAA and the VA Dept of Aviation (VDOA). Keith Barker explained that the debt service is included in the current budget however he would not expect a payment until the next fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Green motioned to adopt the attached resolution that will provide the requested financial support to the TCAC to proceed with obtaining the required bonds for the terminal building construction. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Keith Barker informed council that due to changes in the schedule of the Library Board meetings, Dr. Lazo has been unable to make the meetings and has asked that council consider another appointment to the board. The meetings are currently the third Monday of every other month (odd numbered months) and alternate between 6:00 at the Carroll Public Library and 4:30 at the Galax Public Library. Mr. Barker was recently contacted by John Nunn, who expressed an interest in taking a more active role in the library and said he would accept an appointment to the board. Councilman Garner motioned to appoint Mr. Nunn to the Library Board with the term expiring 2016. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse, and Councilman Lazo-yea.


Mary Guynn spoke to council regarding the new Blue Ridge Parkway license plates.

Keith Barker informed council that he met with reps from the Department of Conservation and Recreation last week in regards to the review and audit they conducted of the city's erosion and sediment control program. While the city does have a small program, he explained that the city graded out at 400 out of 400 which was a first for them. Terry Atwell, Building Official, has made changes to the program since the review approximately 5 years ago to make sure all aspects of the program including our ordinance; plan review and inspection are in compliance with the state requirements. Council applauded Mr. Atwell for his work in the program.

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Vice Mayor Greene, and seconded by Councilwoman Crouse to enter into closed session under **Personnel Matter § 2.2-3711 A.1 of the Code of Virginia - Candidates for employment; the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, discipline, salaries, compensation, or resignation of employees and Business and Industry Development, §2.2-3711 A.5 of the Code of Virginia - Prospective or expansion of business or industry where no previous public announcement has been made.**

At 8:35 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Mayor Mitchell certified that no items other than those allowed under the cited Virginia Code section were discussed and no action taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene-yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilwoman Plichta- yea, Councilman Webb-yea, Councilwoman Crouse -yea, and Councilman Lazo- yea.

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor