

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

May 13, 2013

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on May 13, 2013 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, Vice Mayor Greene, Councilman Garner, Councilman Webb, Councilwoman Crouse, Councilwoman Plichta, and Councilman Lazo.

Councilwoman Crouse prayed the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Webb made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 22, 2013. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Council was asked to consider the Bogeys Restaurant sign request as proposed. Keith Barker spoke with the City Attorney concerning the sign request made by Kenneth Belton w/ Bogeys at the April 22, 2013 City Council meeting. Mr. Barker recommended that council consider a sign design that was presented to council. The signs would cost approximately \$1000 each in a painted metal or \$2500 each in a carved HDU material. Mr. Barker said that he visited the site with Charlie Joyce, Public Works Director, and feels that the sign would work at the current sign location. Moving forward, we would confirm proper line of sight and location, and actual site conditions may change the configuration of the base somewhat. Bogeys would be responsible for their sign costs and we can discuss a lease price if we agree to move forward. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the sign request as proposed. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion along with the following affirmation of votes: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – nay, Councilman Webb – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, and Councilman Lazo – yea.

Council was asked to set May 28, 2013 as the date for the public hearing for the FY2014 Galax City Budget. Vice Mayor Greene motioned to approve the date. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Wytheville Community College Board Appointment was briefly discussed. To date, two letters of interest have been received. The names of the interested citizens will be brought to the June meeting for consideration.

Council was asked to appoint Dana Woodel as the alternate for the City Manager on the Virginia A-Corridor Board. The Executive Secretary has served in this role for the past year. Councilman Garner motioned the appointment. Councilman Webb seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Council was asked to appoint Dana Woodel to the Arts & Cultural Council of the Twin Counties. The Executive Secretary has served in this role for the past few years. Councilman Lazo motioned the appointment. Councilwoman Crouse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Andy Kegley, Executive Director for HOPE - (Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, Inc.) made a request thru Keith Barker to adopt the Certification of Local Government Approval for HOPE Inc. HOPE plans to submit an application to the DHCD for the 2013-14 Emergency Solutions Grant in order to provide housing and homelessness services in their service area which includes Galax. Vice Mayor Greene motioned that the HOPE certification be approved. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

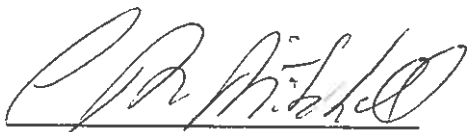
City Council was asked to adopt a proclamation recognizing May as National Stroke Awareness Month.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the proclamation as presented. Vice Mayor Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell-yea, Vice Mayor Greene- yea, Councilman Garner-yea, Councilman Webb –yea, Councilwoman Crouse-yea, Councilwoman Plichta-yea, and Councilman Lazo-yea.

Wildwood Project, Tobacco Commission Funding Continuation was discussed with no action required from council at this time. The Tobacco Commission has recommended maintaining the \$6,000.00 award for the Wildwood property for site acquisition. The committee also approved transferring \$1,000,000 from engineering costs to construction costs. This will provide BRCEDA with ownership of the entire graded area at Exit 19.

City Council was asked to consider a work session for the Market Retail Analysis the RKG Associates performed for the City of Galax. A date will be set later for the work session.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk