

# GALAX CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes

June 10, 2013

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on June 10, 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.

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

Mayor Mitchell recognized the Galax Water Works for receiving the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water - 2012 Gold Award for Excellence in Waterworks Operations. Mike Brown and Jerry Lawson were present to receive the certificate.

Councilman Webb made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 28, 2013. 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.

Council was asked to approve the FY 2014 Budget that was presented, and a public hearing held for, at the May 28, 2013 Meeting. The budget will be appropriated at the July 2013 meeting. The FY2014 Budget amounts are:

- General Fund Revenue and Expenditures - \$ 18,293,072
- Utility Fund Revenue and Expenditures - \$ 2,660,000

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the FY2014 Budget 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.

Keith Barker, City Manager asked Council to consider the following various appointments:

Wytheville Community College: (1 appointment, 4 year term) - Ms. Janet Nuckolls. Councilman Garner made the motion to appoint Ms. Nuckolls. 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.

Galax Planning Commission: (3 appointments, 4 year term) – Roger Martin, Jeff Sharpe and Brandon Boyles. Councilman Garner made the motion to appoint Mr. Martin, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Boyles. 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.

Board of Zoning Appeals: (2 appointments, 5 year term) – Doug Williams and Roger Neal. Councilman John Garner made the motion to recommend to the Circuit Court that Mr. Williams and Mr. Neal be re-appointed. 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.

Recreation Advisory Board: (3 appointments, 2 year term) – Michael Coleman, Sue Griffith and Jerrold Bennett. Councilman Garner made the motion to appoint Mr. Coleman, Ms. Griffith and Mr. Bennett. 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.

Industrial Development Authority: (5 appointments, 4 year term) – Roger Neal, Jerrold Bennett, Susie Garner, Ed Hanks and Nathan Smith. Councilman Garner made the motion to appoint Mr. Neal, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Garner, Mr. Hanks and Mr. Smith. 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.

9<sup>th</sup> District Development Financing Board: (1 appointment, 2 year term) – Janet Nuckolls. Councilman Garner made the motion to appoint Ms. Nuckolls. 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.

Pricilla Dahl, Farmer's Market Manager gave an update on the Galax Farmer's Market and its operations for this summer.


Council briefly heard a disclosure per the Department of Housing and Community Development conflict of interest policy, pertaining to a city employee, Silverio Gonzales who resides in the Bottom Area Project boundaries. After seeking the opinion of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Carroll County, he indicated there is no conflict of interest as Gonzales is not the homeowner or beneficiary of the project. No action was required of Council.

Council was asked to accept a donation of kitchen equipment to the City of Galax from Wytheville Community College. The equipment is located at Crossroads. The desire of WCC is that the equipment can then be donated back to Crossroads. WCC is limited in its ability to dispose of assets but can pass them to a local government. Keith Barker, City Manager has spoken to the City attorney concerning this matter and the request is allowed. Councilman John Garner made the motion to accept the donation and then provide to Crossroads. 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.

City Council was asked by Keith Barker to appoint Dana Woodel as Deputy Clerk for Council. Councilman Bill Webb made the motion to appoint Mrs. Woodel. 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.

Keith Barker asked Council to approve Grayson County, Waste Industries and Waste Management as approved dumpster service providers for FY2104. All three have provided an interest to continue to provide service to the City as well as provide applications, bonds, information on insurance, drivers and vehicles. Also they have included pricing for FY2014. Councilwoman Plichta made the motion to approve the dumpster haulers. 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.

Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

