

Galax City Council
Minutes
February 23, 2015

Galax City Council convened in regular session in City Council Chambers on February 23, 2015 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:

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

Councilwoman Crouse made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2015. 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, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

Keith Barker informed Council that the Carroll County Public Service Authority met on February 9, 2015. He said that they approved the Sewer Agreement with amendments which was discussed previously at our January 23, 2015 Council meeting.

Mayor Mitchell informed Council of the upcoming School Board appointments of Ray Kohl and Helen Kyle to the Galax School Board which was set to expire on June 30, 2015. Council was asked to set March 9th & March 23rd, 2015 as the meetings where council would interview prospective candidates. Keith Barker explained due to a scheduling conflict, the members of the school board who were seeking re-appointment would be unable to attend the March 23rd meeting. Mr. Barker noted that staff would run an ad seeking letters of interest for the appointment. He said that Council would make the appointment at the April 13, 2015 meeting. He also said that the term would be for three years, effective July 1, 2015. Councilwoman Plichta made the motion to approve setting the dates and advertising for the school board appointments. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the following votes: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

Rick Clark, Chief of Police of the Galax Police Department gave an in depth update on activities and future plans of the Police Department. After recognizing Tim Webb and staff of Twin County E-911 for assisting in an emergency call involving a child whose life was saved, Chief Clark introduced each police officer present and gave a description of their job and noted of how proud he was of each of them for the outstanding job they all do. Vice Mayor Greene commented on several of the police officers who also serve with the Galax Volunteer Fire Department. Vice Mayor Greene thanked them for how they serve as well as all of the fire fighters.

Jolena Young, E-911 Coordinator for Twin County E-911, gave an update on the Emergency Medical Dispatch program. Ms. Young explained to Council about how emergency calls to E-911 are handled and the importance of the department obtaining up to date training and equipment so they are better able to serve the public.

Mayor Mitchell accepted a motion from Vice Mayor Greene to enter into closed session per §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. 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 Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

At 8:20 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 was taken, with the following affirmation: Mayor Mitchell – yea, Vice Mayor Greene – yea, Councilman Garner – yea, Councilwoman Crouse – yea, Councilwoman Plichta – yea, Councilman Lazo – yea, and Councilman Davis – yea.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:35 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk