GALAX CITY COUNCIL Minutes May 27, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on May 27, 2003, at 7:30pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell with the following councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Hamden, McCarter, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene and Valdez. Councilman Lemons was absent from the meeting.

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

Councilman McCarter motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Zoning administrator Zack Kyle reported on the Planning Commission's recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit for the school system. This request was for a learning cottage (modular classroom) to be placed on school property at the elementary school. He stated that the Commission's recommendation was to approve the request. This decision was made based on the Commission's review and the Transportation Safety Committee's report. He also advised that a guardrail near the property will be reinforced. Jeff Sharpe, from the school system, presented a sketch of the property and the building. Councilman Hamden motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman McCarter offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook, Galax School Superintendent, had requested that \$647,110 in construction and maintenance monies be reappropriated to fund the elementary school improvements that are currently in progress. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to reappropriate requested amount. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Debbie Robinson, city tourism director, was present at tonight's meeting to give an update on activities and events that have recently been held and plans for upcoming activities.

City Manager Campbell discussed a VML assessment request. The request is for approximately \$3,448 to be used for negotiation expenses with AEP. Following a discussion, Councilman Hamden motioned to approve the request. Councilman McCarter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden motioned to adopt the summer meeting schedule which is as follows: June, July, August, September, second Monday in each month. October, Council will meet the second Monday and then attend VML for the second meeting in October.

If necessary, a called meeting can convene. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell reminded Council of the high school graduation on June 6.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilman McCarter.

Mayor

City Manager