

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 24, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on February 24, 2003, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:30pm. All councilpersons were present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, George Valdez, Willie Greene and Johnny Lemons. The meeting was called to order by the mayor. He then offered the opening prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This was the date and time duly advertise for a second reading on the Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment. Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the second reading of said document. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Having been duly advertised, two School Board appointments were scheduled to be made at this meeting. These appointments are to fill the expiring terms of Theresa Lazo and Ray Kohl. It was motioned by Councilman McCarter and seconded that Mrs. Lazo and Mr. Kohl serve another term on the School Board. Mrs. Lazo and Mr. Kohl each shared some thoughts on the educational system for the city. Several council members expressed their appreciation for the educational endeavors in the city's school system. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Cook, Galax City Schools superintendent, appeared before Council to request its approval for revisions to the 2002-03 school budget. Following an explanation of his request, Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the request. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

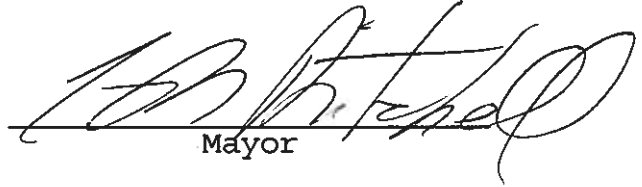
Councilman McCarter motioned to appropriate \$386,578 in revised school board budget monies. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dan Adams from American Electric Power was present at tonight's meeting to request a twenty year franchise agreement with the city. Following his remarks and a discussion, Councilman Lemons motioned to solicit bids for the franchise with a due date of April 4, 2003. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

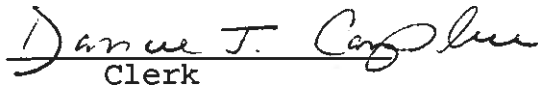
Gary Boring had requested to appear before Council to discuss Resource Conservation and Development Council. Due to his absence this agenda item was deferred to a later meeting.

The City Manager advised that there are numerous potholes throughout the city and that the street maintenance crew will get them repaired as expediently as possible.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8pm.



Mayor



Clerk