

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
January 24, 2005
Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on January 24, 2005 at 7:30pm. In the absence of the mayor, the meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Willie Greene with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle. C. M. Mitchell was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Valdez prayed the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following a discussion on the Healing Springs Animal Hospital request related to sheep farming, it was decided that City Manager Campbell would contact the doctors to set up a tour of the facility for members of council.

At the last council meeting, Director of Finance Shank discussed options of changing the city payroll schedule. She was present at tonight's meeting to discuss a proposed change to approve 16 additional hours of pay for salary and 32 hours for wage employees. She advised that there would not be an increase in the overall budget for the City. Councilman Kirby motioned to accept the change. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Irene Turner, vice chairman of the Electoral Board was present at tonight's meeting to request Council's approval to move the North Voting Precinct from the Masonic Lodge on Washington Street to the meeting room in the Galax Public Library. This move has come about because of ADA regulations. She also advised that the move would have to be approved by the Justice Department and that each voter in the North Precinct would be notified of the change. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the request to move the North Precinct to the Galax Public Library in time for the June election. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion. Following a discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

Keith Barker discussed the second floor renovation of the Municipal Building and outlined some of the costs that will be associated with the renovation. The review was received with positive comments from members of Council.

City Manager Campbell presented Council with copies of the year-end financial audit. He asked that members of Council review the audit and prepare any questions that they may have so that the auditor, Corbin Stone, can address them at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Valdez motioned to recommend the appointment of Doug Williams to another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Councilman Kirby and a second by Councilman Valdez the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:50pm.

Willie Alvarez

Vice-Mayor

Donna J. Cochran

City Manager