

GALAX CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

April 11, 2005

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on April 11, 2005, in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building at 7:30pm.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor with all councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

The mayor prayed the opening prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City Manager Campbell advised that the public hearing for the FY 2005-06 School Budget has been advertised for April 25.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the Transfer of Deed and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Rex Theatre from the Downtown Association to the City of Galax. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion. Councilpersons Lazo, Kirby, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene and Valdez each tendered a yea vote. Councilwoman Kyle did not vote.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint James E. Cornwell, Jr and Michael Bedsaul as Galax City Attorney and Assistant Attorney. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Attorneys Cornwell and Bedsaul each introduced himself and expressed appreciation for being chosen to provide legal counsel to the City.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint Keith Barker as the Zoning Administrator. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Harvey Neff appeared before Council to discuss the Veterans Memorial project proposed for development on the Public Library property. The project is being funded through a trust fund set up by American Legion Post 145. Following discussion, Councilman Lazo motioned to appoint Councilpersons Plichta and Kirby, Zoning Administrator Barker and City Manager Campbell to serve on a committee with representatives from the library board to see the project to completion. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

David Hankley, City Fire Chief, addressed Council with a request for Council to approve the co-signing of a loan instrument from a local bank for funds to replace an aging pumper truck. A discussion followed but no action was taken.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve a resolution asking that funding to the CDBG program be continued. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. This resolution was sent to Senators Allen and Warner and Congressman Boucher.

On a motion by Councilwoman Plichta and a second by Councilman Kirby, City Manager Campbell was unanimously appointed to serve on the VML Finance Committee and Councilman Greene was unanimously appointed to serve on the VML Human Development and Education Committee.

Keith Barker discussed the assessment, design and renovation of the City's seven water storage tanks. He also requested that term contracts, with two firms, be considered to do this work. The firms are Anderson & Associates-conduct hydraulic system modeling; and Tank Industry Consultants-reservoir renovations. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the contracts as outlined. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Susan Clark, local Director of Social Services, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss **Child Abuse, Foster Care and Adult Protective Services**. She provided information and statistics on each topic.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 on a motion by Councilwoman Plichta.



Mayor

Daniel J. Campbell
Clerk