

**GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 9, 2005**

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on May 9, 2005 in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm 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 opening prayer was prayed by Councilman Valdez after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting and to dispense with the reading. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

This was the date and time duly advertised for a public hearing to receive comments on the vacation of an unconstructed portion of Painter Street. Attorney Doug Vaught explained that Robert McAllister owns most of the property adjacent to the right-of-way and that he would like to have that portion of the street vacated so that he can subdivide his property into four lots that can be sold. Tony Goodman and Otho Wells asked questions of Attorney Vaught. With no other comments and questions, Mayor Mitchell declared the public hearing closed. He advised that a 1st reading of the Ordinance of Vacation will be held at Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to accept the proposed Galax City School Budget in the amount of \$11,450,605. The monies to fund this budget will come from state, local and federal funds. The local requirement will be \$3,601,955. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion on the appointment of a Rex Theater Advisory Committee, Councilman Valdez motioned to carry the appointments forward to the next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dr Jenkins from the Healing Springs Animal Clinic appeared before Council to ask where they are in relation to their requests for different business operations at the animal clinic. Following a lengthy dissertation and discussion by employees of the clinic, Councilman Greene motioned that City Attorney Cornwell and City Manager Campbell develop a draft amendment to the animal control ordinance listing criteria for business operations at veterinary clinics. The motion was seconded by Councilman Valdez and unanimously approved.

Mayor Mitchell advised that May 8-14 has been designated as National Nursing Home week. He also noted that Waddell Nursing Home is celebrating its 40th year of service.

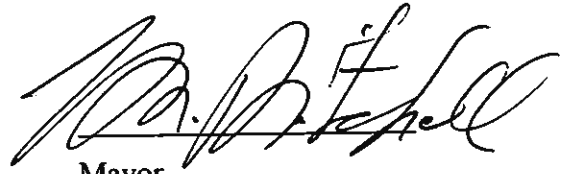
Councilman Kirby motioned to advertise a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2005-06 Galax City Budget. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the resolution designating Business Appreciation Week May 15-21, 2005. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to carry over to the next meeting an appointment to fill the expiring term of Karen Loftin on the Wytheville Community College Board. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mayor Mitchell stated that Mrs. Loftin has done an excellent job while serving on the Board.

Dr. Lazo discussed budgeting monies for the William King Arts Center. During the discussion, it was learned that the School Budget includes monies for this funding.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Plichta at 8:28pm.



Mayor



City Manager