

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 2006

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on February 27, 2006 at 7:30pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order 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 Greene; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Kirby motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greene and unanimously approved.

This was the date and time advertised for two joint public hearings with the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission members present for the public hearings were Jim Adams, Roger Martin, Allan Funk, Ron Catron, Sharon Plichta and Ruth Hall. Anne Vaughan was absent from the meeting.

The first hearing was for a subdivision request on Taylorwood Road. Following an overview of the request of Randall Eller, Mr. Catron opened the hearing to receive comments. Following questions and comments, Mr. Catron declared the hearing closed.

The second advertised public hearing was a request from Landmark Baptist Church to have the former McKnight property on Depot Street rezoned from M-2 to B-2. The church has purchased the property and opened a church school. A church school is not allowed in an M-2 zone. Ronnie Harrison, minister of the church, explained what they were using the property for and that they were unaware of the zoning issues. No other comments were received and the hearing was closed.

Mr. Catron stated that the Planning Commission would be meeting on March 1 to further consider the requests and have a recommendation for Council at its next meeting.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the second reading of the modifications to the building permit fees and to approve the ordinance as written. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kirby motioned to accept the second reading of the modification of the zoning fees and to approve the ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Plichta and unanimously approved.

Theresa Lazo and Ray Kohl have each expressed an interest in serving another term on the Galax City School Board. Their current terms will expire at the end of June. No other persons have expressed an interest in serving on the Board. The appointments will be made at the March Council meeting.

Galax City Schools Superintendent Mr. Cook addressed Council with a request to revise this year's budget to include an increase of received funds in the amount of \$84,140 which would make the total budget \$11,534,745. The increase is due to a larger enrollment than had been projected. Councilman Greene motioned to approve the revision to the 2005-06 School Budget and to appropriate an additional \$84,140 for a total budget of \$11,534,745. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell discussed a Wastewater Pretreatment Program including a proposed agreement between the City and Olver Inc. The estimated cost is \$21,490. This program is mandated by DEQ and EPA regulations. Councilman Valdez motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint Allan Funk to a four-year term on the Planning Commission. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell provided an information discussion on a Prescription Drug Card Program offered through NACO.

Mr. Campbell presented an American Red Cross agreement. Following his overview of the agreement, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the *Facilities as Mass Care Shelter* agreement. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Clark was present at tonight's meeting to advise that the police department had met all the requirements for the Certified Crime Prevention Community Program through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The Galax Police Department is one of twelve departments throughout the Commonwealth that has achieved this distinction.

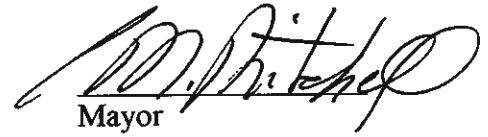
Mr. Campbell discussed removing a sandbar near Route 58. The removal process will be done by the city's Public Works Department. Councilman Lazo motioned to go forward with the removal to within 12 inches of the water level. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Campbell discussed centennial activities and also advised that due to a staff change, Laura Bryant will assume the role of chairperson for the centennial activities.

City Manager Campbell discussed a proposed sculpture project by a sculptor from Abingdon and also a person to pursue a grant to help pay for said project. Councilwoman

Plichta motioned to employ the services of Mr. Cowart to write the grant. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With no other business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Plichta.



Mayor

Daniel J. Capobianco
Clerk

