

## GALAX CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes

March 13, 2006

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on March 13, 2006 at 7:30pm in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building. The meeting was called to order by the mayor with all councilpersons being present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Robert Kirby, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle.

George Valdez prayed the opening prayer that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to approve the minutes as written and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. Councilman Greene seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Keith Barker, zoning administrator, reported that the Planning Commission had considered two requests and makes the following recommendations:

1. To deny the proposed subdivision off Taylorwood Road. Mr. Barker advised that Mr. Eller had withdrawn the application.
2. To approve the application from Landmark Baptist Church to change the zoning on the former McKnight property on T. G. Vaughan Road from M-2 to B-2. This change will allow Landmark to operate a church school. Landmark owns the property.

Councilman Greene motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to reappoint Theresa Lazo and Ray Kohl to another term on the Galax City School Board. Councilman Kirby offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ron Passmore was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the July *Smoke on the Mountain festival* and to request \$5,000 for financial assistance for this year's festival. He also discussed the success of the festival last year. Following a discussion, the consideration of the request was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Penny Moseley stated that a review committee had met to consider recommendations on flower boxes being put in front of the downtown shops. The committee recommends that a trial period for six months (April-October) be approved. The boxes/planters would be done at the merchants' expense with safety in mind as they are being placed in front of the business. There is to be no obstruction on the sidewalk. Councilwoman Plichta motioned to set forth the six-month trial period and revisit the project at the end of October. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following discussion of the proposal from the Chamber of Commerce to plant the downtown hanging planters, Councilman Greene motioned to approve \$3800 to plant the planters. Councilman Lazo offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to approve the Multiple Sclerosis Proclamation declaring MS Awareness Week in the City of Galax March 13-17, 2006. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dave Nelson gave a detailed report on the many improvements being done at the Municipal Golf Course. He also discussed a five-year lease program for golf carts. Councilman Valdez motioned to enter into the five-year lease program with Club Cart. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

On a unanimous vote, Council set the week of April 3 for large item pickup.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint Councilman Greene, Bill Davis and Gene Strickland to the Housing Rehabilitation Board. Councilman Lazo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Rita Reeves to a term on the Social Services Board and to reappoint Lulu Lopez to another term on said Board with each term to begin on August 1, 2006. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

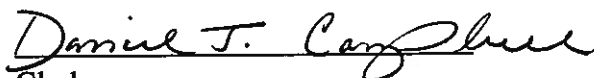
Following a discussion for a flag memorial at the Jeff Matthews Museum, Councilman Greene motioned to approve the request. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

City Manager Campbell introduced Charles Joyce who was recently hired as Director of Public Works to fill the position as Red Dalton is retiring.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:30pm.



Mayor



Clerk