

GALAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 24, 2003

The Galax City Council convened in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building on March 24, 2003. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:35pm with all councilpersons present and they are as listed: Odell Hamden, Van McCarter, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez, and Johnny Lemons.

Councilman Valdez prayed the opening prayer and then he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilman McCarter motioned to reaffirm the appointment of Theresa Lazo and Ray Kohl to another term on the Galax City School Board. Councilman Hamden offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Hamden requested that James Matney be given strong consideration for the appointment to fill the unexpired term of James Zachary who is now deceased.

Councilman McCarter motioned to advertise said vacancy. Councilman Lemons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook, Galax City Schools Superintendent, presented the 2003-04 school budget. He outlined areas of increases and stated that the total budget was \$9,731,995.00 and of that amount \$3,371,307.00 would be in city funds. This amount represents 3.95% of the budget.

Dr. Alexander from Wytheville Community College was present to give an update on programs and activities at the college.

Councilwoman Plichta motioned to appoint City Manager Campbell and Councilman Lemons to a four year term on the Regional Industrial Facility Authority with the appointment being retroactive to January 1, 2003. Councilman Greene offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dave Nelson from the Recreation Center and Randy Jones from Oliver, Webb, Pappas & Rhudy, Inc. presented schematic drawings and discussed the proposed additions and renovations to the Recreation Center. Mr. Jones stated that the estimated project cost was just under three million dollars. A discussion ensued but there was no action to be taken.

City Manager Campbell discussed a large item trash pickup for the

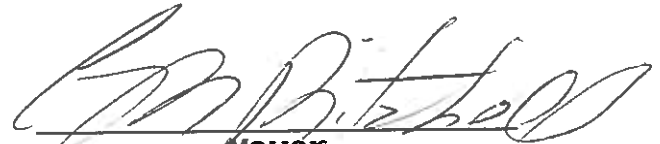
week of April 7, 2003. Councilman Lemons motioned to designate the week of April 7 as large item trash pickup. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.


Councilman McCarter motioned to approve the Appalachian Regional Commission Budget Resolution as presented. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lemons motioned to advertise the vacancy on the IDA to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Al Zachary who is deceased. Councilman Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Members of Council were reminded of the regional governmental meeting set for March 27th and the Budget Planning Session scheduled for April 5.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45pm.


Mayor


Clerk