

GALAX CITY COUNCIL  
October 11, 2004  
Minutes

The Galax City Council convened in regular session on October 11, 2004, at 7:30 pm. in the courtroom of the WHS Public Safety Building with the following councilpersons present and they are as listed: Robert Lazo, Sharon Plichta, C. M. Mitchell, Willie Greene, George Valdez and Helen Kyle. Robert Kirby was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order. He 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.

Ron Catron, chairman of the Planning Commission, advised that the Planning Commission recommends that the old Star Drive-In property be rezoned from R-1 to M-1. This zoning change will allow for the construction of mini-storage units. Mr. Catron stated that there were no objections to the change and that one neighbor spoke favorably because he felt it would be a positive step in getting the area cleaned up.

Councilman Greene motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Following a discussion on adding two new zoning ordinances, R-5 and B-4, to the city's Zoning Ordinance, Councilwoman Plichta motioned that the staff present an ordinance incorporating the two new districts into the present zoning ordinance. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Councilman Greene motioned to accept the nomination of Ruth Hall and Dorothy Lovelady for a Planning Commission appointment. Councilwoman Plichta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. By the following votes Ruth Hall was appointed to serve an unexpired term on the Planning Commission.

**Ruth Hall**  
Sharon Plichta  
C. M. Mitchell  
Willie Greene  
George Valdez  
Helen Kyle

**Dorothy Lovelady**  
Robert Lazo

Councilman Greene motioned to nominate Sylvia Richardson and Todd Cannaday to serve a term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Because neither person received a majority of votes the appointment will be carried over to the next meeting.

**Sylvia Richardson**

**Todd Cannaday**

Willie Greene  
George Valdez  
Helen Kyle

Robert Lazo  
Sharon Plichta  
C. M. Mitchell

City Manager Campbell presented a deed for the disposition of 0.189 acres of city owned property on West Stuart Drive. Councilman Greene motioned to accept the deed as presented. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion. Councilman Lazo asked for the amount of the selling price. He was informed that it is \$5,000.00. The motion received unanimous approval.

Councilman Greene motioned to appoint Eddie Hanks to fill an unexpired term on the IDA. Councilman Valdez offered a second to the motion. Mr. Hanks received the following yeas votes from Councilpersons Lazo, Plichta, Mitchell, Greene and Valdez. Councilwoman Kyle did not vote.

Dr Fincher and Nancee Waugh addressed Council with their displeasure related to the lengthy time the excavation project is taking on East Stuart Drive. Signed petitions were also submitted.

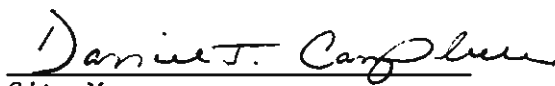
Following comments by City Manager Campbell and Police Chief Clark, Councilman Valdez motioned to approve the contract for Wireless Network installation for the Galax Police Department. Councilwoman Plichta offered a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved. The contract is with Trificent Technologies of Mt Airy and the funding for this project will come from Homeland Security.

Mr. Campbell stated that this wireless network is the backbone for wireless internet to the city and beyond.

City Manager Campbell discussed a proposed geotechnical study for water infiltration problems at the Felts Park Grandstand. Councilman Lazo motioned to go forward with the study. Councilman Greene seconded the motion. Council was advised that the funding would come from general engineering monies in this year's budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Lazo expressed an interest in the Bartlett property on East Stuart Drive being purchased for a park and green space.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:13 pm.

  
City Manager

  
Mayor