

PUBLIC HEARING

1. City School Board/Greensville County School Board - Appointments

Emporia's City Council held a public hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Mayor Adams presided over the public hearing.

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman John R. White
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Todd Anderson, Captain
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk
Ken Ryals, Emergency Services Director
Bernard Richardson, Chief of Police
Royal Jones, Public Works Director

Absent: Councilman James C. Saunders
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager

1. City School Board /Greensville County School Board - Appointments

Mayor Adams stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive nominations for the two (2) City School Board and one (1) Greensville County School Board appointments, term ending December 31, 2010. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak regarding this matter.

Marguerite Burton of 815 Peachtree Street, Emporia, Virginia stated that she wish to be reappointed to the City School Board and the Greensville County School Board. She also stated that for the pass four (4) years she have served on the School Boards. She further stated that she have served students, faculty and staffs, parents, and the community as professionally, honestly, and fairly as she could.

Councilman Harris advised Mayor Adams that Shikee Franklin of Lakeside Dr. had left him an email stating that she was interested in being considered for the School Board appointments. He stated that he wished to nominate Mrs. Franklin for the City School Board and the Greensville County School Board.

Councilwoman White stated that she nominated Ella Seaborn for the City School Board and the Greensville County School Board.

Mayor Adams stated that formal appointments would be made no earlier than seven (7) days after the public hearing.

Mayor Adams asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak regarding this matter.

With there being no further comments, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing closed.

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk

MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 7, 2010

Note to Reader: Although the printed agenda document for this City Council meeting is not part of these minutes, the agenda document provides background information on the items discussed by City Council during the meeting. A copy of the agenda document for this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk.

Emporia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday December 7, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Mayor Samuel W. Adams, III presided over the meeting with Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey, offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman John R. White
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
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Ken Ryals, Emergency Services Director
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Royal Jones, Public Works Director
Todd Anderson, Captain

Absent: Councilman James C. Saunders
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilman Lankford moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, November 16, 2010 Public Hearing, Regular Meeting, and Budget Work Session, and Wednesday November 17, 2010 Economic Development Study Meeting as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye

Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye

Mayor Adams stated that it gives him great honor and a privilege to present this Resolution to the family of the late Roosevelt Skeeter Jr.

NEW BUSINESS

10-100. S. Main Street Improvement Project – Signatory Authority

Mr. Thrower reported that the City had been awarded \$550,484.00 in grant funding under VDOT’s Transportation Enhancement Program. He also reported that those funds will be utilized for the South Main Improvement Project, Phase I: Utility Relocation.

Mr. Thrower stated that the City has also received a revised “Project Administrative Agreement” from VDOT. He also stated that in order to execute the document successfully, the Virginia Office of the Attorney General requires a certified copy of the authority under which the Agreement is executed.

Mr. Thrower reported that in order to proceed with utilizing this funding, Council will need to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign any and all forms for this project, per VDOT regulations.

He recommended that Council adopt the Resolution authorizing the City manager to sign any and all forms for this project, per VDOT regulations.

Councilman White made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 10-18** Authorizing the City Manager to sign any and all Documents Pertaining to the South Main Street Improvement Project, seconded by Councilman Lankford, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye

10-101. Traffic Calming Measures – Request by Council Members Carey and J. White

Mr. Thrower reported that Rev. Nathaniel Dupree of Holy City Church has requested several traffic safety measures be considered on Davis Street. He also reported that in particular, Rev. Nathaniel Dupree has requested the City to install a crosswalk in front of his church on Davis Street, as well as consider other measures to slow traffic and provide a safer environment for his church members to cross the street from the parking lot to his church.

Mr. Thrower stated that Council Members Carey and J. White have requested this issue to be put on tonight's agenda.

He recommended that if Council wish to consider this request it should be sent to the Highway Safety Commission for further review, study, and recommendation. He reported that VDOT guidelines will be utilized in studying this issue. He also reported that all similar requests will be handled in the same manner.

Councilman White made a motion to refer the Davis Street traffic safety measures to the Highway Safety Commission for further review, study, and recommendation, and that the VDOT guidelines will be utilized in studying issue, seconded by Councilwoman Carey, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

Councilwoman Carey inquired if Mr. Dupree could have access to some portable signs such as slow pedestrian crossing to use on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday until this matter goes before the Highway Safety Commission. Mayor Adams stated that there are permanent signs out there already with regards to the traffic. Royal Jones, Public Works Director, stated that yes there are pedestrian crossing signs already there.

10-102. Emporia Redevelopment & Housing Authority – Unexpired Term (Brenda Harrell)

Mr. Thrower stated that Brenda Harrell, has submitted her letter of resignation from the Emporia Redevelopment & Housing Authority effective November 22, 2010. He also stated that her unexpired four (4) year term on the Emporia Redevelopment & Housing Authority has an expiration date of March 01, 2014. He further stated that as a result City Council needs to make a nomination(s) to fill the vacant seat.

He recommended that this information be provided to City council for consideration.

Councilwoman Carey stated that she nominated Minnie Hill for the Emporia Redevelopment & Housing Authority.

Councilwoman Carey made a motion to nominate Minnie Hill for the Emporia Redevelopment & Housing Authority and for this matter to be deferred until Tuesday, December 21, 2010 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
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Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

10-103. E-911 Equipment Grant – Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower reported that the City of Emporia made application and was awarded a grant by the Virginia Wireless E-911 Services Board under the FY 10 PSAP Grant Program for the purchase of E-911 equipment for our dispatching Center. He also reported that the grant award is \$150,000.00. He further reported that the grant funds was received and appropriated in FY 10. He stated that it was anticipated that the equipment installation would be completed prior to June 30, 2010. He also stated that the installation was not completed and the system was not functional until early November. He further stated that the previous appropriation technically lapsed with the closure of FY 10.

He reported that in order for the City to utilize this grant award, City Council will need to adopt an ordinance to appropriate the previously received grant funds into the City’s FY 11 operating budget.

He recommended that City Council adopt this ordinance to appropriate the previously received grant funds into the City’s FY 11 operating budget.

Councilman Lankford made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 10-48** appropriating The Sum of \$150,000.00 In Previously received Grant Funds from the Virginia Wireless E-911 Services Board from the Unappropriated Fund balance of the General Fund for the Purchase of an E-911 System, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Adams asked if anyone wished to bring a matter before City Council members adhering to the three minute time limitation.

Nathanial Dupree, 4826 Davis Street, addressed Council about concerns with vehicular speeding on Davis Street in front of Holy City Church. He also stated if Council would consider other measures to slow traffic down and to provide a safer environment for his church members to cross the street from the parking lot to the church.

Bernard Richardson, 935 Crescent Road, addressed Council by thanking them for allowing him to serve the citizens of Emporia for the last four years as Chief of Police.

With there being no further comments to come before City Council, Mayor Adams closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

Councilman Lankford moved that Closed Session be entered for the purpose of discussing Virginia Code Sections **2.2 3711 (A) (1) Personnel matters regarding assignment and performance of the City Manager, (A) (3) acquisition of real property for public purpose, and (A) (7) Legal matter requiring the advice of counsel**, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

*****Regular Session*****

Councilman Lankford moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

CERTIFICATION

Councilman Harris moved to certify the following:

1. only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and
2. only such public business matter as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by City Council.

Councilman Lankford seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye

