

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Leaf Collection Service – Request to Extend Into January

Emporia's City Council held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 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:

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

Others present:

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk

Absent: Councilman James C. Saunders
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

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Mayor Adams stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments with regards to amending City Code Section 42-7. *Collections. (4) Leaves* to show that the City of Emporia will extend leaf collection into the month of January.

Mayor Adams asked if anyone who wished to make any comments regarding this matter.

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

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk

MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 16, 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, February 16, 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 Carolyn C. Carey, Council Member 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

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk
W. S. Harris, Jr., Treasurer
Joyce E. Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue
Todd Anderson, Captain
Royal Jones, Public Works Director

Absent: Councilman James C. Saunders ~ *prior engagement*
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple ~ *illness*

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilman Lankford moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, February 2, 2010 regular meeting, 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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A listing of the February 16, 2010 bills had been presented to City Council members.

General Fund	\$ 941,922.01
Utility Fund	\$ 84,022.41

Councilman White moved to approve payment of the bills presented. Councilman Lankford seconded the motion 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

FINANCIAL AND TAX REPORT

Honorable W.S. Harris, Jr., City Treasurer provided City Council members with highlights of the City's financial position. There were no questions regarding the report.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE REPORT

Honorable Joyce E. Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue provided her report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding the report.

PERMIT AND INSPECTION REPORT

Randy C. Pearce, Building/Fire Official provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding the report.

POLICE REPORT

Bernard Richardson, Chief of Police provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding the report.

CITY SHERIFF REPORT

Honorable Sam C. Brown, Sheriff provided his report to City Council members. There were no questions regarding the reports.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney, had no matters to report to Council.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilman White moved to approve the agenda as presented, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-9. Leaf Collection Service – Request to Extend Into January

Mr. Thrower reported that as Mayor Adams stated in the Public Hearing, amending City Code Section, 42-7. Collections (4) Leaves would extend leaf collection that the City provides via the vacuum truck into the month of January on a permanent basis.

He recommended that City Council adopt the Ordinance approve the change.

Councilman White made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 10-17**, amending City Code Section 42-7 ~ Collections (4) *Leaves*, seconded by Councilman Harris 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

NEW BUSINESS

10-18. Boards and Commissions – Various Term Expirations

Mr. Thrower advised that the City of Emporia has several members on its Boards and Commissions whose terms will expire soon, which were as follows:

Board of Equalization - On March 31, 2010 Ms. Jacqueline K. Vincent's three (3) year term on the City of Emporia's Board of Equalization will expire. Ms. Vincent has indicated that she does wish to be considered for reappointment.

Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority - On March 1, 2010 Ms. Veronica Leach and Ms. Brenda Harrell's four (4) year term on the City of Emporia's Redevelopment and Housing Authority will expire. Both have indicated that they wish to be considered for reappointment.

Industrial Development Authority - On February 28, 2010 Mr. William S. Newsome's four (4) year term on the City of Emporia's Industrial Development Authority will expire. Mr. Newsome has indicated that he does wish to be considered for reappointment.

Citizens Advisory Board – On February 28, 2010 Mr. Bill Howell, Ms. Vicelle Daniels, Reverend Alex Bailey, Mr. Jesse O’Nery, Mr. Barry Mayfield, Mr. Nathaniel Dupree and Mr. Mead Horne’s (2) two year term on the City of Emporia’s Citizens Advisory Board will expire. All have indicated that they do wish to be considered for reappointment.

Councilman Harris made a motion to appoint and/or nominate all of the individuals to their respective positions on each board, 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

10-19. Coalition for Delaying Parenthood In Youth – Program Update and Presentation of Plaque

Mayor Adams stated that Mr. Timothy Puryear, Coalition Director, was in attendance to provide an update on the Coalition for Delaying Parenthood in Youth and to present City Council with a plaque.

Mr. Timothy Puryear, Coalition Director, presented Council a plaque for their continued support to the Coalition for Delaying Parenthood in Youth.

Mr. Puryear stated that recently, the Coalition had completed their “Baby Think It Over Project”, where they allow teens at the High School as well as the Middle School take home “children” for several days and then provide a synopsis of their experience. He also stated that this program was a success as they had over 100 teens to participate. He further stated that Emporia’s current ranking for teen pregnancy is 18th in the State of Virginia which is a decrease from when the program began.

He provided Council with the 2009 Annual report.

Councilman Harris wanted to commend Mr. Puryear for his continued effort with the Greensville-Emporia Coalition for Delaying Parenthood in Youth.

Mr. Puryear extended an invitation, to City Council, to a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Applebee’s of Emporia, beginning at 8:00AM.

10-20. Contract for Pre-Contract Services – West Atlantic Street Project

Mr. Hall reported that the City received authorization from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to incur administrative expenses not to exceed \$12,000 effective January 6, 2010. He also reported that these expenses are fully reimbursable with no match requirement. He further reported that as such, pre-contract steps are being taken to ensure a smooth start-up to the project once a contract with DHCD is negotiated.

He stated that K.W. Poore and Associates have been assisting him with pre-contract responsibilities and deadlines. He also stated that among numerous items already completed are; advertisements in the Independent Messenger and Richmond Times-Dispatch soliciting interested women/minority owned and local businesses, public comment period on the completed Environmental Review Record, City Council certifications, and request for qualifications from engineers and rehab specialists, among others.

He also advised that a previously executed contract with K.W. Poore and Associates included a clause that grants the firm "CIG Project Management Assistance" in the event the project received funding; which it has. He stated that the actual language of the clause is as follows:

Phase II. CIG Project Management Assistance

All services under Phase II will be required only upon an actual award of CIG funding to the city of Emporia for the West Atlantic Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Professional assistance will include all CDBG administrative and management services required by the City to effectively implement the project. These services and related costs will be outlined in a separate agreement between the City and the Consultant for each independent phase of work.

He stated that the independent phase of work will lead up to the contract negotiation meeting with DHCD, at which time a new contract will be executed but the City and K.W. Poore and Associates for ongoing management assistance and administrative services.

He recommended Council authorize the City Manager to enter the pre-contract contract with K.W. Poore and Associates.

Councilman Harris moved to authorize the City Manager to enter the pre-contract contract with K.W. Poore and Associates, motion seconded by Councilman White which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	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.

Rudy Lankford, 1446 West Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia 23660, addressed Council stating that he was representing the State Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights as its States President. He also stated that he wanted to let City Council, as well as the City Manager, know that the State Board of Directors has voted to establish a branch in Emporia to include surrounding areas. He further stated that the coalition believes that it can build a better relationship with

Emporia by protecting the fundamental rights of all citizens to safeguard against any deficit in irregularities as it relates to peoples civil rights.

Sheila Monteria, of 5617 Belfield Road, Freeman, Virginia, addressed council stating that as Mr. Lankford had stated, the Emporia Branch of the State Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights will include Brunswick, Greensville, Sussex and Southampton Counties as well as the City of Emporia. She also stated that they are here to listen, help and make a difference.

Ms. Debra Brown of 604 Temple Avenue, Emporia, Virginia 23847, addressed council stating that the Proclamation for Black History Month that was adopted by City Council the past two years was written by the NAACP to include the accomplishments of the African-Americans that live in the community. She also stated that this is not the one that was adopted for 2010. She further stated that African-Americans would like a record of their history and contributions to the community. She requested that the past proclamation that was submitted be adopted for Black History Month.

Mayor Adams asked of Ms. Brown if she would like the same Proclamation each year for Black History month. Ms. Brown advised that she would like the same Proclamation each year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before City Council, Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting.

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk