

Budget Review Session

Emporia's City Council held a budget review session on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 6:30 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 session.

The following City Council members were present:

Councilwoman Beverly White
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman James C. Saunders
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
Sheila Cutrell, Director of Finance
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk

Absent: Councilwoman Doris T. White
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney

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Mrs. Sheila Cutrell provided City Council members with a slide presentation and hard copies of the City of Emporia's financial status through October 31, 2011. Her report included, but was not limited to the following information:

General Fund Revenues

- Revenue collections were at twenty-six point twenty-one percent (26.21%) of the budgeted amount
- Utility Taxes ~ collected \$120,950.00
~ A portion of this revenue is collected on the utility bills and then transferred to the General Fund after the end of each month. Therefore, the collections shown here are not entirely inclusive of the actual collections.
- Sales & Use Tax (collectively) ~ \$476,764.73 collected
- Meals Taxes (collectively) twenty-sever point one percent (27.01%) collected
~1 month lag time reflected
- Lodging Taxes (collectively) ~ twenty-nine point thirty-two percent (29.32%)
- Communication Sales & Use Tax ~ \$93,014.00 collected
- Business License Tax ~ 3,031.00
~Due by March 1st
- Building Permits ~ \$25,159.00 collected

- Drug Forfeitures ~ \$1,136 collected
- Court Fines ~ \$355,611.00 collected
- Interest Earned ~ \$2,731.00 collected
 - ~ *Interest will be received on several CDs in February*
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Retirees ~ \$6,391.00 collected
- County ~ \$7,708.00 collected
- Tax Collection Fees ~ \$12,706.00
- Vendors ~ \$3,578.00
 - ~ *Reflects rebate received from Bank of America*
- Fire Projection ~ \$17,234.00
- Waste Collection ~ \$181,712.00
- Gifts & Donations ~ \$0.00
- Recycled Materials ~ \$6,848.00
- E911 Wireless Board ~ \$0.00 collected
- Expenditures exceed revenues by \$975,831 as compared to expenditures exceeding revenues by \$766,213 in 2010
- City Council expenditures ~ \$51,642.00
- Finance expenditures ~ \$60,057.00
- Fire expenditures ~ \$572,771.00
- Health & Social Services expenditures ~ \$132,036.00
- Schools expenditures ~ \$1,749,707.00
 - ~ *Includes 5 months of payments to the County for school expenses*
- Contribution expenditures ~ \$202,447.00

Mrs. Cutrell reported that, based on the figures at this time it is too early to gauge a revenue picture for the remainder of the fiscal year. She also reported that the concerns at this point are:

- Decreases in local sales tax and interest revenue
- Continued state budget cuts

Utility fund Revenues

- Revenue collections ~ six point seventy-eight percent (6.78%) of the budgeted amount
- Water Sales ~ \$405,933.00
- Sewer Service ~ \$500,011.00
- Meter Charges ~ \$18,387.00
- Water Taps ~ \$0.00
- Sewer Taps ~ \$18,000.00
- Penalties ~ \$24,540.00
- Interest Earned ~ \$539.00
- Expenditures were at five point ninety-two percent (5.92%) or \$787,773
- Revenues exceed expenditures by \$208,824
- Wastewater Treatment ~ \$174,952.00

Mrs. Cutrell reported that the Utility Fund is doing well at this point.

City Council members extended their appreciation to Mrs. Cutrell for her presentation.

With no further matters to be presented before City Council members, the session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk