

**MINUTES
EMPORIA REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011**

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The Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Veronica Leach, Chairperson presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority members indicated their presence:

Ms. Veronica Leach	Mr. Mark Owen
Mr. Dave Thomas	Mr. Edward V. Lankford, IV
Ms. Marva Dunn <i>arrived at 5:40PM</i>	Mr. John Jones, Jr.
Ms. Carolyn Carey	

Absent: Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager

Others present: Brian S. Thrower, City Manager
Lori Jarratt, ERHA Clerk
Sheila Cutrell, Finance Director

Ms. Leach took a moment to welcome Mr. Jones to the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Lankford which passed as follows:

Ms. Leach	aye	Mr. Owen	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Mr. Lankford	aye
Mrs. Carey	aye	Mr. Jones	aye

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Lankford made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Owen which passed as follows:

Ms. Leach	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye
Mrs. Carey	aye
Mr. Owen	aye
Mr. Lankford	aye
Mr. Jones	aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Thrower stated that the financial report detailing the revenue and expenditures for December 30, 2010 through March 30, 2011 was before the ERHA members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11-03. Setback Zoning Requirements – Request by City Council

This item was held until the next regular meeting on July 6, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

11-06. 419 Halifax Street – Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower stated that the ERHA needed to approve the ordinance appropriating \$25,000 into the FY 11 Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority operating budget. He also stated that these funds will be utilized for the demolition of 419 Halifax Street (“Bloom Building”) as authorized at the January 5, 2011

He recommended the ERHA adopt ordinance 10-4.

Mr. Lankford made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-4, seconded by Mr. Thomas which passed as follows:

Ms. Leach	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye
Mrs. Carey	aye
Mr. Owen	aye
Mr. Lankford	aye
Mr. Jones	aye

11-07. Home Repair Grant – Third Round – Application Review

Mr. Thrower advised that as of the application cutoff on March 14, 2011, no applications were received for the third round.

11-08. FY2011-12 Budget and Ordinance

Mr. Thrower advised that the draft budget for Fiscal Year (FY 12) has been provided to the Commissioners. He also stated that Sheila Cutrell, Fiscal Agent, was present to answer any questions regarding the proposed FY 12 budget.

He recommended the ERHA approve Ordinance 10-3 adopting the FY12 budget as proposed with any amendments included.

Mr. Lankford made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-3 as presented, seconded by Mr. Owen which passed as follows:

Ms. Leach	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye
Ms. Dunn	aye
Mrs. Carey	aye
Mr. Owen	aye
Mr. Lankford	aye
Mr. Jones	aye

11-09. Zion Boulevard – Residents Concern – Request by Commissioner Dunn

Ms. Dunn stated that she had several residents expressing concern to her and Mrs. Carey as to how the drainage was completed. She also stated that she visited with several of the residents in the area to see if drainage problem was any better. She further stated that while she was there, she noticed water was still standing, in the side of their yards, but it was not as bad.

Ms. Carey stated that she had received some concerns from residents as well. She also stated that when the work was done, pipe was put into eleven driveways instead of pipe being placed in the ditch from Clay Street to the end of Zion Boulevard.

Mr. Thrower stated that in order to placed pipe in the ditches as described, a storm sewage drainage would have to be installed which was cost prohibitive.

Mr. Owen inquired if the water standing was a result of the pipes being installed. Ms. Dunn advised that she was not a professional and did not know. He also stated that it was the responsibility of the property owner if the water was still standing in the yard.

Mr. Lankford inquired if the water was standing in the ditches or in the yards. Ms. Dunn stated that the water was standing in the yards. He also stated that this would be a grading issue from the house out to the yard.

Ms. Dunn stated that if the water was not standing like it was prior to the pipe being installed then the pipe being installed has solved the problem.

Ms. Carey stated that she would look at some of the properties after the rain and provide a report back to the Commissioners.

11-10 419 Halifax Street – Request for Reimbursement if Building is Ever Sold – Request by Commissioner Dunn

Ms. Dunn stated that should 419 Halifax Street ever be sold, the ERHA should receive their funding back. Mr. Thrower advised that the ERHA agreed to pay a portion of the demolition of the building. He also stated that the City did not pay for the land or the building. He further stated that the City did not have any intention of selling the property but would be made into a green space. He advised that this request would have to be made to City Council in the event the property was ever sold.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to request that the City reimburse the ERHA in the amount of \$25,000 should the building/lot ever be sold, seconded by Mrs. Carey which passed as follows:

Ms. Leach	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye
Ms. Dunn	aye
Mrs. Carey	aye
Mr. Owen	no
Mr. Lankford	no
Mr. Jones	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Chairperson Leach adjourned the meeting.

Veronica Leach, Chairperson Date

Lori R. Jarratt, Clerk Date