

**MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 5, 2009**

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The following City Council members were present:

Councilman John R. White	Councilman Woodrow Harris
Councilman James C. Saunders	Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilman Ned V. Lankford	Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger

Absent: Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey

Utility Fund Review

Mr. Thrower provided City Council members with copies of his proposed Utility Fund Budget reflecting \$2,743,700 and \$2,881,017 in departmental requests.

Mayor Adams requested that all increases of water taps be provided for review

Discussions concerning potential salary increases and reclassifications for WTP and WWTP superintendents were discussed. Mr. Thrower reported that the salaries for both positions were maxed out and recommended reclassification from grade 20 to 24.

It was the consensus of City Council members to delay consideration of such salary increases and reclassifications.

Mayor Adams suggested doubling water and sewer tap fees.

General Fund

Mr. Thrower provided City Council members with copies of his proposed General Fund Budget reflecting \$15,812,629 and \$17,017,177 in departmental/organizational requests and \$407,714 jail net impacts.

Councilman Harris suggested the elimination of Gateway Improvements for a \$5,000 savings. He also suggested the reflection of \$25,000 for demolition funding. He further suggested that funding to improve the city's website be abolished and that transient occupancy tax reflect 9%.

City Council member discussed imposing fees for emergency service calls. Mayor Adams requested that the matter be researched.

Adjournment

With no further matters to be presented before City Council members, the budget work session was adjourned.

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Jean V. Whiting, City Clerk