

MINUTES

The Lexington City Council held its regular meeting in the courtroom of the Lexington -Rockbridge Joint Facility on May 5, 2005.

PRESIDING: J.W. Knapp, Mayor

OFFICERS: T.J. Ellestad, City Manager
L.A. Mann, City Attorney
C. Irby, Asst. City Clerk

MEMBERS: T. P. Golden
J. H. Page
J. E. Gianniny
R. W. Smith

ABSENT: M.M. Elrod
L. W. Broomall

There were 7 people present.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Knapp called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gianniny moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Golden seconded and the following vote was recorded:

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

Rob Armstrong, Christine Giordano, and Corbin Blackford, all journalism students at W&L, appeared before council to discuss the benefits of LPFM (Low Power FM Radio). They provided council informational packets and asked for council's support in obtaining LPFM in the community in the future.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

City Council Committees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Golden reported that the committee met this evening to review the third quarter financial report. It is anticipated that revenues will exceed expenditures.

Councilman Golden presented Appropriations Resolution 2004-3C amending the FY05 budget and moved for its approval. Councilman Page seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

ROLL CALL

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - No report

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - No report

Boards and Commissions

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Smith reported that the commission met on April 28, 2005. They approved an application from W&L for an amendment to their master plan. Secondly, they approved a conditional use permit by Nextel to put cell phone towers on the R. E. Lee building.

RAEDC

Councilman Golden reported that RAEDC has not met, but that all council members are invited to an industry dinner on May 17, 2005.

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mayor Knapp reported that the commission will meet on Monday, May 16, 2005.

ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

City Manager Ellestad reported that the board met and adopted a third quarter appropriations resolution. They have received bids for construction of their new building. The board has approved their move forward with the construction project.

MAYOR

The Mayor asked that discussion of the summer meeting schedule be postponed until all council members were present. He also reported that Dianne Herrick has asked to be relieved of her duties on the tourism board. The Mayor met this week with the presidents of the two universities and discussed a number of issues, particularly the cause of childcare in the community. General Peay has asked for continued support in completing the Main Street project this summer. The Mayor and Councilman Gianniny attended a meeting with the fire squad. Councilman Gianniny reported that the fire department is facing equipment concerns, as well as manpower issues. They are working on a plan to recruit and retain people. Councilman Gianniny noted that this will take a combined effort of the department, council, and staff.

Mayor Knapp presented a proclamation reaffirming Eichstätt, Germany as our sister city.

CITY MANAGER

Consideration of adoption of the FY 2006 Budget

Councilman Gianniny moved that the FY2006 budget be approved as presented, noting that a tax increase is being driven by rescue squad staffing, the Comprehensive Services Act, and the addition of a human resources position. Councilman Golden seconded that motion and the following vote was recorded:

ROLL CALL

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

Consideration of setting the real estate tax rate for FY06

Councilman Gianniny moved that the real estate tax rate for FY06 be increased by three cents. Councilman Smith seconded and the following vote was recorded:

ROLL CALL

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

Consideration of the award of the bid on a new rescue pumper engine

Councilman Gianniny moved that Singer Associates be awarded the bid for a new Rescue Pumper Fire Engine in the amount of \$564,949, and that Blue Ridge Rescue Supplies be awarded the hose bid in the amount of \$13,284. Councilman Page seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

ROLL CALL

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution 2005-04 adopting the National Incident Management System

Lexington City Fire Chief David Clark explained that this system is a new federal standard, providing for a central, standardized database for emergency services. Councilman Gianniny moved that the resolution be adopted and Councilman Page seconded. The following vote was recorded:

T.P. Golden	Aye	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

Resolution 2005 - 04

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

AT A MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL OF LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, HELD ON MAY 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Lexington City Council of Lexington, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the city's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes,

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various city incident management activities, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Lexington City Council of Lexington, Virginia, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is established as the City standard for incident management.

Lexington City Council, Lexington, Virginia

BY _____
John W. Knapp, Mayor

Attest: _____
City Manager

A meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to review Chapters 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the City Code.

Approval of the courthouse financing agreement

City Manager Ellestad presented a revised Courthouse Financing Agreement to council, noting changes to item 7, page 2 and the addition of item 8, page 3. Councilman Gianniny moved that the agreement be approved as amended. Councilman Smith seconded and the following vote was recorded:

T.P. Golden	Nay	R.W. Smith	Aye
J.H. Page	Aye	J.E. Gianniny	Aye
L.W. Broomall	Absent	M.M. Elrod	Absent

The motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY - No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.