

**MINUTES  
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
April 3, 2012**

*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, April 3, 2012 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 Bishop Vincent Lowery offering the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The following City Council members were present:

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

Others present:

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor  
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney  
Brian S. Thrower, City Manager  
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager  
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk  
Joyce E. Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue  
Sheila Cutrell, Financial Director  
Royal Jones, Public Works Director

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 20, 2012, City Council meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Doris White, which passed as follows:

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

Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon	aye
Councilwoman Beverly White	aye
Councilwoman Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Councilman Saunders moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

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

Major Adams welcomed the Girl Scout Troops to the Council Meeting and also thank them for there dedicated service to the community.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***12-18. Board of Equalization Nominations***

Mayor Adams inquired if there was a nominee to be submitted to Judge Sharrett for the Board of Equalization.

Councilman Saunders moved to nominate Preston Battle for consideration to serve a 1 year term on the Board of Equalization.

Councilman Saunders moved to nominate Preston Battle name for submission to Greenville County Circuit Court for consideration and official approval to serve a one year term on the Board of Equalization, seconded by Councilman Harris, which passed as follows:

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***12-26. 2012 VML Policy Committee Nominations***

Mr. Thrower reported that the annual submission of nominations to VML's Policy Committees was needed by City Council members.

Councilman Harris made a motion to nominate the following to VML's Policy Committees as indicated:

Mr. Hall.....Community & Economic Development  
Councilwoman Doris T. White.....Environmental Quality  
Mr. Thrower.....Finance  
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon .....General Laws  
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey.....Human Development & Education  
Dale Temple.....Human Development & Education

Councilman Saunders seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Adams asked if anyone wished to bring a matter before City Council members adhering to the three minute time limitation.

*George Pugh, 750 Halifax Street*, addressed Council asking if they would consider letting Emporia-Greenville Habitat for Humanity build there 8<sup>th</sup> house in the City of Emporia.

With there being no further comments to come before City Council, Mayor Adams closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**\*\*\*Closed Session\*\*\***

Councilwoman Temple moved that the joint closed session meeting with the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authoring pursuant be entered for the purpose of discussing Virginia Code § 2.2 3711 (A) (7) **Legal matters requiring the advice of counsel regarding the Citizens National Bank Building and (A) (5) Discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made.** Councilman Saunders seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

**\*\*\*Regular Session\*\*\***

Councilwoman Dixon moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

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## **CERTIFICATION**

Councilwoman Dixon moved to certify the following:

1. only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and
2. only such public business matter as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by City Council.

Councilman Saunders made the motion to rescind the previous Council action of deeding the Citizens National Bank building over to the Emporia Industrial Development Authority. Furthermore, he also made the motion to deed the Citizens National Bank building to the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority, pending the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority's acceptance of deed to the property and compliance with all necessary redevelopment guidelines moving forward.

Councilwoman Dixon made the motion authorizing Mayor Adams to execute a resolution conveying the deed to the Citizens National Bank Building property to the Emporia Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	abstained
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon	aye
Councilwoman Beverly White	aye
Councilwoman Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

Commissioner Mitchell made the motion authorizing the ERHA Chairperson to execute a resolution accepting the deed to the Citizens National Bank Building property from the City of Emporia. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Commissioner Stainback	aye
Commissioner Carey	aye

Commissioner Thomas	aye
Commissioner Mitchell	aye
Commissioner Leach	aye

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

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Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk