

**MINUTES**  
**EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**August 5, 2014**

*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, August 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Mayor Mary L. Person presided over the meeting with Carolyn Carey, Council Member, offering the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris  
Councilwoman Doris T. White  
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey  
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch  
Councilwoman Carol Mercer  
Councilman James E. Ewing, III  
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present:

Mary L. Person, Mayor  
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney  
Brian S. Thrower, City Manager  
Tessie Wilkins, City Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, July 15, 2014, City Council Regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing, III	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mayor Person reported the additions of Closed Session pursuant to **Virginia Code Section § 2.2 3711 (A) (3) Acquisition of real property for public purpose and (A) (1) Personnel matter pertaining to performance review of a specific employee.**

Councilwoman Carey moved to approve the amended agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing, III	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***14-47. E-911 Wireless Board Grant – Appropriation***

Mr. Thrower reported that the City of Emporia Police Department has received a grant from the Virginia E-911 Wireless Board for \$22,439.86. He also reported that the Police Department would use the grant to purchase a 911/radio voice recorder that will replace the outdated model currently in use.

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 14-16** to appropriate the sum of \$22,439.86 in E-911 Wireless Board Grant Funds, seconded by Councilman Ewing, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing, III	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

#### ***14-48. Victim Witness Program – Appropriation Ordinance***

Mr. Thrower reported that the City received grant funds annually from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Victim Witness Program. He stated that he received notification that DCJS has approved funding in the amount of \$58,317.00 for FY15. He also stated that the amount of \$56,618.00 were included in the adopted FY15 budget. He further stated that Council would need to appropriate the difference of \$1,699.00 into the current year budget.

Councilman Ewing made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 14-17** to appropriate the sum of \$1,699.00 in Grant Funds from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Victim Witness Program, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing, III	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

***14-49. City Council Meetings – Request to Cancel***

Mr. Thrower stated that he was recommending Council to cancel the following upcoming City Council meetings due to various conflicts:

- September 16, 2014 – Staff will be attending the ICMA Annual Conference
- October 7, 2014 – Staff and Council will be attending the VML Annual Conference
- November 4, 2014 – Election Day

Councilman Harris made a motion to cancel the September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meetings, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing, III	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

***14-50. Boards and Commissions – Unexpired Terms (Marguerite K. Burton)***

Mr. Thrower reported that due to recent passing of Marguerite K. Burton, there is a vacant seat on the City and Greenville County School Board. He stated that the vacant seat on the City and Greenville County School Board serves a four-year term with the current expiration date being December 31, 2014. He also stated that a notice would be published in the local newspaper indication that a public hearing will be conducted on August 19, 2014 concerning the matter.

Mr. Thrower stated that no action was required at this time. He also stated that Council will be requested to appoint an individual to this term on September 2, 2014.

Mayor Person stated that the candidates would be asked to submit a letter of interest and a resume during the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Person asked if anyone would like to bring a matter before City Council members adhering to the three-minute time limitation.

*Linwood Matthews, 766 Courtland Road*, addressed Council with concerns about there not being enough space to get the boats in and out of the river.

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

**\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\***

Councilman Harris moved that Closed Session be entered for the purpose of discussing **Virginia Code Section § 2.2 3711 (A) (3) Acquisition of real property for public purpose and (A) (1) Personnel matter pertaining to performance review of a specific employee**, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye

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

Councilwoman Lynch 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 E. Ewing	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye

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**CERTIFICATION**

Councilwoman Lynch moved to certify the following:

1. only public business matters are 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.

Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mary L. Person, Mayor

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Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk