

**MINUTES**  
**EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**August 6, 2013**

*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 6, 2013 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 S. Carey, Council Member offering the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The following City Council members were present:

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

Others present: Mary L. Person, Mayor  
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney  
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger  
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk  
Larry Epps, Water Treatment Plant Supt.  
Linwood Pope, Public Utilities Director

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Lynch moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, July 16, 2013, City Council Regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

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

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***13-39. District 19 Community Services Board – Term Expiration (George W. Pugh)***

Mr. Thrower stated that on June 30, 2013, Mr. George W. Pugh's three-year term on the District 19 Community Service Board expired. He also stated that Mr. Pugh had indicated that he does not wish to be considered for reappointment.

Mayor Person stated that this item is to be held until the August 20, 2013 Council meeting.

### ***13-40. Southside Community Criminal Justice Board Expirations – William S. Newsome/Dr. Philip L. Worrell/F. Woodrow Harris***

Councilman Harris moved to nominate William Robinson, III for consideration to serve a four-year term on the Southside Community Criminal Justice Board.

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to appoint William Robinson, III to serve a four-year term on the Southside Community Criminal Justice Board, seconded by Councilman Harris, which passed as follows:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

*Christine Dubose, 206 Lowground Road*, addressed Council requesting reimbursement for the cut on/off fee and penalty charged to her by the City Water Dept. when her water was disconnected for non-payment of \$0.40 in June.

Mayor Person stated that this item was still being researched at the present time.

*Marva Dunn, 272 Astrio Street*, addressed Council by thanking the City Police Department for checking on the CYC. She also inquired if Council would consider eliminating or reducing the sanitation fee.

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

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

Councilwoman Temple moved that Closed Session be entered for the purpose of discussing Virginia Code Sections § 2.2 3711 (A) (1) **a personnel matter regarding job assignments of specific employees and (A) (7) Legal matter requiring the advice of counsel pertaining to Wastewater Treatment and Social Services funding**, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

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