

MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 3, 2015

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Emporia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 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 Carolyn S. Carey
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple
Councilwoman Carol Mercer
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch

Others present:

Mary L. Person, Mayor
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Brian S. Thrower, City Manager
Dr. Edwin C. Daley, Projects Administrator
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk
Ricky Pinksaw, Chief of Police
Ken Ryals, Emergency Service Coordinator

Absent:

Councilman James E. Ewing, III
Councilwoman Doris T. White

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, January 20, 2015, Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Carey, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey aye

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilwoman Carey moved to approve the agenda with one addition Item 15-16 ~ EAGLES Scholarship Initiative, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey aye

NEW BUSINESS

15-11. Black History Month - Proclamation

Mayor Person presents a proclamation for Black History Month.

15-12. CHAT Resolution

Mr. Thrower stated that the Community Health Advocacy Team (CHAT) had requested that Council adopt the resolution supporting healthy lifestyles in the community.

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 15-01** setting forth the City of Emporia's commitment to make healthier options easily accessible, seconded by Councilwoman Carey which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey aye

15-13. VML Risk Management Grant Funds – Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower reported that the City had received a risk management grant from VML Insurance Programs in the amount of \$1,156.00 to purchase two gas monitors for the utility plants. He also reported that in order for the City to utilize the funds, Council must appropriate them into the FY15 budget.

Councilman Harris made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 15-06** to appropriate the sum of \$1,156.00 in Grant Funds from the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Programs for the Risk Management Grant Program, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch aye

Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

15-14. VDEM Grant Funds – Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower reported that the City had received a grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) in the amount of \$11,500.00 to purchase shelter supplies and equipment. He also reported that in order for the City to utilize the grant funds, Council must appropriate them into the FY15 budget.

Councilwoman Lynch made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 15-07** to appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 in Grant Funds from the Department of Emergency Management for the State Homeland Security Program, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

15-15. VPI Extension Office – Introduction of Agricultural Agent

Mr. Pierce stated that he wanted to introduce to Council, Nikki Norton the new Agricultural Agent.

15-16. EAGLES Scholarship Initiative - Request by Council Member Carey

Councilwoman Carey stated that education was the key. She also stated that the City should make a commitment to fund the EAGLES Scholarship Initiative to help further their education. Councilwoman Carey reported that the Southside Virginia Education Center (SVEC) Board of Directors requested that the Emporia City Council and Greensville County Board of Supervisors each approve \$10,000.00 in funding for the EAGLES Scholarship Initiative. She also reported that the graduating seniors from Greensville County High School would be eligible to receive scholarship funds to attend Southside Virginia Community College, should this program move forward.

Councilwoman Carey made a motion to approve the commitment of \$10,000.00 in funding for the Eagles Scholarship Initiative, seconded by Councilwoman Lynch, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	nay
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ms. Marva Dunn, 272 Astrio Street, addressed Council stating that she is not in favor of Council funding the EAGLES Scholarship Initiative because the funds cannot be use at any college.

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) (7) **Legal matter requiring the advice of counsel pertaining to Comprehensive Services Act Funding**, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

*****Regular Session*****

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

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

CERTIFICATION

Councilwoman Mercer 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
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye

Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

Councilwoman Temple made the motion to approve the revised Comprehensive Services Act agreement and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement, Councilwoman Mercer seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	abstained
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

Councilwoman Temple made the motion to approve the **Ordinance No. 15-08** appropriating the sum of \$45,000.00 from the unappropriated fund balance of the General Fund for Comprehensive Services Act Programs, Councilwoman Mercer seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	abstained
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye
Councilwoman Carol Mercer	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mary L. Person, Mayor

Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk