

MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 2, 2010

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Emporia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 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 James C. Saunders, Council Member offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman John R. White
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilman James C. Saunders
Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk
Sam C. Brown, City Sheriff
Bernard Richardson, Chief of Police

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilman Lankford moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, January 19, 2010 regular meeting, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Adams advised that there was one deletion, *Item 10-13* and one addition to the agenda, **Item 10-17**, *Black History Month Proclamation*.

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

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

NEW BUSINESS

10-13. Emporia – Greensville airport Commission – Request for Matching Grand Funds

This item was removed as the funding request was approved in the FY09 budget.

10-14. 2010 Council Retreat – Request for Approval of Dates

Mr. Thrower requested that Council approve the dates of Friday, April 2, 2010 (evening) and Saturday, April 3, 2010 to hold the annual Council Retreat. He stated that the retreat would be held at the newly renovated VPI Extension Office located on Oak Street. He also stated that he was in the process of preparing an agenda but asked Council to let him know of any specific items they would like on the agenda.

Councilman Saunders made a motion approve the dates of April 2, 2010 and April 3, 2010 to hold the Council Retreat, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

10-15. USDA Rural Development Grant for Police MDT's – Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower advised that he was pleased to announce that the City of Emporia has been awarded a \$25,000 USDA Rural Development grant to offset the purchase of seven (7) mobile data unites (vehicle laptops) for the City's Police Department. He also advised that the purchase and installation of MDTs will allow officers to complete reports, receive call information, and obtain DMV and incident information within their assigned vehicle. He further reported that this

will help keep officers on the streets and in neighborhoods instead of in the police station using valuable time on administrative tasks. He stated that the equipment, software, and installation of MDTs will cost approximately \$6,800 per car. He also stated that the purchase of these seven (7) MDTs will complement the recent Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) grant Emporia and other multiple surrounding jurisdictions received to purchase LINX equipment and MDTs (five for Emporia).

He stated that the City is required to provide a match in the amount of \$22,600 for the USDA Rural Development Grant. He also stated that drug seizure funds will be utilized for the grant match. He further stated that in order for the City to utilize this award, Council will need to adopt an ordinance to appropriate the grant and matching funds into the City's FY10 operating budget. He advised that a resolution is also required to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in order to obtain the grant award. He recommended Council adopt the resolution and appropriation ordinance.

Councilman Saunders made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 10-3** authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and **Ordinance No. 10-11** appropriating the funds, seconded by Councilman White which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

Councilman Saunders inquired if the purchase of the vehicles would be a Rural Development loan. Mr. Thrower advised that the vehicles would be purchased under a Rural Development loan.

10-16. West Atlantic Street CDBG Pre-contract Certifications

Mr. Hall reported that the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has awarded the City \$1.4 million for the West Atlantic Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project. He also reported that while a pre-contract meeting with DHCD staff has not been scheduled, he recommended taking steps to ensure the project may begin immediately after a contract with DHCD has been negotiated. He stated that as such, there are five ordinances that must be approved prior to receiving any grant funds.

Councilman White made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 10-12** ~ Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, **Ordinance 10-13** ~ Fair Housing Certification, **Ordinance 10-14** ~ Local Business and Employment Plan, **Ordinance 10-15** ~ Non-Discrimination Policy, and **Ordinance 10-16** ~ Section 504 Grievance Policy, motion seconded by Councilman Saunders which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye

Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

10-17. Black History Month – Proclamation

Mayor Adams stated that Council had the following proclamation before them for adoption:

**Proclamation
Black History Month**

Whereas, there have been many distinguished African-Americans who have been instrumental in initiating scholarly studies of African-American history and other historical endeavors; and

Whereas, the contributions of African-American citizens have been an integral part of the historical accomplishments of the Emporia – Greensville area; and

Whereas, the understanding of the history of all people is very important for growth and development of our society; and

Whereas, we call upon all citizens to take the time to learn about the people and deeds of the African-American community as it has influenced our national, state and local heritage; and

Now, Therefore, I, Samuel W. Adams, III, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Emporia, Virginia do hereby proclaim February 2010 as Black History Month in the City of Emporia.

Councilman White made a motion to adopt the proclamation for Black History Month, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Edward V. Lankford, IV	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Lori R. Jarratt, Interim City Clerk