

**MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 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, January 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, Virginia. Jim Saunders, President of Council 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 L. Dale Temple

Others present:

C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Brian S. Thrower, City Manager
Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk
Don Wyatt, Chief of Police
Joyce E. Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue
Royal Jones, Public Works Director

Absent:

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilwoman Beverly White

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 Regular Meeting, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman D. 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 L. Dale Temple aye

AGENDA APPROVAL

President Saunders reported the addition of **Closed Session – Virginia Code § 2.2 3711 (A) (7) Legal matters pertaining to Mega Site development.**

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the amended agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Dixon, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11-107. Board of Equalization – Request for Alternate Appointment

Mr. Thrower stated that this item was continued from the December 6, 2011 City Council meeting. He also stated that Joyce Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue, is requesting Council to recommend an appointment for an alternate to the Board of Equalization. He further stated that any recommendations made by City Council must be sent to the Circuit Court for approval. He stated that Mrs. Prince is in attendance to answer any questions Council may have regarding this issue.

Mrs. Joyce Prince, Commissioner of the Revenue, stated that after talking with the Department of Taxation, she request Council to recommend an appointment for an alternate and to also reappointes Dennis Allen and Chris Link to the Board of Equalization to serve a one year term.

Councilman Harris moved to nominate Brenda Brockwell, Dennis Allen, and Chris Link names for submission to Greenville County Circuit Court for consideration and official approval to serve a one year term on the Board of Equalization.

Councilman Harris moved to nominate Brenda Brockwell, Dennis Allen, and Chris Link names 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 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 L. Dale Temple	aye

NEW BUSINESS

12-01. 2012 City Council Retreat – Request to Approve Dates

Mr. Thrower stated that the City Clerk contacted each Council Member with available dates to hold the annual retreat. He also stated that the dates of Friday, February 24, 2012 and Saturday, February 25, 2012 appear to be the dates everyone will be available. He further stated that the VPI Extension Office will also be available for use that weekend.

Mr. Thrower stated that he was in the process of preparing an agenda and informed Council to let him know of any specific items they would like placed on the agenda

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to approve the dates of February 24, 2012 and February 25, 2012 to hold the Council Retreat at the VPI Extension Office, seconded by Councilwoman Carey, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Saunders 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, Councilman Saunders 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 Sections § 2.2 3711 (A) (7) **Legal matters pertaining to Mega Site development** 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 L. Dale Temple	aye

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

Councilwoman Temple moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Councilman Harris 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

CERTIFICATION

Councilman Harris 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.

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 Dixon aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple aye

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before City Council, Councilman Saunders adjourned the meeting.

James C. Saunders, President of
Council

Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk