MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 4, 2011

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Emporia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 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 Deacon Cornell Hines, offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilman John R. White
Councilwoman Doris T. White
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman Deborah D. Dixon
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple

Others present:

Samuel W. Adams, III Mayor
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk
Don Wyatt, Chief of Police

Absent: Councilman James Saunders

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, December 21, 2010 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Deborah D. Dixon	aye

Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Adams reported the addition of **Item 11-01 President of Council Election.**

Mayor Adams reported the deletion of **Closed Session – Virginia Code § 2.2 3711 (A) (7) Legal matter requiring the advice of counsel.**

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

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Deborah D. Dixon	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

NEW BUSINESS

11-01. President of Council Election

Mayor Adams reported that an election was needed for President of Council by City Code Section 6 of *Article II. Government.*

Councilman Harris moved to nominate Councilman Saunders.

Councilman White moved that nominations be closed for the President of Council, seconded by Councilwoman Carey, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon	aye

11-02. Vehicle Expense – Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower reported that at the December 21, 2010 meeting, Council approve providing the City Manager with a $600 monthly vehicle allowance for the use of a personal vehicle in the conduct of the City's business. He also reported that this allowance would replace the benefit of a City provided take home vehicle that was previously offered. He further reported that Council will need to appropriate funds into the current operating budget to cover the vehicle expense for the remainder of this fiscal year

Mr. Thrower recommended that Council adopt Ordinance No. 11-01 to appropriate the Sum of $3,600.00 in Previously Received Insurance Funds from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund for a Vehicle Allowance for the City Manager.

Councilman Harris made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 11-01** to appropriate the Sum of $3,600.00 in Previously Received Insurance Funds from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Fund for a Vehicle Allowance for the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Deborah D. Dixon	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

11-03. Boards and Commissions – Unexpired Term (Bernard Richardson)

Mr. Thrower reported that as a result of Bernard Richardson's retirement, his seat on the Highway Safety Commission remains vacant. He also reported that the vacant seat on the Highway Safety Commission is classified as "Ex Officio" with no term expiration date.

Mr. Thrower reported that as a result of Bernard Richardson's Retirement, his seat on the Southside Regional Jail Authority Board remains vacant. He also reported that the vacant seat on the Southside Regional Jail Authority Board serves a (4) year term with current expiration date of June 30, 2014.

Mr. Thrower reported that as a result of Bernard Richardson's retirement, his seat on the Southside Community Criminal Justice Board remains vacant. He also reported that the vacant seat on the Southside Community Criminal Justice Board is classified as having full commission with no term expiration date.

Mr. Thrower recommended that Council appoint Don Wyatt to the Highway Safety Commission, Southside Regional Jail Authority Board, and Southside Community Criminal Justice Board.

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to appoint Don Wyatt, Chief of Police to the Highway Safety Commission, Southside Regional Jail Authority Board, and Southside Community Criminal Justice Board, seconded by Councilman White, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilman Deborah D. Dixon	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.

Steve Eason, 247 Purdy Rd., addressed Council with concerns about the ditch line work that was done on Zion Blvd.

With there being no further 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, IIII, Mayor

Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk