

**MINUTES**  
**EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**May 7, 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, May 7, 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 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 Manager  
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk  
Don Wyatt, Chief of Police  
Randy Pearce, Building Inspector  
Ken Ryals, Emergency Service Coordinator

Absent:  
Councilwoman Doris T. White

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, April 16, 2013, Regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Lynch	aye

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

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mayor Person reported the addition of Close Session Virginia Code Sections § 2.2 3711 (A) (29) concerning a contract for water supply where public discussion of the terms or scope of the contract would affect our bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***13-22. FY13-14 School Administration Budget***

Mr. Thrower reported that the proposed FY13-14 Operating Budget for the Greenville County Public School System was \$29,173,216.00 or a 2.834% increase over FY13.

Mr. Thrower stated that in regards to the proposed budget, \$8,102,216 is attributed to the local share; \$2,082,154.00 is attributed to debt service and the remainder of \$6,020,062.00 to operations. He also stated that if the City was to fully fund the School Administration's request, the City would appropriate \$3,817,315.00 or a 19.96% increase over FY13. He further stated that the City was proposing to budget \$3,393,716.00 (\$3,809,408.00 – County's share), which is an increase of 7.32% regarding the total local funding of the budget. He stated that the ADM numbers regarding the student population had been confirmed by the School Administration, which is 1,013.86 – Emporia, 1,306.88 – Greenville for a total of 2,320.74. He also stated that the ADM numbers for the County decreased by 21.91 and the City's ADM numbers decreased by 35.25.

Councilman Harris stated that last Wednesday at the Council Budget Hearing Council discussed the amount of \$3,372,513 to be appropriated as the local funding amount for FY14. He also stated that on Thursday night at the Council Budget Hearing the amount of \$3,393,716.00 was to be appropriated as the local funding amount for FY14. He further stated that the final amount being discussed was what the County had already approved which was \$3,414,919.00. He stated that the difference of those amounts is only \$42,000.00. He also stated that all three amounts include funding for the debt services, full funding to pull down the state increase by allowing the school system to provide 2% raises for school personnel and funding for local money to enable the school system to put up the local match for a \$75,000.00 security grant that the general assembly approved.

Councilman Harris made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-03 that the Emporia City Council approves a budget consisting of \$7,158,139.00 in local funds of which \$3,372,513.00 is projected to be the City of Emporia's share for FY13-FY14, seconded by Councilman Ewing, which passed as follows:

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

### ***13-23. Four-For-Life Funds – Appropriation Ordinance***

Mr. Thrower stated that the City annually receives Four-For-Life funds from the Virginia Department of Health. He also stated that this year the City received \$4,333.68 in Four-For-Life funds. He further stated that those funds are given to the Greensville Volunteer Rescue Squad to be used for training or the purchase of equipment or supplies in accordance with the Code of Virginia §46.2-694. He stated that Council needed to appropriate the sum of \$4,333.68 into the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 operating budget so that the funds can be sent to the Greensville Volunteer Rescue Squad.

He recommended that Council approve the ordinance.

Councilwoman Temple made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-06 appropriating the sum of \$4,333.68 in Four-For-Life Funds from the Virginia Department of Health, seconded by Councilwoman Mercer, which passed as follows:

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

Mayor Person recognized Randy Pearce, Building Inspector, and presented him with a proclamation for Building Safety Month for May 2013.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

***Jamal Doswell, 211 Turner Street***, addressed Council inquiring if Council would consider funding the Jamal Reginald Dowsell Boxing Program.

*Thelma Dugger, 207 Lowground Road*, addressed Council asking if they had discussed activities for the area youths to do at the City Council Retreat. Mayor Person stated that yes they did discussed different ideals to bring to the City of Emporia.

*Apostle Vincent Wyche, 300 Brunswick Avenue*, addressed Council asking for Council to support his project to open a homeless shelter in the City of Emporia.

*Larry Hill, Emporia, VA*, addressed Council with concerns about being paid more money for working for the City of Emporia.

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 § 2.2 3711 (A) (29) **concerning a contract for water supply where public discussion of the terms or scope of the contract would affect our bargaining position or negotiating strategy**, seconded by Councilwoman Carey, which passed as follows:

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

Councilman Harris made the motion to approve the Shared Services agreement between the City of Emporia and Greensville County, as discussed with City Council, Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James E. Ewing	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