

MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 1, 2008

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.

INVOCATION

Emporia City Council held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Mayor Adams presided over the meeting with Council President Nancy B. Squire offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following City Council members indicated their presence:

Councilwoman Nancy B. Squire
Councilman John R. White
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilman James C. Saunders
Councilwoman Doris T. White (7:38 p.m. arrival)

Others present: Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor
C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Jean V. Whiting, City Clerk

Absent: Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey
Councilman Ned V. Lankford

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the March 18, 2008 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were distributed to City Council members. Councilman White moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Saunders seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Thrower reported the addition of item **08-30 Surplus Property – Resolution.**

Councilwoman Squire moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Councilman White seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

08-29 Emporia-Greenville Industrial Development Corporation – Nominations to the Board of Directors

Mr. Thrower reported that he received a letter from Mr. Jack Davenport, Executive Director of the Emporia-Greenville Industrial Development Corporation (EGIDC), requesting that City Council members submit annual nominations for the EGIDC’s Board of Directors. He also reported that the following individuals were serving one (1) year terms on the Board on behalf of the City:

C. Butler Barrett, Esquire
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris
Councilman James C. Saunders
Mr. Brian S. Thrower.

Councilman White moved to approve that C. Butler Barrett, Esquire, Councilman F. Woodrow Harris, Councilman James C. Saunders, and Mr. Brian S. Thrower be renominated to serve one (1) year terms on the EGIDC’s Board of Directors. Councilwoman White seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

08-30. Surplus Property - Resolution

Mr. Thrower reported that the following eleven (11) City of Emporia vehicles were classified as surplus property:

- 1. 1989 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup 1GCDC14K4KE224081
- 2. 1987 Chevrolet 30 Cargo Van 1GCCG35K8H7174746
- 3. 1994 Cadillac Deville – 4 Door 1G6KD52B6RU211012
- 4. 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis LS – 4 Door 2MELM75W5PX621011
- 5. 2006 Chevrolet Lumina – Salvage Only..... 2G1WL52MV9157480
- 6. 1990 Ford L 700 Street Sweeper – Salvage Only..... 1FDXR72P9LVA32004
- 7. 1995 Chevrolet Caprice Classic – Salvage Only 1G1BL52P8SR147570
- 8. 1999 Ford Crown Vic – Salvage Only..... 2FAP71W1YX114500
- 9. 1995 Ford Crown Vic 2FALP71W7SX180169
- 10. 1989 Ford Crash/Equip. Truck 1FDLE30MXKHA15684

11. 1992 Ford Crown Vic2FACP72W8NX210590

He requested that City Council members review and approve the following resolution authorizing the sale and disposition of those vehicles:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-02

A Resolution Declaring Certain Property Of The City of Emporia, Virginia Surplus And Authorizing The Sale And Disposition Of The Same

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Emporia hereby declares the following list of city owned surplus property to the needs of the City:

<i>Property Description</i>	<i>VIN, Serial or Model Number</i>
1989 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup	1GCDC14K4KE224081
1987 Chevrolet 30 Cargo Van.....	1GCGG35K8H7174746
1994 Cadillac Deville – 4 Door.....	1G6KD52B6RU211012
1993 Mercury Grand Marquis LS – 4 Door.....	2MELM75W5PX621011
2006 Chevrolet Lumina – Salvage Only	2G1WL52MV9157480
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Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to dispose of this property pursuant to Section 2-247 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Emporia, Virginia.

Councilman Harris moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman White seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Adams asked if there was anyone who wished to bring a matter before City Council members, adhering to the 3-minutes per person speaking limitation.

Ms. Deborah F. Brown of 604 Temple Avenue, Emporia, Virginia stated that, four (4) years prior, the development of a good faith agreement between the NAACP and the Emporia Police Department was began. She also stated that the agreement consists of, “what every police officer that is employed with the Emporia Police Department should be doing right now.” She also stated that a representative from the U.S. Justice Department worked with the NAACP in developing the agreement and that it was presented to City Council for approval.

She reported that the agreement indicates that City Council members are aware of issues and concerns within the City’s African-American community and that the City supports the Police Department being notified and enlightened of those issues. She also reported that she hopes City Council members will sign the agreement.

With there being no further comments to come before City Council, Mayor Adams entered a motion to enter into Closed Session.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

Councilman White moved that Closed Session be entered for the purpose of discussing Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (3) **Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose**, and (5) **Industrial Matter**. Councilman Saunders seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

*****REGULAR SESSION*****

Councilwoman Squire moved that the meeting be returned to Regular Session. Councilman White seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Councilwoman Nancy B. Squire	aye
Councilman John R. White	aye
Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James C. Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	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 matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by City Council.

Councilman White seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Councilman White moved to approve that the City's manager continue working with Greenville County in reference to having architectural drawings prepared and moving forward with the bidding process of the proposed new VPI Extension Office. Councilman Saunders seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

Jean V. Whiting, City Clerk