

**MINUTES
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
August 4, 2009**

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INVOCATION

Emporia City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 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, President of Council offering the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Others present: C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney
Steve B. Hall, Assistant City Manager
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger
Jean V. Whiting, City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the July 21, 2009 regular City Council meeting were distributed to City Council members.

Councilwoman Temple moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Lankford seconded the motion, 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 Ned V. Lankford aye

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney, had no matters to report to City Council members.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Adams reported the addition of item **09-102. Kei Property – Financing Approval and Appropriation Ordinance.**

Councilman Saunders moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Lankford seconded the motion, 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 Ned V. Lankford	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

09-68. Request by Council Member Harris – Revision to Employee Policy Manual (Chapter IX – Holidays and Leaves)

Mayor Adams reported that proposed revisions to *Chapter IX - Holidays and Leaves* of the Employee Policy Manual would be presented at the August 18, 2009 City Council meeting.

It was the consensus of City Council members to delay the matter for two additional weeks.

09-89. Traffic on Jefferson Street – Request by Council Member Temple

Mayor Adams reported that the matter was pending a Highway Safety Commission meeting slated for the following day.

It was the consensus of City Council members to delay the matter for two additional weeks.

09-91. Boards and Commissions – Various Term Expirations (Beverly White)

Mayor Adams reported that an appointment was need to the Southside Community College Board.

Councilwoman Temple moved to nominate Mrs. Peggy Jones to the Southside Community College Board.

Councilman Saunders moved to appoint Mrs. Peggy Jones to the Southside Community College Board. Councilman Harris seconded the motion, 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 Ned V. Lankford	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye

NEW BUSINESS

09-100. Cancellation of October 20, 2009 Council Meeting

Mayor Adams reported that the October 20, 2009 City Council Meeting would need to be cancelled due to City Council members attending the annual VML Conference.

It was the consensus of City Council members to cancel the October 20, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of City Council.

09-101. Multiunit Water and Sewer Connection Fees

Mr. Thrower reported that questions concerning what water and sewer fees should be applied to new units within pre-existing multi-unit developments had been raised. He also reported that the question had been raised as to whether developers should be charged the per unit connection fees in existence when the multi-unit development was initially built or be charged the current per unit connection fees adopted by City Council at the time of building permit issuance for the new units.

He requested that City Council members authorize him to advertise a public hearing concerning modification to existing applicable City of Emporia Codes for clarification.

It was the consensus of City Council members to allow the city manager to advertise a public hearing concerning he matter.

09-102. Kei Property – Financing Approval and Appropriation Ordinance

Mr. Thrower reported that two responses had been received for an RFP to finance property located at 107 South Main Street. He also reported that the Bank of Southside Virginia offered the lowest true cost of financing with an interest rate of 4.35 percent for a ten year period. He requested that City Council members authorize him to enter into a financing agreement with the Bank of Southside Virginia and approve Ordinance 09-50 appropriating the loan proceeds into the FY10 Budget.

Councilman Saunders moved to approve **Ordinance 09-50** and that the city manager be authorized to enter into a financing agreement with the Bank of Southside Virginia as requested. Councilwoman Temple seconded the motion, 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 Ned V. Lankford	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 3 minutes per speaker time limitation.

Councilman Saunders congratulated City Administration and the Police Department Administration for their efforts in writing and being awarded the COPS Grant. He reported that the City of Emporia was one of 8 localities awarded the funding.

With there being no further comments to come before City Council members, 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

Jean V. Whiting, CMC, City Clerk