

**MINUTES  
EMPORIA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF EMPORIA MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
September 1, 2011**

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Emporia City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2011 at 5:00 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 Saunders, Council Member, offering the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The following City Council members were present:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris  
Councilwoman Beverly White  
Councilwoman Doris T. White  
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey  
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon ~ (5:15 p.m. arrival)  
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple  
Councilman James Saunders

Others present:

Samuel W. Adams, III Mayor  
Brian S. Thrower, City Manger  
Steven B. Hall, Assistant City Manager  
Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk  
Don Wyatt, Chief of Police  
Royal Jones, Public Works Director  
Ken Ryals, Emergency Service Coordinator  
Sheila Cutrell, Finance Director  
Linwood Pope, Director of Utilities

Absent: C. Butler Barrett, City Attorney

**NEW BUSINESS**

***11-78. Hurricane Irene – Request to Adopt Resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency***

Mr. Thrower stated that the meeting has been called to discuss the effects of Hurricane Irene and to declare a local emergency.

Mr. Ken Ryals, Emergency Service Coordinator, provided an overview of the City's preparation for Hurricane Irene, damage sustained throughout the City from the wind and rain, the restoration efforts by City staff, and the challenges faced by staff throughout the event.

Mr. Ryals stated that the City has done a great job assessing all of the issues throughout the City. He also stated that he was working with FEMA office to provide them with the information needed to have the City added to the emergency declarations at the State level.

City Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Ryals and to everyone who worked behind the scenes for the City

Mayor Adams stated that the primary objective is to adopt the resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency.

### **Resolution**

#### Resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

RESOLUTION \_11-10\_\_\_\_\_DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF EMPORIA, VIRGINIA.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to the occurrence of Hurricane Irene, the City of Emporia is facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety and property of the residents of the City of Emporia;
2. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Emporia, Virginia, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Emporia; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during the existence of this emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Services organization and functions of the City of Emporia shall be those prescribed by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of the City of Emporia in order to mitigate the effect of said emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in order to carry out the effect of this Resolution, a sum of money, not to exceed \$\_350,000.00\_\_\_\_\_, is hereby appropriated from the City's unappropriated fund balance (from the Council's Special Account fund) to cover the reasonable operational costs of emergency services pending further report to this Council and such additional appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of this emergency.

Adopted: September 1, 2011

Councilman Harris made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 11-10** the Declaration of a Local Emergency, seconded by Councilwoman Temple, which passed as follows:

Councilman F. Woodrow Harris	aye
Councilman James Saunders	aye
Councilwoman Doris T. White	aye
Councilwoman Carolyn S. Carey	aye
Councilwoman L. Dale Temple	aye
Councilwoman Deborah D. Dixon	aye
Councilwoman Beverly White	aye

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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.

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Samuel W. Adams, III, Mayor

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Tessie S. Wilkins, City Clerk