

**MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING  
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
1600 NINTH AVENUE  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 – 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro Tem Larry White, and Council Members William M. Goldfinch IV, Shane Hubbard, Ashley Smith, and Jean M. Timbes;  
**ABSENT:** Council Member Tom Anderson

**STAFF:** Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Dale Long, Police Chief; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; and Barbara Tessier, City Clerk

**OTHERS:** Kathy Ropp and others

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order.

**UPDATE ON FLOOD.** The City Administrator gave an update on the flood situation:

- The City is not shutting off water service; rumors to that effect are unfounded.
- The Waccamaw River is currently at 20.20'; it is expected to rise to 22' by Tuesday.
- Fire Department personnel went door-to-door on Sherwood Drive to warn residents of impending flooding. The residents of 22 homes chose not to evacuate.
- Sherwood Drive has been closed due to wake issues.
- Sixty-four people have been evacuated from Pecan Grove/Sedgefield subdivisions.
- Damage assessment will begin Monday via boat and canoe with videos and cameras.
- Highways 501 Bypass and Business are both currently open.
- Shelter occupancy: Recreation Center - about 15; Conway High School – 1; Bucksport shelter occupants were relocated to the shelter at Whittemore Park Middle School.
- Staff went door-to-door in the County Club, Glass Hill, The Village, and Windmeadow neighborhoods but Emrick reported that many residents do not believe they may have flooding.
- The Riverfront Tennis Center and Cypress Inn are underwater.
- At this point, persons wishing to volunteer and or make large food donations should be directed to the County.

Emrick and Council held a brief discussion concerning the record levels of flooding in the City that are anticipated and the requirements for accurate record keeping and flood mapping. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to sanction an elevation survey of water levels in the City resulting from Hurricane Florence. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Timbes** inquired if the City should consider raising required construction elevations to coincide with the new flood levels. She also asked that it be kept in mind that not everyone uses social media.

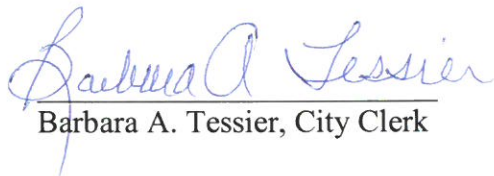
**Goldfinch** commented on the evidence of people helping people--not just friends, but strangers as well—during this event.

**White** commended Newell on her work to keep the City's website and Facebook page updated.

**Mayor Blain-Bellamy** thanked Emrick for keeping Council apprised.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion:** Hubbard made a motion, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting.  
**Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Barbara A. Tessier, City Clerk