

**MINUTES OF  
COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022 –  
6:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**MAYOR**

**TODD M. HARRELSON**

**COUNCIL**

**JOAN GAUSE  
LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.  
ANDREA L. COLEMAN  
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.  
MICHAEL E. SUGGS  
JAN P. VESCOVI**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 1, 2022.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Mayor Harrelson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called by City Clerk Massey.

**FOIA:**

Notice of the meeting with an agenda was publicly posted, published, and forwarded to the media no less than 24 hours prior to commencement.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mayor Harrelson states that 150 people came to the Loris Birthday Party. It was an enormous success.

**B. MCLEOD LORIS HOSPITAL REPORT**

Mayor Harrelson states that Scott Montgomery said there was not an increase in admissions. The new operating room and MRI facilities should be opened and updated this fall. They are continuing to grow.

**C. COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**

Mayor Harrelson announces that coffee with the Mayor will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Community Room.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- A. PROCUREMENT POLICY-** Administrator Young states that minor changes need to be made to the Procurement Policy to meet state requirements. These changes will be reviewed at the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.
- B. FINANCIAL PROCEDURE POLICY-** Administrator Young states the Financial Procedure Policy is also a state requirement. The policy will coincide with the Procurement Policy and outline financial processes and improvements that need to be made by the staff.
- C. SANTEE COOPER GRANT APPLICATION-** The Santee Cooper Grant will coincide with the Master Plan Study. Administrator Young states that they can apply for the \$10,000 grant at this time. In addition to the Santee Cooper grant, the Municipal Association of South Carolina grant will also coincide with the Master Plan. This grant application must be submitted by the end of September. Administrator Young stated MASC grant is a \$25,000 award.
- D. MASC ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE-** Administrator Young distributes information on awards and programs available through the Municipal Association of South Carolina. He received this information at the Annual Conference. Young felt the conference was beneficial. Mayor Todd Harrelson also thought the conference was informative and allowed for networking with cities statewide.
- E. WATER & SEWER RATE ORDINANCE UPDATE-** Administrator Young states that the Public Works Committee will meet next week to discuss the rates.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- No Report**
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE- No Report**
- C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE- No Report**
- D. RECREATION COMMITTEE- No Report**
- E. BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE- No Report**

**F. PLANNING, ANNEXATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- No Report**

**BUSINESS:**

- A. 2016-2017 AUDIT REPORT BY ROBIN POSTON-** Robin Poston presented a 12-month report for the period of July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017. Poston said she did not have the data to make an opinion on the report. Poston did not have the documents needed for review and the general ledger was incorrect. The gathering of documentation made the process much longer. The Government-wide statement outlines everything owed and assets (not including water and sewer). Moving forward all financial transactions must be recorded. The planned budget and actual results need to be more in line. These changes will allow the City of Lorin to apply for financial grants.
- B. HORRY COUNTY ARPA GRANT APPLICATION-** Administrator Young states that this grant will help the City to run a water line from City Hall to True Value Hardware. The grant is \$500,000. These funds will aid with current water and sewer issues. The application deadline is July. A response is expected in September.
- C. PURCHASE OF POLICE CARS-** City Clerk Massey states they have found three used cars to consider for purchase. The cost of a new police car would be greater than the three used ones. Two cars will be replacements for vehicles currently being used. The cars being replaced will be sold to offset some of the expense. Councilwoman Vescovi makes a motion to purchase three cars. Councilwoman Coleman seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- D. WATSON PARK PARD GRANT-** Tim states that the staff he has allows for daily visits to Watson Park. The new playground equipment has been installed. The installation of a pavilion is the planned next step; however, there is a need to make the current building usable. The current building requires a new roof before it can be rented. Tim requests to use the grant money allotted for 2021 be used to replace the roof. The 2023 PARD grant funds will be used to install new basketball courts. Cameras are now active in the park. Councilman Suggs makes motion to move forward with replacing the roof on the current building. Councilwoman Vescovi seconds motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- E. RESOLUTION 03-22, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MUNICIPAL STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE SC HWY 9 WIDENING PROJECT- RIDE III Program-** Councilman Padgett makes a motion to adopt Resolution 03-22 to move forward with an agreement for the SC Hwy 9 Widening Project. Councilwoman Gause seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- F. RESOLUTION 04-22, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MUNICIPAL STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE U.S. HWY 701 WIDENING PROJECT-** - Councilman Padgett makes a motion to adopt Resolution 04-22 to move forward with an agreement for the US Hwy 701 Widening Project. Gause seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS.**
- B. DISCUSSION ON LITIGATION FOR RUDELITCH CASE & OLD HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY.**
- C. DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Padgett. All members voted in favor of entering Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Hardee to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Padgett. All members voted in favor of exiting Executive Session at 8:08 pm.

Mayor Harrelson said that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. PUBLIC WORKS-** City Clerk Massey states three fire hydrants are being installed. DHEC requires all work to be complete by September.
- B. CODE ENFORCEMENT-** City Clerk Massey states that they are trying to approve a lot development for over 200 homes, he is currently waiting to hear back about that.
- C. RECREATION DEPARTMENT-** Tim states that the spring sports season is over. Both teams in the State Tournament won a sportsmanship award. Fall sports sign ups start today, offering football, cheerleading, softball, and volleyball. Registration will continue through August. Residents of Loris get a discounted rate. 312 people voted for the mascot name; Lacey won. Councilwoman Vescovi states the Community Pep-rally will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Heniford Field. Loris High School's first football game is on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Tim will be the voice of the Lions this year with announcements.
- D. POLICE DEPARTMENT-** None
- E. FIRE DEPARTMENT-** None

**PUBLIC AND PRESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Councilman Hardee for adjournment; Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

**ATTEST:**

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**TODD K. MASSEY, II**  
**CITY CLERK**

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**TODD M. HARRELSON**  
**MAYOR**

**LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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