



**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 –  
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 6:00pm on Monday, June 5, 2023.

**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 Attorney Moss.

**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.

## **PUBLIC AND PRESS:**

**Summer Meadows** – The residents of Summer Meadows were recently made aware of a 200-home development being built next to them. They are concerned about tree removal and the use of their private roads for construction vehicles. The existing retention pond drains into the wooded area that surrounds Summer Meadows. Mayor Harrelson said that trees on their property would not be removed, and construction vehicles would need to use a road designed for that purpose.

**Tim Fields (Woodrow Lane)** – Resident recently moved to the area from Washington state. Mr. Fields expressed his concerns about the current wages received by the law enforcement officers of the city.

**Jamie Stevens**- Mr. Stevens expressed his concerns about current procedures maintained by the city. Mayor Harrelson suggested he speak to Administrator Young to express his concerns as an employee.

**Robert Rutledge (Bryant Street)**- Mr. Rutledge expressed the need for the city street sweeper to be used on Bryant Street as it is on Main Street.

**Lynn (Russ Road)**- Lynn would like to see the city adopt the Animal Control Ordinance used by Horry County.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**- Samantha Norris stated KidsFest and Entrepreneurs Fair would be held June 17, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Main Street will be closed from 701 to Railroad Avenue.
- B. **MCLEOD LORIS HOSPITAL REPORT**- Mayor Harrelson stated everything is going great. Currently there are repairs being made to the parking lot. No new construction.
- C. **COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**- Coffee with the Mayor will be held Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. in the Community Room.
- D. **MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA** – The MASC ANNUAL MEETING will be held July 27 – 30, 2023 in Greenville, South Carolina. Mayor Harrelson encourages the council to attend. He plans to attend.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- A. **PROPOSED BUDGET SCHEDULE FY 2023-2024**- The current budget ends June 30, 2023. The council will need to meet again prior to that date to approve the 2023-24 Budget. The meeting is tentatively planned for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.
- B. **GRANT – SC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SCIIP) \$5,038,667.00**- The City of Loris received approval for the grant. Administrator Young will meet in Georgetown on June 14<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the requirements. Councilwoman Gause asked Administrator Young to explain the planned use of the grant funds. The funds will be used to upgrade the sewer lines and replace most water meters.
- C. **SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RESILIENCE – CDBG MITIGATION – INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION - \$3,353,000** – Administrator Young submitted the grant proposal

prior to the end of May deadline. He feels confident the city will receive these funds. There is no required match for this grant.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**- Councilwoman Gause stated the committee met on May 4th at 4:30 P.M. The committee discussed Economic and Downtown Master Plan and committee, Employee Handbook Revisions, Procurement Policy, Loris Chamber of Commerce request, Hospitality Tax Policy, and Paris Computer Systems.
- B. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Did not meet.
- C. **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** – Did not meet.
- D. **RECREATION COMMITTEE** – Did not meet.
- E. **PLANNING, ANNEXATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Did not meet. Mr. Young stated the Planning Commission met.
- F. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Did not meet.

**ORDINANCES:**

- A. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE 08-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – **DEFERRED**
- B. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE 09-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – **DEFERRED**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. RES. 05-23 – PROCUREMENT POLICY PROCEDURES – **DEFERRED**
- B. RES. 04-23 – EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY REVISIONS – **DEFERRED**
- C. RES. 06-23 – UTILITY COLLECTIONS PROCEDURES – Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi and Second by Councilman Padgett. Motion passes.

**BUSINESS:**

- A. **TONY McEWEN, CAROLINAS DIRECTOR, FLOOD COALITION**- Free consulting and help with flood funding available from the Flood Coalition.
- B. **LAND PURCHASE/LEASE**- Executive Session
- C. **JORDAN WASTE CONTRACT** – Motion made by Councilman Hardee. Second by Councilwoman Gause. Motion passes. Councilwoman Vescovi recused from the vote due to personal relationship.
- D. **LIGHTS OVER MAIN STREET/ JERRY DALTON** – Mr. Dalton said the lights over Main Street would cost \$1059.69 plus tax. This cost does not include installation. Motion made by

Councilman Padgett. Second made by Councilwoman Vescovi. Motion to move forward with lights passed. Motion made by Councilman Padgett to apply for a grant to cover this expense. Second by Councilman Suggs. Motion passes.

- E. **CITY COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS A PETITION OF ANNEXATION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON HELENA DRIVE PIN# 176-08-03-0043-** Motion made by Councilman Suggs. Second by Councilman Padgett. Motion passes.

**CITY BUDGET REPORT:**

- A. MAY 2023

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. **CITY OF LORIS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – 2 OUT OF 5 VACANCIES**
- B. **CITY OF LORIS PLANNING COMMISSION – 1 OUT OF 7 VACANCIES**
- C. **CITY CLERK – Executive Session**
- D. **CITY CLERK OF COURT – Executive Session**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. **PUBLIC WORKS-** Jordan states that the Ride Three project is underway. Grants have been submitted.
- B. **CODE ENFORCEMENT-** No Report
- C. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT-** Councilwoman Vescovi stated that the Spring season is wrapping up. There were 112 games played at the Loris Recreation Department this season. District Tournaments are starting. Two teams played in the Benji Blanton Tournament, and both finished first runner-up. There will be a USSSA tournament held at the fields. Windows at Watson Park have been replaced. An assessment is being done to decide the next steps.
- D. **POLICE DEPARTMENT-** No Report
- E. **FIRE DEPARTMENT-** No Report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. **DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTUAL MATTERS AND PROPERTY MATTERS**
- B. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor of entering Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Councilman Hardee. All members voted in favor of exiting Executive Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Councilman Hardee for adjournment; Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned. .

**ATTEST:**

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**BRANDY GRAHAM  
CITY CLERK**

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**TODD M. HARRELSON  
MAYOR**

**LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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