



**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024  
– 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**MAYOR**

**MICHAEL E. SUGGS**

**COUNCIL**

**ANDREA COLEMAN  
JOAN S. GAUSE  
KELLI GERALD  
LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.  
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.  
TONYA SYKES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Suggs at 6:00pm on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 6PM.

**INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was given by Councilman Padgett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Suggs.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called by City Clerk Graham.

**1. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. **MAYORS'S REPORT-** Mayor Suggs stated that repairs continue at Watson Park. The meeting room will soon be available. Administrator Young is looking at additional funds for more improvements to be made. The parking lines in the downtown area have recently been repainted. The Loris Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Diamond Youth Softball State Tournament. Mayor Suggs thanked everyone that assisted with the event. Several of our teams will be participating in State tournaments. We wish them good luck. Mayor Suggs thanked Jordan Waste for their \$12,000 donation that will be used for Recreation. The next League of Cities meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, in Surfside. The Loris Police Department hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement meeting. Congratulations to Wayne Fox for being appointed to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors.

Samantha Norris stated that she just returned from Columbie for the Miss South Carolina Pageant. The girls representing the City of Loris represented very well. Kayla Williams was named Top 5 in Academic Scholarship. The next Downtown Tuesday will be July 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be Arts Alive. That will be the last Downtown Tuesday until September.

**B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- 1. TURF TANK RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LORIS RECREATION-** Administrator Young stated that Recreation Director Woody Harrelson presented him with a proposal from Turf Tank. The Recreation Committee met to review the agreement. He asked to table this with additional information
- 2. WRCOG AGREEMENT-** Administrator Young stated that he and staff have reviewed the agreement and would like additional time.

**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. RECREATION COMMITTEE-** Councilwoman Gerald stated that the Recreation Committee met to discuss the Turf Tank Rental Agreement. The committee needs additional information before they can make a decision on this.

**D. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS-** Reports from Department Heads in Council packet.

- 1. CODE ENFORCEMENT**
- 2. FIRE**
- 3. POLICE-** Loris Police had a check point on Friday night. It was very successful. They wrote 37 citations, they had multiple alcohol related incidents and made two arrests.
- 4. PUBLIC WORKS**
- 5. RECREATION**

## 2. BUSINESS

- A. **DISCUSSION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 06-24- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER SIX OF THE CITY OF LORIS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMALS** - A motion was made by Councilman Hardee to adopt. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerald. All in favor. Motion passes.
- B. **DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 04-24- A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF LORIS DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN 2024-** Motion to adopt made by Councilman Padgett. Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All in favor. Motion passes.
- C. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: TURF TANK RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LORIS PARKS AND RECREATION-** Administrator Young and Councilwoman Gerlad requested this be tabled until additional information was provided.
- D. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE DETENTION OF JUVENILES BETWEEN THE LORIS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE-** Administrator Young stated that this agreement was used throughout the state. Mayor Suggs stated that the City has held this agreement for many years. Motion made by Councilwoman Gerald to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All in favor. Motion passes.
- E. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY WACCAMAW REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-** Administrator Young stated that the contract needs additional review. Tabled for further review.
- F. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE DEEMED SURPLUS-** Administrator Young stated that the list was compiled by Department Heads. This requires a motion by the council to deem this as surplus property. Meredith Holmes stated that only two departments are listed at this time. She would like to start with this list and post on Gov.deals. Motion made by Councilwoman Gause to deem the items listed as surplus property. Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All in favor. Motion passes.

## 3. **PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:**

- 1. **Sherry Williams (Canal Street)-** Ms. Williams stated that the community needs help with gangs. They need more patrol. They can't sleep because they are shooting at cars. They shot at her house. Parents are not doing anything about it. There are frozen pellets in the guns. She also expressed concerns about an increased water bill. Mayor Suggs stated that the Loris Police are aware of the issue. Councilwoman Gause asked if there is a curfew for the park. Chief Buley stated that there is no ordinance in place to enforce a curfew.
- 2. **Todd Harrelson (Liberty Street)-** Mr. Harrelson stated that he previously asked about the hospitality audit. He would like to know when it will be complete. He stated that he believed the city should support the Historical Society. Councilman Padgett asked for a proposal for needed funding. Mr. Harrelson stated that the word on the street is that

the City is going to give water and sewer to Grand Strand Water and Sewer. The people would like to know what is happening. He also expressed concerns about the Loris Police Department. Without raises we will lose officers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Councilwoman Gause for adjournment; Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. 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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