



**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
– 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

MAYOR

MICHAEL E. SUGGS

COUNCIL

**KELLI GERALD
LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.
TONYA SYKES**

ABSENT

**ANDREA COLEMAN
JOAN GAUSE**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Suggs at 6:00pm on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 6PM.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by City Clerk Graham.

1. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. **MAYORS'S REPORT-** Mayor Suggs said that he and Councilman Hardee represented the City of Loris at the League of Cities in Surfside. Nicole Hyman was the guest speaker at the event. Last Thursday, Mayor Suggs and City Clerk Graham met with officials from Santee Cooper to discuss several items. They discussed their new ate charges that may come into effect in the Spring. Their website provides a rate simulator. The National Night Out will be held tomorrow night in Downtown Loris. The Department of Environmental Services was at the old Loris High School testing possible environmental concerns. Please be prepared for the possible weather impacts from Tropical Storm Debby. There are sandbags available at the Recreation Department.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. **SMALL CITIES SUMMIT-** Administrator Young stated the Small Cities Summit will be held on August 22, 2024, in Columbia. He plans to attend and believes there will be valuable information provided for cities our size.

2. **FY 2024-2025 BUDGET REPORT-** Administrator Young stated that he provided an update to the budget. Thank you to Horry County for all the information they provided as we prepared the budget.

C. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS-

Reports from Department Heads in Council packet.

1. **CODE ENFORCEMENT-** Meredith Holmes said that she and Wayne Fox will perform damage assessments after the storm.
2. **FIRE**
3. **POLICE-** Chief Buley asked citizens to be careful on the road when the storm arrives. Reminded citizens not to go around barriers.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS**
5. **RECREATION**

2. BUSINESS

A. **DISCUSSION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 03-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040** - A motion was made by Councilman Padgett to adopt the Comprehensive Plan 2040. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. All in favor. Motion passes.

B. **DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 07-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA for the FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, WNDING JUNE 30, 2025** - Motion to accept first reading by Councilwoman Gerald. Seconded by Councilman Hardee. All in favor. Motion passes.

- C. **DISCUSSION OF PETITION to ANNEX 0.21 ACRES INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LORIS AS R-2 (RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM) LOCATED EAST OF CANNON ROAD (COUNTY ROAD) [PIN #176-14-01-0048]** – Meredith Holmes stated that the property is continuous to the City, next to Watson Park. Motion to accept the petition made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerald. All in favor. Motion passes.
- D. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES BY WACCAMAW REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-** Administrator Young stated their services assist with Planning and Zoning. The contract is used as needed. The staff and Attorney Zilinsky suggested changes. Motion made by Councilman Padgett to approve the contract and allow Administrator Young to sign on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. All in favor. Motion passes.
3. **PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:**
1. **Wendee Boyd (Conway, SC)-** Ms. Boyd stated that as elected officials that they are responsible for the Fire Department. She asked what the advantages are of keeping the Fire Department as a part of the City of Loris. She said that her concerns had not been addressed.
 2. **Todd Harrelson (Liberty Street)-** Mr. Harrelson stated that he has had several questions over the last several months. He has not gotten answers. What is happening with hospitality audit? Where is the spreadsheet on Grand Strand Water and Sewer? What happened to the Loris Police Department car? Is the budget meant to defund the police? The 5 million dollars grant for Water and Sewer is going to be lost? Mayor Suggs stated that the Hospitality Audit is in progress. The council is working on Grand Strand Water and Sewer. The police car issue was a problem that was inherited. Administrator Young stated that the 5 million dollars grant is in progress. Hanna Engineering is getting ready to bid out the construction. Mayor Suggs stated that the council is looking at a revised budget to address salaries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed.

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

ATTEST:

**BRANDY GRAHAM
CITY CLERK**

**MICHAEL E. SUGGS
MAYOR**

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