

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL - ZOOM  
MARCH 1, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**MAYOR**

**TODD M. HARRELSON**

**COUNCIL**

**LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.  
CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.  
MICHAEL E. SUGGS**

**ABSENT**

**JOAN S. GAUSE  
TERRANCE T. HARDEE  
JAN P. VESCOVI**

**NEWS MEDIA present were Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, Mr. Scott Harper, writer for The Loris Scene, and Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for The Loris Times.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson.

**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 Todd K. Massey II

**FOIA:**

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

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Harrelson

Advised that he spoke with Scott Montgomery of McLeod and was advised that the Loris facility has seen a decrease in COVID cases over the past few weeks. Advised that there will be a 5,000 dose COVID vaccination event on May 5, 2021 at the Darlington Speedway and citizens can sign

up on the McLeod website. Advised that the State of South Carolina Governor has lifted the restrictions on public events and alcoholic establishments. He advised that the City of Loris does not monitor our City Facebook so if citizens have any concerns or questions, they need to contact City Hall to express their issues to City employees.

Mrs. Samantha Norris advised that the City of Loris Chamber of Commerce is currently working on their Loris Chamber Vision project. She advised that the Chamber of Commerce is also still currently working on their banquet hall located in the old Loris Theatre which will also have a City of Loris museum.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **Recreation:**

Mr. Ford advised that they will be completing basketball Allstar season at the end of the week. Advised that they will have an Allstar team competing in the district playoffs and that the same Allstar team made it to the State Playoffs last year. Advised that the baseball and softball season will be starting this week with player evaluations. He also advised that they will be participating in a pitch, hit, and run event that is sponsored by the Major League Baseball organization this year and the event will start on March 27, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

#### **Public Works:**

Mayor Harrelson announced that Ricky Bellamy was not able to attend the council meeting so there would not be a departmental report for Public Works.

#### **Code Enforcement:**

Mayor Harrelson announced that the City had hired Andy Bell as the part time Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Loris, but he was not able to attend the council meeting.

#### **Police Department:**

Chief Buley advised that they are currently completing yearly recertifications. Advised that he was not able to provide call response data this meeting due to him not getting his report from the Horry County 911 center in time for the meeting.

#### **Fire Department:**

Chief Hardee advised that the new F450 Rescue Squad will be delivered on March 2, 2021. He advised that himself and Mr. Massey traveled to Georgia last Friday to pick up the new F450 Rescue truck but was unable to drive the new truck back because it was having a computer problem. He advised that he also had turned in call response numbers to council with their

council packets prior to the council meeting and if they had any questions about them, he would be happy to answer them.

**PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS**

Mrs. Jenn Boyd, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune asked when Amanda Causey's position was, the City Clerk, going to be filled. She also asked when is Amanda Causey's last day of employment with the City of Loris.

Mr. Freddy Mincey, citizen of Loris, asked if the City Council is interviewing people for the Loris City Administrator position. He also inquired about the City's audits and if they are finished will they be posted for the public to view. Mr. Mincey also asked how many fire calls the city fire department runs per year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Padgett made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and contractual matters at 6:25 pm, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

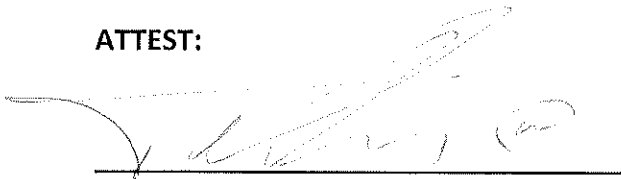
A motion was made by Councilman Padgett at 7:08 pm to return from executive session, seconded by Council Lewis Hardee.

Mayor Harrelson advised there was no action taken on items discussed.

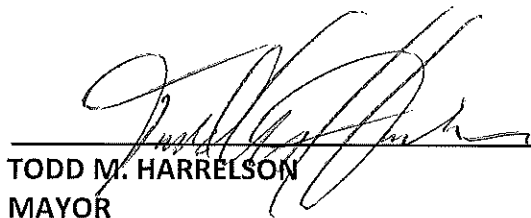
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilman Padgett to adjourn. All members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**ATTEST:**




Todd K. Massey II  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



TODD M. HARRELSON  
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

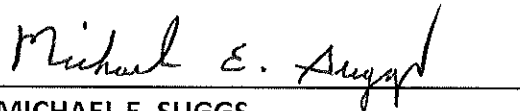
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