

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

**JOAN S. GAUSE
TERRENCE T. HARDEE, JR.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Clerk Amanda F. Causey.

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:

Mayor Harrelson stated that Scott Montgomery of McLeod advised the Loris facility is under normal operations and the COVID cases are continuing to decrease.

County Councilman Paul Prince provided a check to the City of Loris for \$10,000. Councilman Prince advised that the current assessed value of the City of Loris is \$20,000,000. He presented a check for \$7,300.00 for use at Parks & Recreation, a check for \$10,000.00 to apply to the purchase of the Fire Department light rescue truck, and a check for \$15,000.00 for the Fire Department 1% Fund. Councilman Prince requested a future meeting with the Trustees of the 1% Fund to complete a financial audit. He also advised that the section of the parking lot at the

athletic stadium has been paved by Horry County. Advised the nature trails at Loris Nature Park are being completed. He advised that Hardee and South Bend, currently dirt roads in the city, will be paved by Horry County.

Samantha Norris with the Chamber of Commerce advised the Bog Off Festival will be held if approval is received from the Department of Commerce. Advised the festival will be reduced to a fenced, 7-acre area. Advised the Bog Off Pageant will be September 26 at Kingston Lake.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recreation:

Mr. Brandon Harrelson advised tackle football and cheer registration is being extended another week. Advised the PARD Grant playground at Watson Park is being installed the following week and the PARD Grant playground at Heniford would follow.

Public Works:

Mr. Harrelson advised that they are cleaning ditches and continuing to prepare as we are in hurricane season. Water and Sewer are continuing to work to improve the systems.

Code Enforcement:

Mr. Brandon Harrelson advised that single family permits were continuing to be issued even with increasing cost of materials.

Administration:

Mr. Brandon Harrelson provided council with financial statements and advised that he was still working through some inconsistencies. Advised that the department was still working to gather all the documents necessary for the accountant.

Police Department:

Chief Gary Buley advised another officer has rendered his resignation. Advised there was another shooting incident at Tall Pines Apartment complex. Advised the department has responded to 370 documented calls since December of 2019.

Fire Department:

Chief Jerry Hardee advised the light rescue unit that has been ordered is expected to be completed by the first week in December. Advised the department would be collecting money at the red light on Saturday and the proceeds will be used to purchase additional equipment. Advised the call volume for Covid related calls have reduced.

BUSINESS:

A. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Councilman Lewis Hardee made a motion to appoint Kent Wright as the Assistant Fire Chief, seconded by Councilman Suggs. All members voted favorably.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CRIMINAL ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Councilman Padgett advised that at this time the Public Safety Committee did not have a recommendation as to the preparation of an ordinance at this time. Advised that the committee will have another meeting to discuss the ordinance preparation prior to submitting a suggestion.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

Jen Boyd, writer with, asked if there was a timeline for the replacement of the lost police officers. Mayor Harrelson advised that would be left for the Public Safety Committee to discuss.

Annie Rigby, writer with, The Loris Times, thanked council for allowing the press to attend the meeting in person.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Padgett made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and contractual matters, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi at 6:31 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee to return from executive session, seconded by Councilman Suggs at 7:48 PM.

Mayor Harrelson advised that no action was taken.

Councilman Padgett made a motion authorizing Mayor Harrelson to sign the agreement with Horry County settling the hospitality lawsuit in which the balance of the money collected would be returned to the respective municipality the collected it and not the bar.

All members voted favorably.

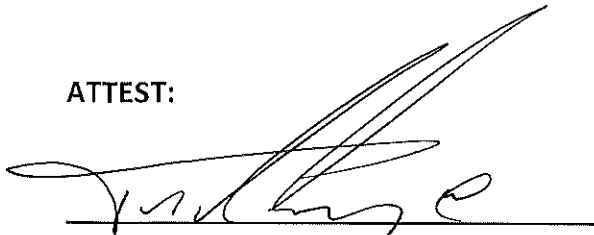
Attorney Moss advised the confidential settlement agreement given to the City of Loris has not yet been provided to the court therefore, at this time, should not be publicly discussed.

Advised that once the court reviews and or approves the agreement will be made public for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

ATTEST:



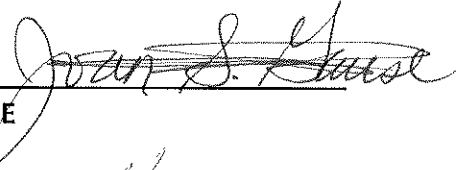
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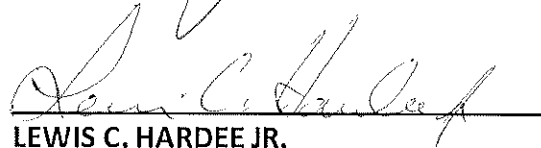
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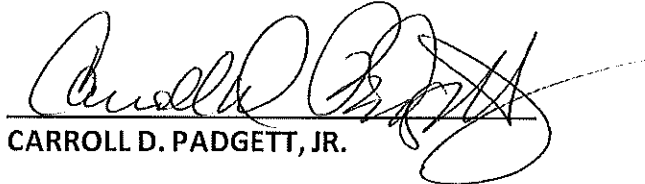


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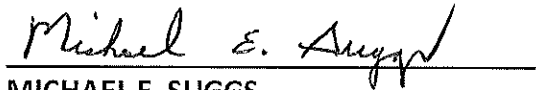


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