

**MINUTES OF
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,
2022 – 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

**JOAN GAUSE
LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.
ANDREA L. COLEMAN
MICHAEL E. SUGGS
JAN P. VESCOVI**

ABSENT

CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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 Clerk Massey.

FOIA:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC AND PRESS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE 05-22, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM. – No Comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-** Samantha Norris states that a bakery will be open soon. They have been renovating the businesses around town. On October 1st, the annual Loris Bog-Off pageant will take place. The 43rd Annual Loris-Bog Off Festival is coming up on October 15th. The LCoC is working on Top Bog, which will have professional cooks come in along with previous winners. Little Spiders Creations is going to have a haunted house here in Loris. The Youth Leadership program has 27 applications, and the program will be starting soon.
- B. **MCLEOD LORIS HOSPITAL REPORT-** Mayor Harrelson states that a new doctor started this week, Shannon Smith. McLeod Loris has a lot of new projects that they are working on. They will be switching to a new electronic Medical Records program in December which will allow all the offices to be on the same program.
- C. **COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR-** Mayor Harrelson announced that Coffee with the Mayor will be Thursday September 8th at 9am. Councilwoman Vescovi will be bringing 18 high school students to attend.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- A. **HORRY COUNTY- AMERICAN RESCUE GRANT PROPOSAL-** Administrator Young states that the proposal passed the committee at Horry County. It will be presented to Council at 6PM tonight.
- B. **SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM-** The city is eligible for two grants, the Community Impact Grant, and the Viability Planning Grant. Administrator Young states that he has applied for both grants, but the city can only be awarded one of these grants. He says that it would be a \$5,339,636 grant and the city would need to price match it at \$300,969. The grant would completely upgrade the city's three main sewer trunk lines and support new water meter installation. The money that the city received from the ARP funds can be used to make sure that the city is able to meet the grant requirements. The applications need to be in by 5pm next Monday, September 12, 2022. We should know by the middle to end of October if we received the grant.
- C. **SC OFFICE OF RESILIENCE (SCDOR) GRANT- STORMWATER PROJECT-** Administrator Young states that the applications are due in October.
- D. **SANTEE COOPER RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SCRED) PROGRAM GRANT \$10,000-** Administrator Young states that the city previously received this grant and will apply for it again in December.
- E. **PURCHASING CLERK/GRANTS COORDINATOR-** Administrator Young states that he is trying to hire someone in the administrative department. He has received 5 applications for the purchasing clerk/grants coordinator position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-** Councilwoman Gause stated that the Finance and Personnel Committee met Monday August 8th. They spoke about the medical leave and sick leave policy. Other Human Resource issues were discussed.
- B. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE-** Did not meet. Will meet this month.
- C. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE-** Councilman Hardee said that they met several times this month. Administrator Young spoke earlier in the meeting about the grants that are in progress.
- D. **RECREATION COMMITTEE-** Did not meet.
- E. **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE-** Did not meet.
- F. **PLANNING, ANNEXATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-** Did not meet.

BUSINESS:

- A. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 01-22 ADMENTMENT 3, A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE PRIMARY INTENDED USES OF A PORTION OF THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** - City Clerk Massey states that this will be the third application for this grant. Councilman Suggs makes a motion to approve the third amendment of the resolution. Councilwoman Vescovi seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- B. **ADOPT RESOLUTION 02-22, A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE CITY OF LORIS TO PROVIDING A LOCAL MATCH FOR MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HOMETOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND FOLLOWING ITS PROCUREMENT POLICY WHEN SECURING SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WITH GRANT FUNDS.** - Administrator Young states that the grant request is for \$10,000. The project will take approximately 12 months. Administrator Young will submit the grant by the end of the month. Councilwoman Vescovi makes a motion to approve the resolution to provide a local match for MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant and to follow its procurement policy. Councilman Hardee seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- C. **2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 05-22, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM.** - City Clerk Massey states that this ordinance will increase usage charges and base rates. Councilwoman Gause makes the motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to Adopt a Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Loris Water and Sewer System. Councilwoman Coleman seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- D. **COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS A PETITION OF ANNEXATION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON HWY 701 WITH PIN # 177-00-00-0031.** - City Clerk Massey states that they would like to be annexed into the city. Councilwoman Gause makes a motion to move forward with a public hearing for annexation. Councilman Suggs seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- E. **COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS A PETITION OF ANNEXATION FOR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON AIRPORT RD WITH PIN # 152-16-01-0008.** - City Clerk Massey states that they would like this to be annexed in because they (Tractor Supply) bought a piece of land next to the land that they already owned. Motion made by Councilman Hardee to approve the petition. Councilman Suggs seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

- F. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 06-22, AN ORDINANCE OF ANNEXATION WITH PIN # 176-12-01-0004.** - City clerk Massey said that they met August 2, 2022. They recommend annexing the property in. Councilwoman Gause, Coleman and Vescovi voted yes, along with Mayor Harrelson. Councilman Hardee and Suggs voted no. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS.**
- B. DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTUAL MATTERS.**
- C. DISCUSSION ON LITIGATION FOR RUDELITCH CASE.**
- D. DISCUSSION ON AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER- (MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT).**

Motion made by Councilwoman Gause to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Councilwoman Coleman. All members voted in favor of entering Executive Session at 7:09 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Hardee to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor of exiting Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

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

Councilwoman Vescovi makes the motion that Attorney Moss and Administrator Young have the authority to negotiate the purchase of a parcel of land. Councilwoman Gause seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- A. PUBLIC WORKS** - None
- B. CODE ENFORCEMENT**- None
- C. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**- Councilwoman Vescovi states this fall we will have multiple football, softball, volleyball and cheerleading teams. 73 girls have signed up for cheerleading. Cameras are live to be able to see Watson Park on YouTube.
- D. POLICE DEPARTMENT**- Chief Buley spoke about the chase that occurred this afternoon. The police were able to catch the man and no serious damage or injuries occurred.
- E. FIRE DEPARTMENT**- None

PUBLIC AND PRESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by councilwoman Vescovi for adjournment; Seconded by councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

ATTEST:

**BRANDY GRAHAM
CITY CLERK**

**TODD M. HARRELSON
MAYOR**

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