



**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 –
5:30 PM**

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson at 5:30pm on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

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 Attorney Moss.

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.

PUBLIC AND PRESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS AND PROPERTY MATTERS

B. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion made by Councilwoman Vescovi to enter Executive Session. Second by Councilwoman Gause. All in favor. Motion passes.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. CITY OF LORIS PLANNING COMMISSION – *1 OUT OF 7 VACANCIES*
- B. CITY OF LORIS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – *2 OUT OF 5 VACANCIES*
- C. CITY CLERK – Motion by Councilwoman Vescovi to appoint Brandy Graham as City Clerk. Second by Councilwoman Gause. All in favor. Motion passes.
- D. CITY CLERK OF COURT – Mr. Young stated that he will hire someone to work on a temporary fulltime basis. Judge Butler’s staff is currently helping while the position is vacant.

PROPOSED BUDGETS:

- A. **GENERAL FUND 10-** As of June 12, 2023, there was \$327,000 in the General Fund. The General Fund is owed \$300,000 from Water and Sewer for trash payments. Administrator Young stated that there needs to be \$1.2 million in cash flow in this account. Garbage fees will increase to \$29.
- B. **WATER AND WASTEWATER/SEWER FUND 20-** Administrator Young stated that as of June 12th there was \$174,000 in the Water and Sewer account. There is currently \$300,00 owed to the General Fund for trash fees. The trash payments come into the Water and Sewer accounts when bills are paid. The trash portion of the payment should be moved to the General Fund, but this has not happened because of the low balance in the Water and Sewer Fund. Young stated that there should always be a cash flow of \$700,00 in the Fund. Ricky Bellamy reviewed proposed increases to impact fees. The increased impact fees would cover the cost of materials. The council discussed the need to include grant responsibilities in the current budget. Administrator Young explained that due to the timing of the project, those would not be needed in this budget. The funds must be used by 2026. Councilwoman Vescovi asked why there was an increase in the repair expenditures to \$350,000. Administrator Young explained that the repairs need to be included in the budget because there are not excess funds to make costly repairs. The increased impact fees will add an estimated \$70,000 in revenue to the Water and Sewer Fund. With this additional revenue the fund will still need to make-up \$320,000. Administrator Young said that an increase in the base rate and usage for all customers will be necessary. Councilwoman Vescovi suggested looking at the employees that are funded by the Water and Sewer budget. One clerk position could be moved to the General Fund.

- C. **HOSPITALITY TAX FUND 40**- Administrator Young stated that as of June 12th there was \$435,180 in the Hospitality Account. It is estimated that the city collected \$80,000 (0.5%) and Horry County collected \$240,000 (1.5%) on behalf of the city. Recently, the business lists have been updated for the city and Horry County to ensure that all revenue is being captured.
- D. **DEBT SERVICE FUND**- Administrator Young stated that there is only 1 debt service payment outstanding, this payment is for the Public Safety building. The payments are \$53,196 annually with a 3.6% interest rate.

ORDINANCES:

- A. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE 08-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – **DEFERRED**
- B. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE 09-23, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – **DEFERRED**

RESOLUTIONS:

- A. RES. 10-23 – CONTINUING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF LORIS IF THE FISCAL YEAR 023-2024 BUDGET BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS. -

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by councilman Padgett for adjournment; Seconded by councilwoman Gause. All members voted in favor. There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

**BRANDY GRAHAM
CITY CLERK**

**TODD M. HARRELSON
MAYOR**

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