



**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
– 6:00 PM**

PRESENT

MAYOR

MICHAEL E. SUGGS

COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

ANDREA COLEMAN

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Suggs at 6:00pm on Monday, June 3, 2024.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Gause.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Suggs.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by City Clerk Graham.

1. MINUTES:

- A. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING—MARCH 4, 2024-** Motion made by Councilwoman Gause to approve the minutes on the Regular Council meeting on March 4, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Padgett. All in favor. Motion passes.
- B. **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING- April 1, 2024-** Motion made by Councilman Hardee to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. All in favor. Motion passes.

2. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **MAYORS’S REPORT-** Mayor Suggs stated that the leaf and limb pick-up is getting back on schedule. Roy Cox has returned to the City of Loris and will be around to pick-up debris. The 2024-2025 budget process is on schedule. A public hearing and second reading will be held on June 24, 2024. Mayor Suggs attended the Loris Presbyterian Church Men’s Meeting. The men asked great questions. Good fellowship. On Saturday May 25, 2024, Mayor Suggs attended the Memorial Day event. It was a nice event.

Samantha Norris stated that the Loris Chamber of Commerce is holding a fundraiser, Mocktails and Masterpieces, on June 4, 2024. July 7, 2024, there will be a Arts Alive event at the State Theater. Local authors and artists will be highlighted at the event. The Chamber of Commerce is working on a new relocation guide. Mrs. Norris would like to schedule a time for an updated picture and information.

B. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1.WATSON PARK REPAIRS UPDATE- Administrator Young stated that the roof repair is complete. The building will be deeply cleaned soon. The project is moving forward.

2.DIAMOND YOUTH SOFTBALL ALL STAR TOURNAMENTS- Administrator Young stated that the City of Loris Parks and Recreation will host three age groups in the Diamond Youth Softball State Tournament. The tournament will begin on June 28, 2024, with an Opening Ceremony at Loris High School.

3.TURF TANK RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LORIS RECREATION- Administrator Young stated that Recreation Director Woody Harrelson presented him a proposal from Turf Tank. He would like the Recreation Committee to review the agreement.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE-** Councilman Hardee stated that the committee met to review the Animal Control Ordinance draft and the Special Events Permit draft. The Special Events Permit is an ongoing project. The Animal Control Ordinance will have its First Reading tonight. There were a few changes made to the final ordinance suggested by Attorney Zilinsky.
2. **PLANNING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE-** Councilman Padgett stated that the Planning and Annexation Committee had a good meeting. The committee suggested changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Changes were made and the ordinance will have first reading tonight. Santee Cooper will provide additional lighting as part of the Hwy 9 and Hwy 701 expansion projects.,

D. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS- Reports from Department Heads in Council packet.

1. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
2. **FIRE**
3. **POLICE**
4. **PUBLIC WORKS**
5. **RECREATION**

3. BUSINESS

- A. **DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 03-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040-** A motion to read the ordinance by title only was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Graham. No discussion. A motion to approve first reading of the Comprehensive Plan 2040 was made by Councilwoman Gause. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerald. All in favor. Motion passes.
- B. **DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 04-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS- SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, ENDING JUNE 30, 2025-** A motion to read the ordinance by title only was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Graham. No discussion. A motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 04-24 to adopt a budget for the City of Loris was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerald. All in favor. Motion passes.
- C. **DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 05-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT** A motion to read the ordinance by title only was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Graham. No discussion. A motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 05-24 to adopt a budget for the City of Loris Water and Sewer was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. All in favor. Motion passes.

- D. **DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 06-24- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER SIX OF THE CITY OF LORIS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMALS** - A motion to read the ordinance by title only was made by Councilman Padgett. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. The ordinance was read by title only by City Clerk Graham. Attorney Zllinsky suggested a change to Chapter 6, Section 56 to remain in order to require individuals to vaccinate dogs from rabies. A motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 06-24 with suggested changes was made by Councilman Hardee. Seconded by Councilwoman Gerald. All in favor. Motion passes.
- E. **RE-APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**- Planning Commission appointees serve a four-year term. There were two positions that need to be re-appointed, John Adkins and Chris Spivey. The Zoning Board of Appeals had one position up for re-appointment, William Youman. Kimberly Rudelitch applied for the open position on the board Motion made by Councilman Hardee to re-appoint Adkins and Spivey to the Planning Commission, re-appoint Youmans to the Zoning Board of appeals and appoint Rudelitch to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All in favor. Motion passes.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS-

1. **Victoria Stevens (Bryant Street)**- Ms. Stevens said to the City Council that the Fire Department does a great job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Councilwoman Gause to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Sykes. All in favor. Motion passes Motion made by Councilman Hardee to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Gause. All in favor. Motion passes. Mayor Suggs stated that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:

**BRANDY GRAHAM
CITY CLERK**

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