

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL - ZOOM  
APRIL 5, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>TODD M. HARRELSON</b>
	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR. CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR. MICHAEL E. SUGGS JOAN GAUSE JAN P. VESCOVI</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>		<b>TERRANCE T. HARDEE</b>

**NEWS MEDIA** present were Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, 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 Interim Clerk Keith Massey II.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called by Interim Clerk 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.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the City of Loris Regular Council Meeting March 1, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilman Carroll D. Padgett, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021, seconded by Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. All voted in favor.

Minutes from City of Loris Special Council Meeting March 9, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilman Mike Suggs made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021, seconded by Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. All voted in favor.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Todd Harrelson

McLeod Loris Hospital updated us with Covid 19 numbers being down. McLeod Hospital is offering Antibody Treatments, as well as the Covid 19 vaccines at the Center for Health & Fitness here in Loris and it will be posted on all social media outlets on Thursday April 8, 2021. A considerable number of residents in the Loris area have been vaccinated to date.

Mrs. Samantha Norris advised that the City of Loris Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Loris' first Big City Sale on May 20 at the courtyard on Main St starting at 9am. Samantha stated that it would be added to the Chambers website, and other media outlets.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Harrelson proclaimed the month of April 2021 would be Donate Life Month. The Proclamation read by Interim Clerk Keith Massey II.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. First Reading of Ordinance 01-21. Amended the zoning ordinance specifically to establish a new overlay zone, and to regulate and accommodate the design and placement of all primase signs.

Interim Clerk Keith Massey II read Ordinance 01-21 in its entirety.

Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. made motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Jan Vescovi. All members voted, results 6/1 vote in favor of adopting Ordinance 01-21.

Councilman Michael E. Suggs stated, that the Ordinance will need to be sent to the Planning Commission before the second reading, but it is legally pending at this point.

B. Adopt Resolution 01-21 All Hazardous Mitigation.

The plan was originally voted on in February 2016, but technically, a new document with new amendments that has been signed and certified must be re-voted upon.

Councilwoman Vescovi made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-21, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee. All members in favor to Adopt Resolution 01-21.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Recreation:**

Mr. Ford advised that the basketball Allstar season had ended. Our 12U basketball team finished the season as 20-21 SCAP Eastern District Champions Runner-up, short by a few points. Baseball and Softball are underway with a District Baseball meeting Wednesday April 7. This meeting will be to make the schedule for this season. We are preparing to put our name in to the ring host a District Tournament for all the age groups that we offer. The Pitch Hit Run event was approved by Major League Baseball and we will host it Saturday April 17 at 10am.

Registration is on-line or on site. On March 30, Ford submitted his resignation letter to Mayor Harrelson and his last day will be April 9, 2021.

**Public Works:**

Ricky Bellamy spoke of the excellent job being done by the Water and Sewer crew. There is some controversy over where the service line is between Grand Strand Water and Sewer and Loris, we are working to get that resolved, and to get a new updated service area map of Loris. Water quality report has been done and passed, water tower inspections have been done and they passed as well. Water quality report will be posted to the website and all social media outlets by tomorrow.

**Code Enforcement:**

Mayor Harrelson announced that Andy Bell new Code Enforcement Officer was absent, but stated he was doing an excellent job so far. Mayor Harrelson spoke briefly about the Red Placards being seen around the city. They are posted on unsafe structures and the owners have been sent a letter regarding this matter. Suggestion was made to adopt the Unsafe Structure Code from 2018. Then Adopt it again when the 2021 code comes out in the fall of this year or the spring of 2022.

**Police Department:**

Chief Buley advised that the department's report was in each of Council's packets. Advised about the homicide on Maple Street, the subject was arrested. Det. Eric Stevens worked hard to on this case with no help from HCPD, only SLED processing the crime scene. There was another big arrest that got a large amount of Herion and 2 guns from our streets.

**Fire Department:**

Mayor Harrelson announced Chief Hardee and Assistant Chief Kent Wright are absent there will be no Fire Department report.

**PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS**

Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for The Loris Times asked what caused the flood at City Hall and was it insured? Mayor Harrelson replied, it was the ice maker that leaked and caused minimal damage, unsure if it is covered by insurance.

Mrs. Jenn Boyd, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune asked if she could get a copy of the ordinance read here at tonight's meeting? Interim Clerk Keith Massey II responded, absolutely.

Ms. Wendy, Loris Citizen, asked Council if they were aware of issues with the water meters? Mayor Harrelson replied that we will be looking into this issue.

Ms. Victoria Stevens, Loris Citizen, spoke briefly about the attack made against her, and conflicts in the Police report. She stated what if this were your wife, daughter, or sister you would want justice for them as well. Mayor Harrelson replied we will check on this report as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

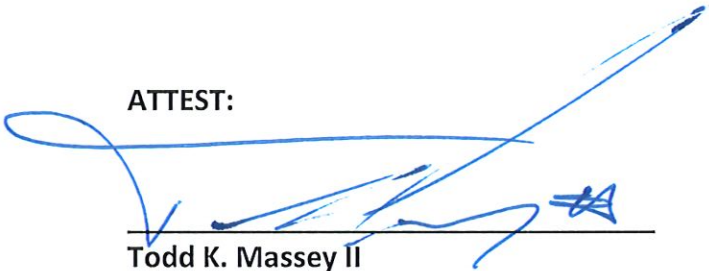
Mayor Harrelson made a call to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contractual matters. Councilman Padgett made a motion to enter Executive session with discussion on Personnel and Contractual matters for the Building Inspector, and information about the two lawsuits that are now pending with the city. A second was made by Councilwoman Joan Gause, all Members in favor to enter Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilman Lewis Hardee to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi. All Members in favor to come out of Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mayor Harrelson, seconded by Councilwoman Joan Gause to adjourn. All members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

ATTEST:

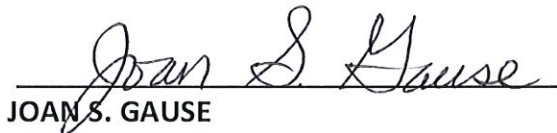


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Interim City Clerk

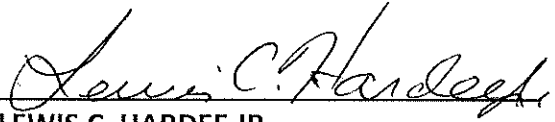


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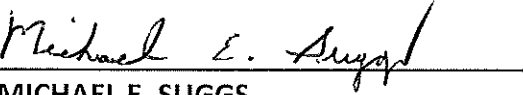


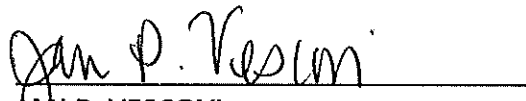
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Absent  
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