

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
JULY 20, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

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

ABSENT

JOAN S. GAUSE

NEWS MEDIA present via ZOOM were Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, Mr. Scott Harper, writer for The Loris Scene, 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 Mayor Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by 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.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Harrelson stated that Scott Montgomery of McLeod advised that as the disease has progressed more young people are being diagnosed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE 09-20 TO SEPARATE CLERK TREASURER INTO CLERK AND TREASURER

Amanda Causey read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Suggs advised that in the body,

- a. City Manager should read City Administrator
- b. In the Duties of Clerk section department heads should be included in the notice requirements

Attorney Moss stated that he sent to council the corrected ordinance based on previous meeting suggestions. The ordinance that was provided to council was the old version and not the correct version that was updated by Attorney Moss.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi to approve Ordinance 09-20 as sent by Attorney Moss on July 20, 2020, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee. All members voted favorably.

B. PURCHASE OF LIGHT RESCUE APARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER PREVIOUS PRESENTATION BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Harrelson opened the floor for discussion.

Councilman Padgett asked if the bid request was properly advertised.

Fire Chief Jerry Hardee advised that the bids were obtained through a cooperative purchase agreement. Keith Massey provided council with three (3) bids that were provided by Sourcewell as a cooperative purchase.

Chief Jerry Hardee advised that a replacement was necessary as the current apparatus vehicle was not safe due to shutting off while being driven.

Clarification was provided to council by Attorney Moss and Keith Massey that the bids received for the apparatus were provided by Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing agent, in which the City of Loris became a member in 2017.

Attorney Moss advised that the membership of Sourcewell

Councilman Padgett requested confirmation that the bid was valid.

Councilman Suggs advised that the first bid was lower than the second bid.

Keith Massey advised that the increase was due to COVID 19.

Attorney Moss advised council that review of the ordinance pertaining to purchase agreements was needed and advised that due to cooperative purchase membership held by the City of Loris, approval of the purchase was within the guidelines.

Councilman Lewis Hardee made a motion to approve the Purchase of a light rescue apparatus for the fire department, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee.

All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:

Annie Rigby requested copies of the bids for the fire apparatus and requested notification of meetings no later than the Friday prior to meetings.
Jen Boyd asked for the timeline on the replacement vehicle for the police department was.
Brandon Harrelson advised that he would contact her to discuss the following day.
Jen Boyd asked if Councilman Suggs revoked his pay increase. Mayor Harrelson advised that he did not want the pay increase.

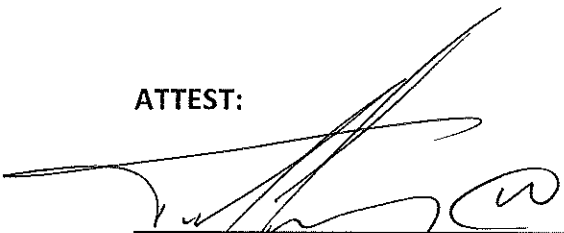
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Terrence Hardee made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and contractual matters, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi at 6:09 PM.
A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee to return from executive session, seconded by Councilman Terrence Hardee at 7:11 PM.
Mayor Harrelson announced that no action was taken in executive session.
Councilwoman Vescovi made a motion to extend an invitation to Amanda Causey to fill the position of Clerk, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee. All members voted favorably.
Councilwoman Vescovi made a motion to extend an invitation to Brandon Harrelson to fill the position of Interim Administrator until the position could be filled through the interview process. All members voted favorably.

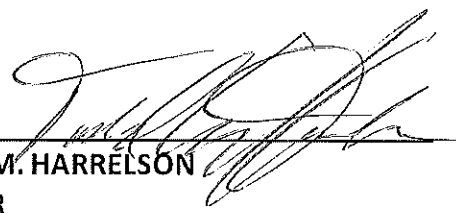
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

ATTEST:

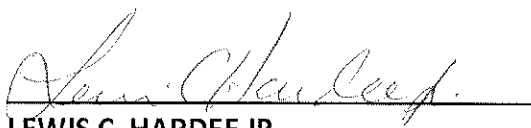


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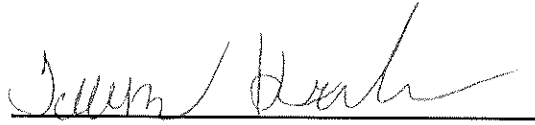


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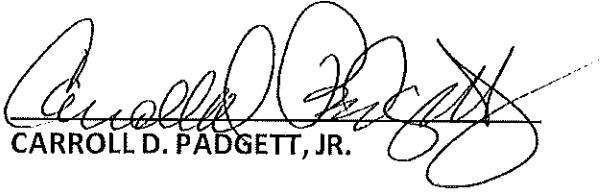
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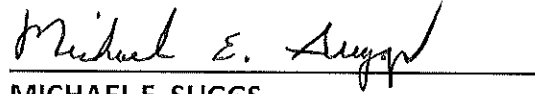
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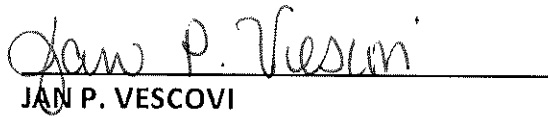
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