

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
JULY 6, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT	MAYOR	TODD M. HARRELSON
	COUNCIL	JOAN S. GAUSE LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR. CARROLL D. PADGETT, JR. MICHAEL E. SUGGS JAN P. VESCOVI
ABSENT		TERRENCE T. HARDEE

NEWS MEDIA present 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 Councilman Lewis Hardee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrelson.

Meeting was paused at 6:02:54 due to connectivity issues. The meeting resumed at 6:06:28 PM.

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:

Advised Scott Montgomery with McLeod advised that the Loris Facility has not reached capacity.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Police Department:

Chief Buley advised that Loris was recently involved in a drug operation that resulted in the Federal Inditement of 28 subjects. Advised that Lieutenant Williams and his involvement with the DEU Taskforce was instrumental in the operation.

Fire Department:

Chief Hardee advised June 2020 was one of the busiest months shown on record.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE DENNIS DROZDAK

The resolution was read by Amanda Causey.

A motion to adopt a resolution to recognize Dennis Drozdak was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilwoman Gause.

All members voted favorably.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 07-20 TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Amanda F. Causey read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Suggs advised that the addition was incorrect in the last full paragraph on page one. The millage total listed on page was incorrect and needed to be corrected to reflect 110.8 mills.

Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve the budget for second reading of Ordinance 07-20 TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, with the amendment to the millage to reflect 110.8 mills, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

All members voted favorably.

B. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE 09-20 TO SEPARATE CLERK TREASURER INTO CLERK AND TREASURE

Amanda Causey read the ordinance by title only.

Councilman Padgett read into record the following corrections:

- a. Update Section 2-183 to reflect City Clerk and/or City Treasurer
- b. Add signature of licenses to Clerk duties
- c. Section 2-196 change City Manager to City Administrator
- d. Second paragraph, second sentence correct City Treasure to City Treasurer
- e. Change from all fees to all fees and license

Councilman Suggs stated in Section 2-183 the title should state Bond not Salary.

Councilman Suggs requested to expand the notification audience in Section 2-195 to include department heads.

Councilman Padgett made a motion to adopt the First Reading of Ordinance 09-20, with requested corrections, seconded by Councilman Lewis Hardee.

All members voted favorably.

PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Harper, writer for The Loris Scene, asked who was in charge of day to day operations until a new administrator was hired. Mayor Harrelson advised that city council and the mayor were overseeing day to day operations. Mr. Harper asked how long it would take to hire an administrator after the closing date of the job posting. Councilwoman Vescovi advised that it was dependent upon the applicants.

Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for The Loris Times, requested a copy of the resolution honoring Dennis Drozdak.

Mrs. Jen Boyd, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, requested a copy of the resolution for Dennis Drozdak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Gause made a motion to enter executive session for personnel and contractual matters, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi at 6:27 PM.

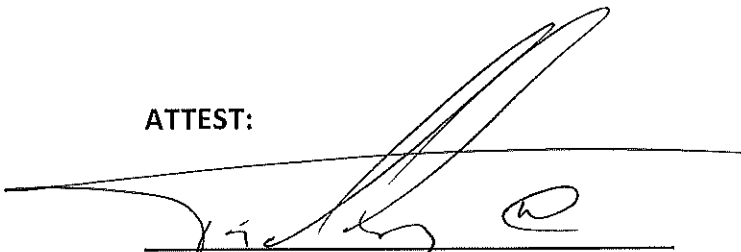
A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi to return from executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Gause at 7:24 PM.

Mayor Harrelson advised that no action was taken.

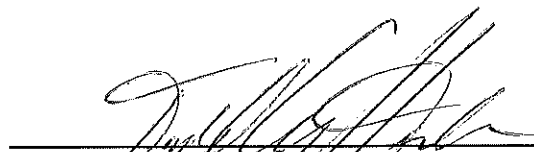
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Suggs to adjourn. All Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

ATTEST:

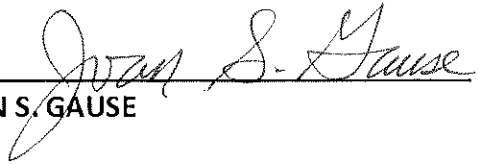


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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

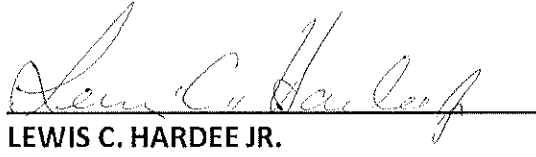


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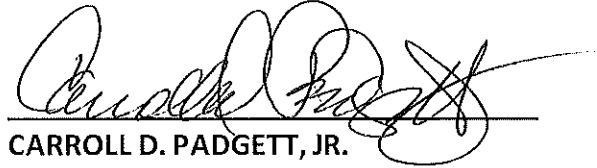
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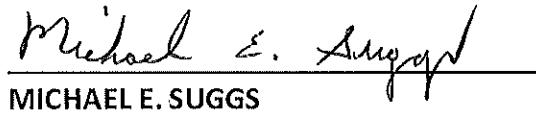
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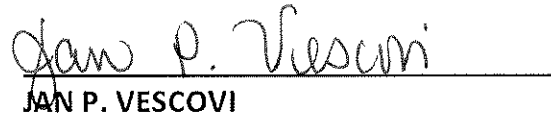
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